Fulbright US Scholar Program
Overview, Resources & Alumni Panel

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Fulbright Fundamentals
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.

- 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 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
Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program
Fulbright Scholar Program Benefits

- Develop and diversify valuable collaborations and partnerships
- Institute new ideas and programs at your host and home institutions
- Rejuvenate teaching and scholarship with new perspectives and experiences
- Experience extensive personal and professional development, including cross-cultural communication skills
- Gain international prestige
- Recruit students, postdocs, colleagues, etc.
- Increase global engagement, resources, and rankings at your home institution
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
What can a Fulbright U.S. Scholar do? Start by finding your award!

Over 400 individual awards in more than 100 countries to teach, research, teach AND conduct research (listed as teaching/research), carry out a professional project or attend a seminar:

fulbrightscholars.org/awards/search

Select *one award* that suits your profile as a scholar, your project and your goals – and apply!
Fulbright U.S. Scholar Awards

**Award Types** that support research, teaching, and/or professional projects:

- Postdoctoral Awards
- Scholar Awards
- Distinguished Scholar Awards

Awards vary from **2-12 months**

Over 60 countries allow for the **Flex option**, which lets you divide a longer grant into two to three visits over up to two years, depending on the award.
# Our Awards

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  - Fulbright International Education Administrator Award
  - Fulbright Postdoctoral Award
  - Fulbright Scholar Award
  - Fulbright Student Award
  - Fulbright Study/Teaching Award

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Sustainable Development and Regional Planning

Iceland

APPLICATION DEADLINE: MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2024

AWARD CODE
25387-IS

ACTIVITY TYPE
Teaching
Teaching/Research

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS
Ph.D. (or other terminal degree) required

CAREER PROFILE
Mid-Career Academics
Senior Academics

NUMBER OF RECIPIENTS
Exactly 1

AWARD START PERIOD
January 2026

AWARD LENGTH
4 months - 4.5 months

FLEX OPTION
No

MULTI-COUNTRY/AREA AWARD
No

DISCIPLINES
Projects are sought in all disciplines

SCHOLARS SELECTED FOR THIS AWARD WILL BE REQUIRED TO
Advising and/or mentor students
Assist in faculty, curriculum, and/or program development
Teach graduate and/or undergraduate courses designated by the host institution
Award Activity

The Agricultural University in Iceland (AUI) runs an M.Sc. program in the field of planning. The aim of the program is to educate skilled professionals who are competent in planning and designing the present and future built and natural environments based on the latest knowledge in the field. So far, the emphasis has been on urban planning while regional planning, including rural areas, has not received the deserved attention.

The selected scholar will develop and teach a new course in the M.Sc. program (about 8-10 ECTS-European Credits) in the area of sustainable regional and rural planning. In addition, the visiting scholar is expected to help with training students specifically in this area of research through M.Sc. thesis work. This would require help from the visiting scholar with how to frame the thesis topic and supervision of students that will allocate their thesis work to the theme, in addition to the development and teaching of a new course. Finally, there is a need to develop a plan for continuity of the course in question after the end of the scholarship period.

The duties assigned to the grant include curriculum development, supervision of 2–4 students writing their M.Sc. thesis, teaching the newly developed course the first time in addition to knowledge exchange with relevant teachers in the new course. The work is expected to be conducted in collaboration with permanent academic staff in the planning program at AUI and to some extent landscape architecture. Finally, the visiting scholar is expected to contribute to a plan for future delivery of the new course in collaboration with AUI staff. This includes training students to become sufficiently qualified in the field to contribute to future teaching. This includes as well building an international network with relevant contributors to the course in future.
Sustainable Development and Regional Planning

APPLICATION DEADLINE: MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2024

All applicants must meet the Program eligibility requirements (click to review the requirements).

Citizenship/Residency Requirement
Applicants residing in the award country at the time of application or thereafter are not eligible to apply for this award.
Permanent residents of the award country are not eligible to apply for this award.

Invitation Requirement
A letter of invitation is preferred.

Invitation Requirement Additional Information
A letter of invitation from the host institution is strongly recommended.

