

FULBRIGHT CORE AND SPECIALIST PROGRAM COMPARISON

A comparison of opportunities available via the Fulbright Scholar Program and the Fulbright Specialist Program.

Fulbright Scholar Program		Fulbright Specialist Program
U.S. Department of State - Council for International Exchange of Scholars (CIES)	Administrator	U.S. Department of State - World Learning
More than 800 teaching, research or combination teaching/research awards for college and university faculty and administrators as well as professionals, artists, journalists, scientists, lawyers, independent scholars and many others. International Education Administrator (IEA) seminars are also available for senior higher education professionals.	Purpose	The program pairs highly qualified U.S. academics and professionals with host institutions abroad to share their expertise, strengthen institutional linkages, hone their skills, gain international experience, and learn about other cultures while building capacity at their overseas host institutions. Over 400 Specialists travel abroad annually.
U.S. citizenship. Recipients of a Fulbright Scholar grant are eligible to apply for another Scholar grant two (2) years after the date of completion of the previous grant.	Eligibility	U.S. citizenship. Must have significant experience in their field. May have previously received or be currently applying for a Fulbright Scholar award. Individuals are eligible to receive a Fulbright Specialist grant and another Fulbright grant (e.g. Scholar) the same year.
Over 135 countries worldwide. Multi- country and regional awards are available.	Geographic Area	Over 150 countries worldwide.
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Awards are two- to 12-months, often with Flex options to split up time abroad. International Education Administrator (IEA) seminars are two weeks.	Fellowship Length	Two-to six-week consultancies.
Foreign language requirement varies by award, but typically applies when necessary to conduct research.	Language Requirement	No language requirement to join the roster, but a limited number of projects do have a language requirement or preference.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project Statement • CV/Resume • Letters of Recommendation • Bibliography for Research & Teaching / Research awards • Syllabi/course outlines for Teaching and Teaching/Research awards • Letter of invitation from host institution if required / recommended by award description • Language proficiency if required / recommended by award description • Digital Portfolio for applicants in creative/performing arts. 	Application Components	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application form • Two essays • Curriculum Vitae • Three references • Optional regional and country preferences • • Optional language record
Award amounts vary by country, project length, and activity. Dependent allowance available for some awards.	Amount	Award amount varies by country and project length, but include airfare, health benefits, transit allowance, in-country travel, lodging, meals, and a daily honorarium.
February 1: Competition Opens September 15 th Application deadline; all materials, including letters of recommendation, due October-1: Letter of Invitation deadline for awards that require it October-November: U.S. Peer Review November-December: Applicants notified of peer review status December-April: In country review January-May: Applicants notified of final selection status	Application Process	Individuals apply to join the Fulbright Specialist Roster. Accepted candidates are placed in a pool of those eligible to be matched to a project. During the three-year Roster tenure, you have access to a customized Fulbright Specialist Portal. Within the Portal, you can view and express interest in any available open projects and view any approved projects to which you have been matched. If selected as a final candidate for an open project, World Learning make contact to re-verify availability and interest.
September 15 each year. IEA seminar deadlines vary by country.	Deadline	May apply at any time. Review dates for 2021- 2022 are: Jan 13, March 10, May 12, July 7, Sept 8, Nov 10, Jan 12