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INTRODUCTION TO FULBRIGHT

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Senator J. William Fulbright (1905-1995)



“International education exchange is the most significant current project designed to continue the process of humanizing mankind to the point, we would hope, that nations can learn to live in peace.”

- Established 1946
- Sends U.S. academics and professionals overseas and brings scholars and professionals from abroad to the United States
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Who Are Fulbrighters?



- Grantees from nearly 500 institutions
- 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and Guam
- All levels and ranks of academe
- Tenured *and* untenured
- Postdoc and new faculty
- Professionals
- Artists, writers, independent and retired scholars
- From every type of institution



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Fulbright in Numbers



44 Nobel Laureates

28 Macarthur Fellows

16 recipients of the Presidential Medal of Freedom

81 Pulitzer Prize Recipients

310,000 Fulbrights awarded since

1946

1,200 U.S. scholars annually

29 Alumni have served as heads of state or government

155 Participating countries



Types of Grants (U.S.)



Scholar: Core

- 2 - 10 months
- Lecture/Research

Scholar: Specialist

- 2 - 6 weeks
- Consultancy

Scholar: IEA

- 2 weeks
- Cohort travel

Student: ETA

- 8 to 12 months
- Teach English and culture

Student: Research Grant

- 8 - 12 months
- Independent research, study or arts project



Eligibility



Student

- U.S. citizenship
- Bachelor's degree or equivalent
- No Ph.D. at time of application
- Proficiency in language of host country

Scholar

- U.S. citizenship
- Ph.D. or terminal degree, as required by award
- Professionals and artists outside academia
- Teaching experience as required by award



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Is My Field Represented?



- All academic fields and many professional fields are eligible
 - Traditional Humanities and Social Sciences
 - Hard and Applied Sciences
 - Technology
 - Engineering and Mathematics
 - Performing and Visual Arts
 - Interdisciplinary fields
- 584 Awards listed for 2015-2016
- 300+ All/Multiple Discipline Awards 2015-2016

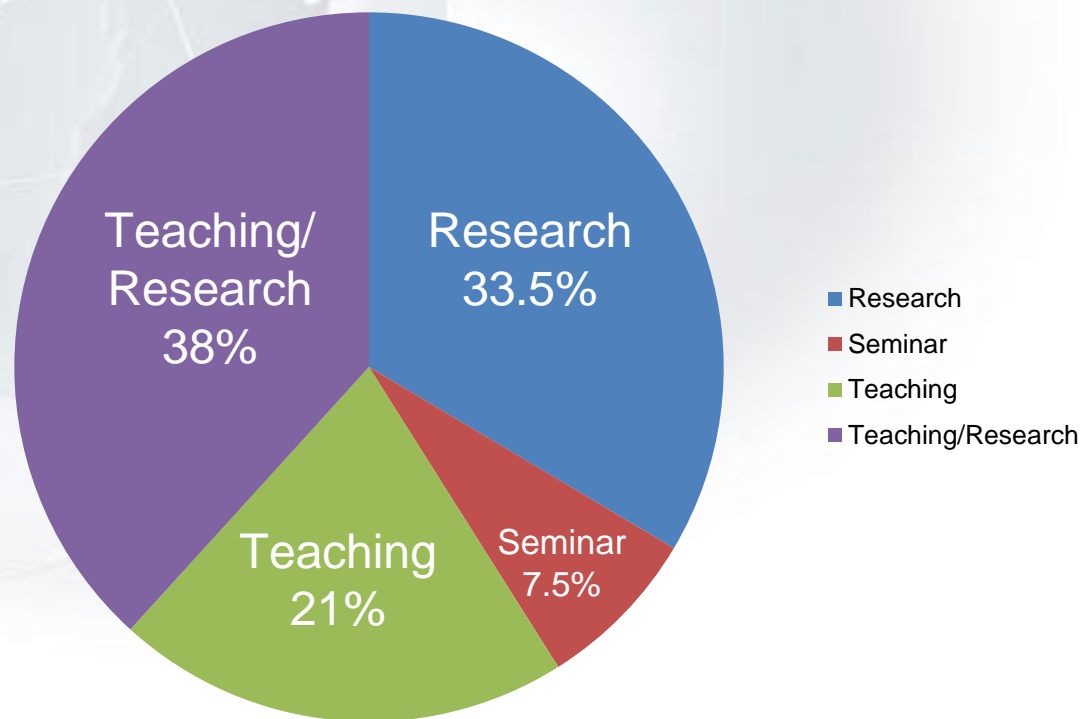


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2014-15 U.S. Scholar Grants by Activity