Language Proficiency Requirements
None, English is sufficient

ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATION INFORMATION
Experience in curriculum development is desired, as well as a minimum of five years’ teaching experience.
All Disciplines (Research)

APPLICATION DEADLINE: MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2024

AWARD CODE
25193-ID

ACTIVITY TYPE
Research

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS
Ph.D. (or other terminal degree) required

CAREER PROFILE
Artists
Early Career Academics
Mid-Career Academics
Professionals
Senior Academics
Community College Faculty

NUMBER OF RECIPIENTS
Up To 8

AWARD START PERIOD
September 2025 - May 2026

AWARD LENGTH
5 months - 10 months

FLEX OPTION
No

MULTI-COUNTRY/AREA AWARD
No

DISCIPLINES
Projects are sought in all disciplines

SCHOLARS SELECTED FOR THIS AWARD WILL BE REQUIRED TO
Conduct a research project of the applicant’s choosing

In addition to being a prestigious academic exchange program, the Fulbright Program is designed to expand and strengthen relationships between the people of the United States and citizens of other nations and to promote international understanding and cooperation. To support this mission, Fulbright Scholars may be asked to give public talks, mentor students, and otherwise engage with the host community, in addition to their primary activities.
All Disciplines (Research)

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Dual citizens of the award country are not eligible to apply for this award.

Permanent residents of the award country are not eligible to apply for this award.

Invitation Requirement

A letter of invitation is preferred.

Invitation Requirement Additional Information

A letter of invitation is strongly preferred, since it is required by the Government of Indonesia when applying for the permit and visa. The invitation should come from higher education institutions or state or private research and development centers. NGOs are not eligible as host institution. AMINEF can assist in providing information about potential host institutions.

Language Proficiency Requirements

Required (Intermediate): Indonesian

Required Proficiency

Applicants must register qualified language evaluator, such as a language instructor or a translator, to conduct the external assessment in the application. Being a native speaker alone does not qualify an individual to conduct the assessment.
All Disciplines (Research)

Award Allowances

$2,500 per month

$1,400 - $1,800 per month will be provided to Fulbright scholars to arrange their own housing.

Housing allowance varies depending on the number of accompanying dependents and location/city of the assignment.

Estimated Travel and Relocation Allowance for Grantee

Roundtrip international travel arranged by AMINEF for the Fulbright scholar on a U.S. flag carrier in economy class only.

Travel for one accompanying dependent is also provided. The accompanying dependent must be present in Indonesia during the full grant period to qualify, due to complicated permit procedures. According to Indonesian immigration law, only spouses with marriage certificates and children under 17 years qualify as dependents. To obtain visa for a child, marriage certificate of the parents will also be required.

One time excess baggage allowance: $750

Estimated Book and Research Allowance

One time research/relocation allowance: $750 (for research grants)

Do you offer additional dependent benefits

Yes
Before selecting, think carefully about

• Why you are interested in as well as the best fit for a particular country
• Why your scholarship (and teaching if applicable) is relevant to the country (or how you will make it so)
• How this award and the country’s priorities will align with your career plans and goals
• How you are prepared to immerse yourself in and adapt to the culture
• How competitive a given institution or country may be
“There is a Fulbright for everyone, but not every Fulbright is for everyone.”
Before selecting, think carefully about

• How MSU and your unit specifically will benefit from your Fulbright experience
• Which of your efforts at MSU would need to be replaced during your fellowship
• Which award cycle is most feasible
• How much fellowship time is feasible
• Whether the flex time option is necessary
• Whether estimated in-country costs are feasible
You may only apply to one award per cycle.

**Journalism (Research)**

**Country/Area Overview**

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:** MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2024

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- Conduct a research project of the applicant’s choosing
- Conduct a professional and/or artistic project

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The applicant submits directly to the IIE site.
Project Statement — required for all applicants

The project statement is your opportunity to explain the proposed project. This document addresses key elements of your project: what the project is, why it is needed, the objective(s) of the project, how you are prepared for the project and how you will accomplish it, the project timeline, and the outcomes and impact. It should complement the information you provide in your essays and CV/resume.

View Sample Project Statement Excerpts.

You will also be asked to provide a Project Title and Abstract. The Abstract is a 700-character summary of your project: it briefly describes the nature of the project, the plan (e.g., methodology), why the project is important/its impact, and the expected results. All applications are read in their entirety in the review and selection process. The purpose of this concise overview is to help the reader quickly understand the proposed project.

