Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program: Opportunities for Faculty, Artists, Researchers and Professionals

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Today’s Presentation

- Program Overview
- Why Fulbright?
- Eligibility
- Types of Awards
- Application Cycle and Tips
- Questions
MISSION

• In partnership with **160 countries worldwide**, Fulbright offers passionate and accomplished faculty, administrators, artists, journalists, lawyers, and other professionals from all backgrounds an **unparalleled opportunity to study, teach, or conduct research.**

• Our mission is to **foster mutual understanding** between nations, **advance knowledge** across communities, and improve lives around the world.

A BRIEF HISTORY

• Established in 1946 by Senator J. William Fulbright and passed in Congress, Fulbright is the United States government’s **flagship international educational and cultural exchange program.**

• Fulbright is **sponsored by the U.S. Department of State** with funding provided by the U.S. Government and administered by the Institute of International Education.
Fulbright by the Numbers

The Fulbright Program funds over **8,000 awards** annually:

- **900** U.S. scholars and administrators
- **900** Visiting scholars
- **2,200** U.S. students
- **4,000** foreign students
- **400** language teaching assistants
Why Fulbright?

Fulbright is transformational.

• **Foster relationships** that are real and lasting
• Expand your **publishing network**
• Become more **multicultural** in the classroom
• Serve as an **ambassador** for international exchange
• Gain the **professional recognition** as being identified as a “Fulbright Scholar”
• Join a vibrant **alumni network**
Why Fulbright?

Fulbright is family-friendly.

• Approximately 60% of our awards provide dependent support
• Many Fulbright dependents go on to have international careers
Why Fulbright?

Fulbright is supportive.

- **70% of applicants** engage with IIE staff
- **Continued support** while in country from IIE and host country staff
- Access to **Fulbright alumni** as a resource
Eligibility for U.S. Scholar Program

- **U.S. citizenship**

- **Degree and experience**, as required by award:
  - Ph.D. or other terminal degree
  - MA and higher education teaching or professional experience
  - Professional and/or artistic experience with substantial accomplishments
  - Teaching experience as required

- **Compliance with policies** on previous Fulbright Scholar awards: two year waiting period between Fulbright U.S. Scholar award and next application
Not a U.S. Citizen?

Visit your country’s Fulbright Commission Office or the Public Affairs Office of the U.S. Embassy

Examples:
- http://eca.state.gov/fulbright/about-fulbright/funding-and-administration/fulbright-commissions
- http://eca.state.gov/fulbright/fulbright-programs/program-details-country
Faculty Development Leave

Please contact the Texas A&M University Faculty Affairs for more information regarding your eligibility for Faculty Development Leave.

Many Fulbright Opportunities can take place over the summer months where you would not be required to take leave from the University.

Dr. Heather Wilkinson with Faculty Affairs will present at our Annual Fulbright Workshop.
Which Award is for you?

Award Types:

1. Scholar Awards
2. Postdoctoral Awards
3. Distinguished Scholar Awards
4. International Education Administrator Awards
Which Award is for you?

Flex Option

• Available in 63 countries and all world areas
• Allows multiple visits over two years

Fulbright Public Policy Fellowship

Global & Regional Awards
Selecting the Right Award

- **Match** country interest, expertise, career profile, and proposal to the award description
- **Language ability** (if applicable)
- **Discipline preferences**, when specified
- **Project relevance** to the host country and/or institution
- **Benefits** to you and your community

**Remember:** you can only apply for **ONE AWARD** per application cycle
Understanding the Awards

Visit fulbrightscholars.org to search awards

Review important details in:
- award details
- award requirements
- award benefits
- country/area overview
# Application Components

## Requirements:
- ✔️ Application Form
- ✔️ Project Statement
- ✔️ Curriculum Vitae or Resume
- ✔️ 2 Letters of Recommendation
- ✔️ Language Proficiency Report *(if required)*
- ✔️ Letter of Invitation *(if required)*

## Supplemental Materials:
- ✔️ Course outlines or syllabi *(for teaching)*
- ✔️ Reference list *(for research)*
- ✔️ Portfolio submissions *(for artists, architects, and journalists)*
Affiliations and Invitations:

**Host Institution:**
- If a host is identified, it will be found under Location in the Catalog
- When a host is not identified, there are several resources to help find an affiliation:
  - International office on your campus
  - U.S. and Visiting Fulbright Scholar Directory
  - Review award description for suggested hosts or resources

**Letter of Invitation:**
- Non-binding expression of interest from proposed host abroad
- Should come from person with whom you will be collaborating
- Should be on host institution letterhead
Tips for a strong application:

**READ AWARD’S DESCRIPTION**

Before you start, **read your award’s description carefully** to ensure you meet all requirements and your proposed project is possible.

**START EARLY**

Start application and enter referees’ information **as soon as possible**.

**USE IIE RESOURCES**

Take advantage of IIE resources, including webinars, office hours and application guidance on our website.
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REFER your colleagues
2022-23 Fulbright Scholar

Dr. Martin P. Regan, Professor

• School of Performance, Visualization, and Fine Arts
• Began his Fulbright journey in early 2020
• Traveled to Japan September, 2022-August, 2023
Upcoming Events

• Annual Fulbright Workshop & Reception
  – Celebrating Fulbrighters Past, Present, and Future
  – February 28 3-5pm reception to follow

• Fulbrighter Dr. Po-Ju Chen,
  – Forum & Lunch, January 26 1:00pm, Research Presentation 1-3pm
  – Rm 125, Ag and Life Sciences Building (600 McKimborough Blvd.
  – RSVP to po-ju.chen@agnet.tamu.edu by January 23
  – Set up a one-on-one tlacy@tamu.edu