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Language Requirements



- English – most teaching awards
- Spanish – most awards in Latin America
- Portuguese – desirable in Brazil
- French – Francophone Africa
- Research grant activities – language skills appropriate for completion of the project



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Fulbright: Scholar and Specialist



Core:

- Research, Teaching, Teaching/Research
- 2 – 12 months
- All disciplines
- Applicant proposes project
- August 1 deadline
- U.S. citizens

Specialist:

- Teaching and consulting activities
- 2 – 6 weeks
- Multiple disciplines
- Institution abroad proposes project
- Rolling deadline
- U.S. citizens



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Core: What's New?



- Salary supplements for teaching and teaching/research grants in 85 countries
- Global TEFL award
- Postdoc/Early career awards
- Flex awards
- New awards and countries
 - Fulbright-Terra Foundation Awards
 - Fulbright-Fogarty Postdoctoral Research Awards
- Changes to lifetime limit and time between grants



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Multi-Country Opportunities



- Sub-Saharan Africa Regional Research Program
- Middle East and North Africa Regional Research Program
- East Asia and the Pacific: Cross-Strait Studies
- South and Central Asia Regional Research Program
- Europe: Fulbright-Schuman European Union Affairs, Austrian-Hungarian Research Award
- Western Hemisphere: Fulbright-Carlos Rico Award for North American Studies



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Selecting an Award



Online Catalog of Awards search: catalog.cies.org

By Location: Country/region listings

By Activity: Teaching, Research, or Teaching/Research

By Discipline: a specific discipline or all disciplines

By Degree Requirements: Ph.D. or other terminal degree

By Keyword Search: e.g., specialization or host institution



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Grant Benefits



- Package includes stipend, in-country living allowance, travel for grantee
- Some countries add travel for dependents, dependent schooling, research allowance, book allowance, enrichment activities
- Stipends and living allowances vary considerably from country to country
- Accident and sickness insurance for grantee
- Country benefits are found with the award descriptions at <http://catalog.cies.org/>

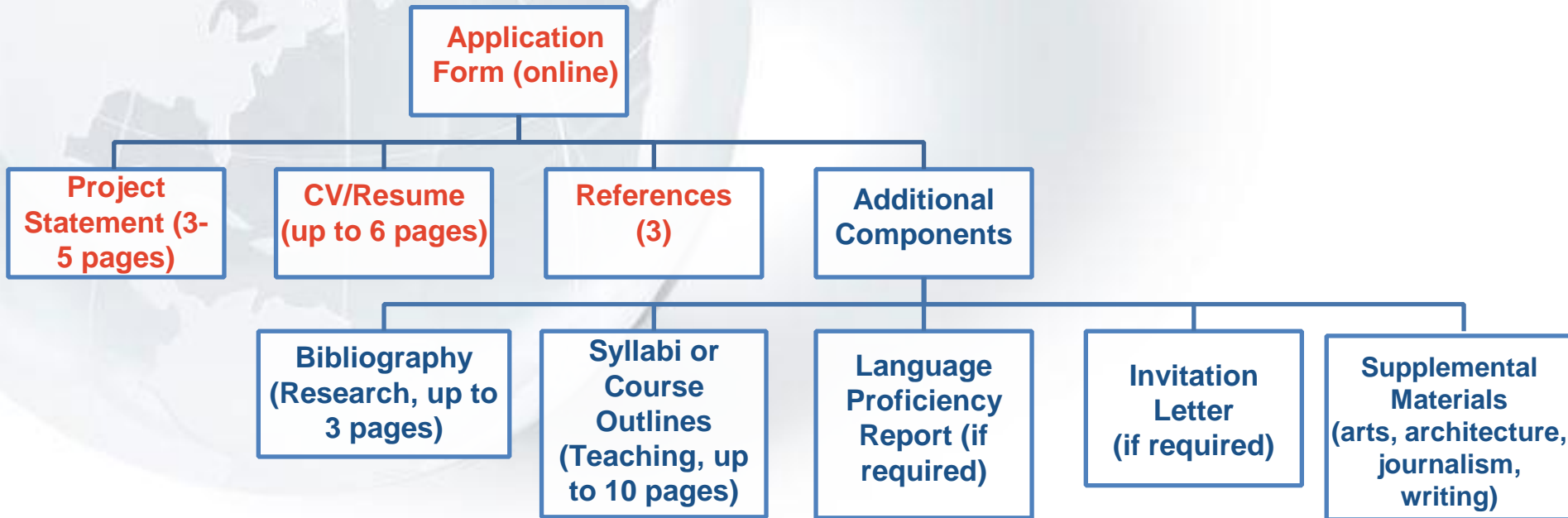


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Core: Application Components



Each part of the application relates to the whole supporting your candidacy

Visit www.cies.org for application guidelines.