Project Statement Format Requirements:

- 3-5 pages
- Single-spaced, 12-point font, 1-inch margins. This helps ensure readability.
- You may use endnotes or footnotes and you may put the full citation for a source mentioned in your Project Statement in the Reference List to save space in your Project Statement. (Use any format for citations.)
- **File type:** Adobe PDF (recommended) or Word document.
- **Note:** If any non-English characters, images, tables, equations, etc. are used, you must upload your document as an Adobe PDF to maintain formatting.
- **For Flex and Multi-Country:** Your statement should clearly describe your plans and justification for each segment/country visit, including a project timeline.
- **Do not include hyperlinks or direct the reader to content on external websites. Content to be considered in the application review must be contained within the application itself.**

The Project Statement should include, but is not limited to, discussion of the points...
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)
Project Statement

• **Must** be clear on methods and logistics
• **Must** be high impact
• **Must** be a strong fit for the country
• **Must** be feasible
Letters of Recommendation

• Choose individuals who are most familiar with you and your work over titles
• Will have to discuss points such as the significance of your work, your potential impacts to the field and home institution, your potential as a cultural ambassador, etc.
Letter of Invitation

• Can be required, preferred, or optional
• Email introductions are sufficient
• Be specific about your planned activities and how the host would benefit
• Should convey enthusiasm about and familiarity with the applicant
• If no specific host institution is listed, use resources such as OIP, MSU Fulbright alumni, scholarly networks, and Fulbright points of contact to initiate contact
• Reach out to institutional contacts before summer
# Application Cycle

The 2025-26 Fulbright U.S. Scholar Competition: Opens in February 2024

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Training, background, and experience

- Application demonstrates training, credentials and active professional standing in the field necessary to complete the project, as appropriate for the career stage, home institution/employer type, and teaching and administrative load (if applicable).
  - For applications in the creative and performing arts and journalism: Portfolio material(s) support the proposed project, technical skills, and the maturity of artistic direction.

- Application demonstrates language proficiency or adequately addresses alternative(s) – if required or recommended in the award.

- Application demonstrates an appropriate record of service to academic/professional community and home institution/employer.
U.S. Peer Review Criteria

Quality of project
• The project is feasible, innovative, intellectually rigorous, and well-written, with sound, appropriate methodology; the project addresses any local, political, and/or other issues that may arise. In addition, the project can be understood by individuals in other disciplines. Application demonstrates the need for the project to be undertaken in the specified location.
  • Teaching projects: Application demonstrates experience teaching the subject(s), innovative and effective pedagogical approaches, and syllabi/course outlines support project. (Syllabi are not required to be tailored to the proposed host institution, unless specified.)
  • Research projects: Project is clearly designed and will contribute to the existing body of work on the topic. Methodology is detailed, and addresses aims and objectives.
  • Professional Project: Project demonstrates professional experience, relevance to the host country, and is clearly designed. (Professional projects do not have a defined research objective or question.)
  • Teaching/Research, Flex, Multi-Country (if applicable): Clearly articulated plans and rationale for allocation of time for each activity and/or grant segment.
U.S. Peer Review Criteria

Project’s potential impact, outcomes, and benefits
• Application demonstrates relevance and currency of project to the discipline.

• Application clearly describes plans to feasibly disseminate results (if applicable).

• Proposed project exhibits potential for impact, which is significant, broad, and sustainable in discipline, at their home institution and community, and to the applicant’s professional development. The project shows considerable engagement with the host institution and community.
Cultural Preparation
• Application demonstrates the ability to be adaptable, culturally sensitive, and collegial.

• Application demonstrates the ability to serve as a cultural ambassador for the U.S.
U.S. Peer Review Criteria

Previous Fulbright Scholar Awards
• Applicant provides compelling justification for prior Fulbright grant(s). Preference will be given to candidates who have not had previous Fulbright Scholar awards, especially within the past ten years.

Veteran status
• Preference is given to veterans of the U.S. armed forces when other factors are equivalent.

Diversity and geographic distribution
• The Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs seeks and encourages the involvement of people from traditionally underrepresented audiences in all its grants, programs, and other activities and in its workforce and workplace.
Fulbright Scholar Directory

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.

