

## Differences Between the Fulbright US Scholar Program and the Fulbright Specialist Program

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Funded by US Department of State, administered by the Council for International Exchange of Scholars (CIES). For more information, see: <a href="https://cies.org/">https://cies.org/</a>	<b>Administrator</b>	Funded by US Department of State, administered by World Learning. For more information, see: <a href="https://fulbrightspecialist.worldlearning.org/">https://fulbrightspecialist.worldlearning.org/</a>
The Fulbright US Scholar Program awards provide opportunities for faculty as well as for professionals, artists, journalists, scientists, lawyers, independent scholars and many others to teach, research, or conduct a combination of teaching and research. Over 800 fellowships are awarded annually, in over 400 types of opportunities.	<b>Purpose</b>	The program pairs highly qualified US 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.
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2-12 months; some awards allow a Flex option to divide the time into separate trips	<b>Length</b>	2-6 weeks (varies according to project)
Most fields	<b>Disciplines</b>	Many fields; Fulbright Specialist activities fall within select <a href="#">eligible disciplines</a> , each with designated specializations.
Worldwide, ~135 countries	<b>Geographic Area</b>	Worldwide, ~150 countries
Applicant selects and applies to only one award per cycle; most awards are for a single country. For multi-country projects, applicants should search for Global or multi-country awards.	<b>Country Selection</b>	Applicants with an interest in a particular world region or country may indicate preferences, along with relevant language proficiency, at the time of application. However, this will not guarantee placement in the desired country or region.
Award amounts vary by country, project length, and activity. Dependent allowance available for some awards.	<b>Award Amount &amp; Benefits</b>	Round-trip economy class airfare between the US and host country; transit allowance; visa fees; daily honorarium; enrollment in a limited health benefits program; lodging; meals; in-country transportation. Dependent allowance is not available.
Varies; proficiency in local language is required or recommended for some countries	<b>Language Requirement</b>	Varies, though there is no language requirement to join the Roster; proficiency in local language is required or recommended for some placements
Submitted electronically via CIES application portal; application components include project statement, CV, letters of recommendation, bibliography, syllabi, letter of invitation, language proficiency, digital portfolio (some components only applicable for certain awards)	<b>Application Process</b>	Submitted electronically via World Learning application portal; individuals apply to join the Fulbright Specialist Roster. If selected, individuals remain on Roster for three years. Host institutions submit project proposals to their Fulbright Commission; if a proposal is approved, a Specialist from the roster is matched to the project. There is no guarantee to be matched; individuals on Roster must be matched and complete an exchange to be considered a Fulbright Specialist.
Mid-September each year; International Education Administrators (IEA) program deadlines may vary	<b>Deadline</b>	Peer review panels evaluate applications to join the Fulbright Specialist Program every eight weeks.
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