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Application Resources



[Online Application](#)

[Detailed application instructions](#)

[Review Criteria](#)

[Application Guidelines](#)

[Letter of Invitation Guidance, if applicable](#)

[Reference Letter Guidance](#)

[Project Statement Samples](#)

[Project Statement Guidance](#)

[Notification Timeline](#)

[Fulbright Scholar List](#)

[Fulbright Scholar Stories](#)



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Application Tips



- Match your expertise and your experience to all award activities
- Focus on what you plan to do, how you plan to do it
- Show project impact
- Get three strong, current reference letters
 - Your supervisor (crucial for teaching)
 - Someone independent of your institution
 - A colleague who knows you and your work well

Each component relates to the whole and supports your candidacy – think strategically, organize carefully, write clearly and concisely



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Project Statement



- Self-introduction to reviewers
- Opportunity to provide answers to the questions reviewers may have about you
- Why Fulbright and why this particular place
- What professional experience and skills will you bring to a host institution and country
- Outcomes from the grant, focus on the impact on hosts, home institution and you
- How adaptable are you? How well will you deal with challenging situations?



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Core: Review Process and Timetable



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Fulbright Specialist Program (FSP)



- Two- to six-week consulting and/or teaching opportunities
- Institutions overseas develop projects and request specialists from the roster
- Rolling deadline
- Reviewed and placed on Fulbright Specialist roster for five years
- Program does not support research
- Twenty-five eligible disciplines, including STEM education fields



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Making Contacts Abroad



- International office on your campus
- Online U.S. and Visiting Fulbright Scholars List – searchable by discipline and country
- International division of your professional organization
- Who is publishing in your field
- CIES program officer may be able to help
- Online web searches ([Universities Worldwide](#))



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Administrator Seminars and Collaborative Research Programs



- International Education Administrator Seminars (IEA)
 - India: **AUGUST 1**
 - Japan and Korea: **NOVEMBER 1**
 - France, Germany: **FEBRUARY 3**
- Fulbright NEXUS Regional Scholar Program
- Fulbright Arctic Initiative
 - Deadline for U.S. applicants: **FEBRUARY 16**



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Visiting (Non-U.S.) Scholar Programs



- Core Fulbright Visiting Scholar Program
- Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence (S-I-R) Program and Outreach Lecturing Fund (OLF)
- Fulbright Visiting Scholar Program for Iraq
- Faculty Development Programs for Lebanon, Palestinian Territories (West Bank and Gaza)
- Fulbright NEXUS Regional Scholar Program
- Fulbright Arctic Initiative
- Afghanistan Junior Faculty Development Program



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Outreach Lecturing Fund (OLF)



- Travel support for Fulbright Visiting Scholars already in the United States for short-term guest teaching
- Browse Fulbright Scholar List to identify a scholar that fits the host institution's needs and interests
- Contact: OLF@iie.org



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Scholar-In-Residence Program



- Brings scholars and professionals from abroad to campuses that do not often host visiting scholars
- Involves colleges and universities that serve student populations underrepresented in international exchange programs
- Application is made by the interested U.S. institution
- Deadline is **OCTOBER 15**



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Other Fulbright Programs



Fulbright U.S. Student Program

- For recent graduates, postgraduate candidates up through dissertation level and developing professionals and artists to study and research abroad
- Administered by Institute of International Education, IIE/NY: <http://us.fulbrightonline.org>

Fulbright Distinguished Awards in Teaching Program

- Principally for primary- and secondary-level educators
- Administered by Institute of International Education, IIE/DC: <http://www.fulbrightteacherexchange.org/>

Fulbright-Hays Awards

- For faculty research, group projects and seminars abroad in certain social sciences and humanities fields
- Administered by the International Education and Graduate Programs Service of the U.S. Department of Education: www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oie/iegps



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