Why Fulbright?

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Mission

• In partnership with 160 countries worldwide, Fulbright offers passionate and accomplished faculty, administrator, artists, journalists, lawyers, and other professionals from all backgrounds an unparalleled opportunity to study, teach, or conduct research.

• Our 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.
Diversity and Inclusion

Fulbright strives to ensure that it reflects the diversity of U.S. society and societies abroad. We encourage the involvement of people from traditionally underrepresented audiences in all our grants, programs and other initiatives.

Opportunities are open to people regardless of their race, color, national origin, sex, age, religion, geographic location, socioeconomic status, disability, sexual orientation or gender identity.
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Fulbright is transformational.
• Foster relationships that are real and lasting
• Expand your publishing network
• Become more multicultural in the classroom
• Serve as an ambassador for international exchange
• Gain the professional recognition as being identified as a “Fulbright Scholar”
• Join a vibrant alumni network

Fulbright is family-friendly.
• Approximately 60% of our awards provide dependent support
• Many Fulbright dependents go on to have international careers

Fulbright is supportive.
• 70% of applicants engage with IIE staff
• Continued support while in country from IIE and host country staff
• Access to Fulbright alumni as a resource
Fulbright by the Numbers

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• 900 U.S. scholars and administrators
• 900 visiting scholars
• 2,200 U.S. students
• 4,000 foreign students
• 400+ language teaching assistants

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