



FULBRIGHT FOUNDATION

FUNDING FACT SHEET

What does the Fulbright Foundation fund?

The Fulbright Foundation primarily funds faculty for research and teaching opportunities abroad, particularly through the Fulbright Scholar Program. This program offers grants to U.S. faculty and administrators to lecture, conduct research, or participate in seminars around the world.

Fulbright Scholar Awards comprise the bulk of awards offered and include opportunities for professionals, artists, and scholars at all career levels. Location and eligibility vary across all awards.

Mission of the Fulbright Foundation

Mission: “The Fulbright Program is an international academic exchange program founded in 1946 with an ambitious goal — to increase mutual understanding and support friendly and peaceful relations between the people of the United States and the people of other countries.”

More about the Fulbright Foundation

Fulbright Foundation homepage: <https://www.fulbrightprogram.org>

Fulbright Foundation homepage (scholar program): <https://fulbrightscholars.org>

Participant support: <https://www.fulbrightprogram.org/participant-support/>

Fulbright Scholar webinars: https://apply.iie.org/portal/scholar_webinars

Find a Fulbright Scholar: <https://fulbrightscholars.org/fulbright-scholar-directory>

Tips for applying to the Fulbright Scholar program

Make a connection with the host institution

- Secure an affiliation with a potential host institution before applying. Host institutions can provide support, resources, and guidance during the grant period.

Personalize your application

- Showcase how your work aligns with the needs of the host institution and how your presence will benefit both the institution and yourself/your institution/your country.

Seek feedback from previous Fulbright scholars

- Share your proposal with other successful Fulbright scholars. You can find them using the Fulbright Scholar Directory.

Application information

To apply for a Fulbright Scholar Award:

- Begin by reviewing [application instructions](#) to confirm eligibility and fit.
- You'll need to prepare a:
 - Project statement
 - Short essays
 - Resume/CV
- You'll also need to obtain an invitation letter provided by your proposed host institution that expresses interest in hosting you and your proposed project.
- You can find detailed information on everything required and the steps to complete them [here](#).

In general, Fulbright Scholar Awards are reviewed using the following criteria:

- **Training, background, and experience:** Demonstration that you have the credentials and active professional standing, as appropriate for your career stage, in your discipline.
- **Quality of project:** The project is feasible, innovative, intellectually rigorous, and well-written, with sound, appropriate methodology; the project demonstrates adaptability to any local and/or political, or cultural contexts. In addition, the project can be understood by individuals in other disciplines.
 - **For research projects:** The project is clearly designed and will contribute to the existing body of work on the topic. Research plan and method of analysis are detailed, and addresses aims and objectives.
- **Project's potential impact, outcomes, and benefits:** Demonstration of the relevance of the project to the discipline; the project statement clearly describes plans to feasibly disseminate results; the proposed project exhibits potential for impact, which is significant, broad, and can be sustained after the project.
- **Cultural preparation:** Demonstration that the project is adaptable, flexible, culturally sensitive, and collegial and demonstrating that you have the ability to serve as a cultural ambassador for the U.S, your community, and your institution.
- **Veteran status:** Preference is given to veterans of the U.S. armed forces when other factors are equivalent.

Other opportunities

Fulbright-Hays Faculty Research Abroad (FRA) Program: This program, funded by the U.S. Department of Education, supports faculty research in foreign countries, particularly in modern foreign languages and area studies.

<https://www.ed.gov/grants-and-programs/grants-higher-education/ifle/fulbright-hays-faculty-research-abroad-fra-program>

Fulbright Specialist Program: This program supports short-term (2-6 week) travel for applied, project-based consultancies in a wide range of fields.

<https://fulbrightspecialist.worldlearning.org>

Fulbright Arctic Initiative: This initiative supports scholars, researchers, and professionals from the United States and other countries to collaborate on public policy questions related to the Arctic region.

<https://fulbrightscholars.org/arctic>

Where to find previously funded Fulbright Foundation recipients.

The Fulbright Scholar Directory is a database of previous Fulbright U.S. Scholar and Visiting Scholar grantees. Fulbright U.S. Scholar applicants are encouraged to use the filters below to search for relevant past Fulbright projects and participants to learn more about the in-country experience and solicit contacts for potential host institutions. Contact information is not provided within the directory, but most contacts are readily searchable online.

<https://fulbrightscholars.org/fulbright-scholar-directory>