Scholar Name or Project Keyword

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Post-Selection
After you are awarded a Fulbright

• The fellowship may *not* be deferred (but serving as an alternate is an option)
• Let the practical preparation begin!
• Highly recommended to consult with tax expert
• IIE handles visas/paperwork
Fulbright Support at MSU
Why institutional support is needed

• Participants incur additional costs overseas (e.g., schooling)
• Awards only cover in-country costs; stipends were not meant to replace salary
• Administrators may perceive fellowships as costly to the institution and may be reluctant to pay salary, benefits, and any replacement costs when an individual is absent
NEW Internal Fulbright Award

(Still in its very early stages; details and how to apply coming soon)

• Supplemental salary support for tenure-track/tenured awardees
• Salary support plus fringe benefits up to .5 FTE for non-tenure track awardees
• Potential to cover instructional replacement costs for all awardees who teach
• On a case-by-case basis, with case-by-case conditions
Fulbright Scholar Liaison Role

- Review your application materials for responsiveness and competitiveness
- Liaise with IIE on your behalf
- IIE does not review applications, but can consult on certain things, such as award specifics, country/region priorities, etc.
- Consult on development of your internal Fulbright award application post-selection
- Answer your questions and continue building out internal supports
Alumni Panel
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Dr. Gretchen Minton
Australia (2023)

Dr. John Paxton
Germany (2006)

Dr. Gregory Gilpin
Vietnam (2023)

Dr. Brendan Mumey
Finland (2020)
## Additional Fulbright U.S. Programs

### SCHOLARS
- Fulbright Public Policy Fellowship  
  [FPPF@iie.org](mailto:FPPF@iie.org)
- Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad Program  
  [GPA@ed.gov](mailto:GPA@ed.gov)
- Specialist Program  
  [FulbrightSpecialist@worldlearning.org](mailto:FulbrightSpecialist@worldlearning.org)

### STUDENTS
- Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Program  
  [DDRA@ed.gov](mailto:DDRA@ed.gov)
- English Teaching Assistant (ETA) Program  
  [FBstudent@iie.org](mailto:FBstudent@iie.org)
- Student Program  
  [FBstudent@iie.org](mailto:FBstudent@iie.org)

### TEACHERS
- Distinguished Award in Teaching Research Program  
  [FulbrightDA@irex.org](mailto:FulbrightDA@irex.org)
- Group Projects Abroad  
  [GPA@ed.gov](mailto:GPA@ed.gov)
- Teachers for Global Classrooms  
  [FulbrightTGC@irex.org](mailto:FulbrightTGC@irex.org)
Bring Foreign Fulbrighters to your Campus

**FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE (S-I-R) PROGRAM**
Host scholars from other countries to teach for a semester or an academic year
Deadline: June 3
Website: fulbrightscholars.org/sir
Email: SIR@iie.org

**FULBRIGHT OUTREACH LECTURING FUND (OLF)**
Host current Fulbright Visiting Scholars for short-term lectureships of 2-6 days on discipline or cultural topics to internationalize the campus
Website: fulbrightscholars.org/OLF
Email: OLF@iie.org

**FULBRIGHT LANGUAGE TEACHING ASSISTANT (FLTA) PROGRAM**
Host native speaking language teaching assistants to enhance students’ understanding of different languages and cultures
Website: foreign.fulbrightonline.org
Email: dcook@iie.org
Register for a Webinar

Webinars allow prospective applicants and U.S. institutions to learn more about Fulbright U.S. Scholar opportunities. Hear directly from Fulbright staff as they share details about awards by region, discipline or program, as well as offer general application advice and answer questions live from attendees.

To register for an upcoming webinar, click on the link below for each event. If you are not able to join the live presentation, a recording and accompanying slides will be available in our Webinar Archive.

Curious what opportunities are currently available? You can find awards for U.S. Scholars on fullbrightscholars.org. Details regarding institutional opportunities, including Scholar-in-Residence, can be found in the U.S. Institution section of our website.

NOTE: All event times are listed in (EST) EASTERN STANDARD TIME.

Online

- Opportunities for Community College Faculty and Administrators
  Tuesday, April 23 at 2:00 PM

- Fulbright U.S. Scholar Opportunities in Brazil
  Monday, April 29 at 9:00 AM
Tell me how else MSU can support your Fulbright experience!

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