

Info Session and Panel: Hosting a Fulbright Visiting Scholar



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The Fulbright Scholar Program

Background

- Created in 1946 by U.S. Congress
- A program of the U.S. Department of State
- The Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program (outgoing) is administered by the Institute of International Education (IIE)
- The Fulbright Visiting Scholar Program (incoming) is administered by bi-national Commissions and U.S. Embassies abroad
- Supports research, teaching, seminar attendance, and professional projects abroad in 130+ countries

Fulbright advances human knowledge and innovation, finds solutions to complex global issues, and supports peaceful relations between the United States and other nations.



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Why Fulbright?

Fulbright supports your professional development

- **Go Global:** Teach, research, lead projects, and join seminars worldwide
- **Build Partnerships:** Create lasting international collaborations
- **Advance Your Work:** Expand your publishing network and enrich your teaching
- **Ignite Ideas:** Gain fresh perspectives and spark creativity



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Fast Facts & Types of Awards

380+

AWARDS

130+

COUNTRIES

2-12

MONTHS

Research or
Teaching

Teaching &
Research

Professional
Project

Seminars
(2 weeks)



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Fulbright Opportunities to Host an International Scholar

FULBRIGHT VISITING SCHOLAR PROGRAM

Host scholars from other countries to conduct research and/or teach for a period of 3-12 months

Deadline: varies by award, generally 11-12 mo.s before start of grant activities

Website:

fulbrightscholars.org/non-us-scholars/Fulbright-visiting-scholar-program

FULBRIGHT OUTREACH LECTURING FUND (OLF)

Host current Fulbright Visiting Scholars for short-term lectureships of 2-5 days

Deadline: Proposals due 30 days before visit

Website:

fulbrightscholars.org/OLF

Email: OLF@iie.org

FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR-IN- RESIDENCE PROGRAM

Host scholars from other countries to teach for a semester or an academic year

Deadline: Proposals due in June to host in the following academic year

Website:

fulbrightscholars.org/sir

Email: SIR@iie.org



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Fulbright Visiting Scholar Program

- 800-1000 Visiting Scholars per year from more than 100 countries
- Almost all affiliate with U.S. Institutions of higher education and pre-arrange their own research plan
- Almost all conduct specialized research working closely with US Faculty
- A small subset also teach courses to American university students
- Applicants must hold PhD or equivalent

Number of Scholars by Discipline

DISCIPLINE	PERCENT
Physical Sciences	23%
Biological Sciences	18%
Social Sciences	15%
Humanities	11%
Health and Medical Sciences	9%
Engineering	6%
Education	5%
Professional/Other	4%
Law	4%
Arts	3%
Business	3%



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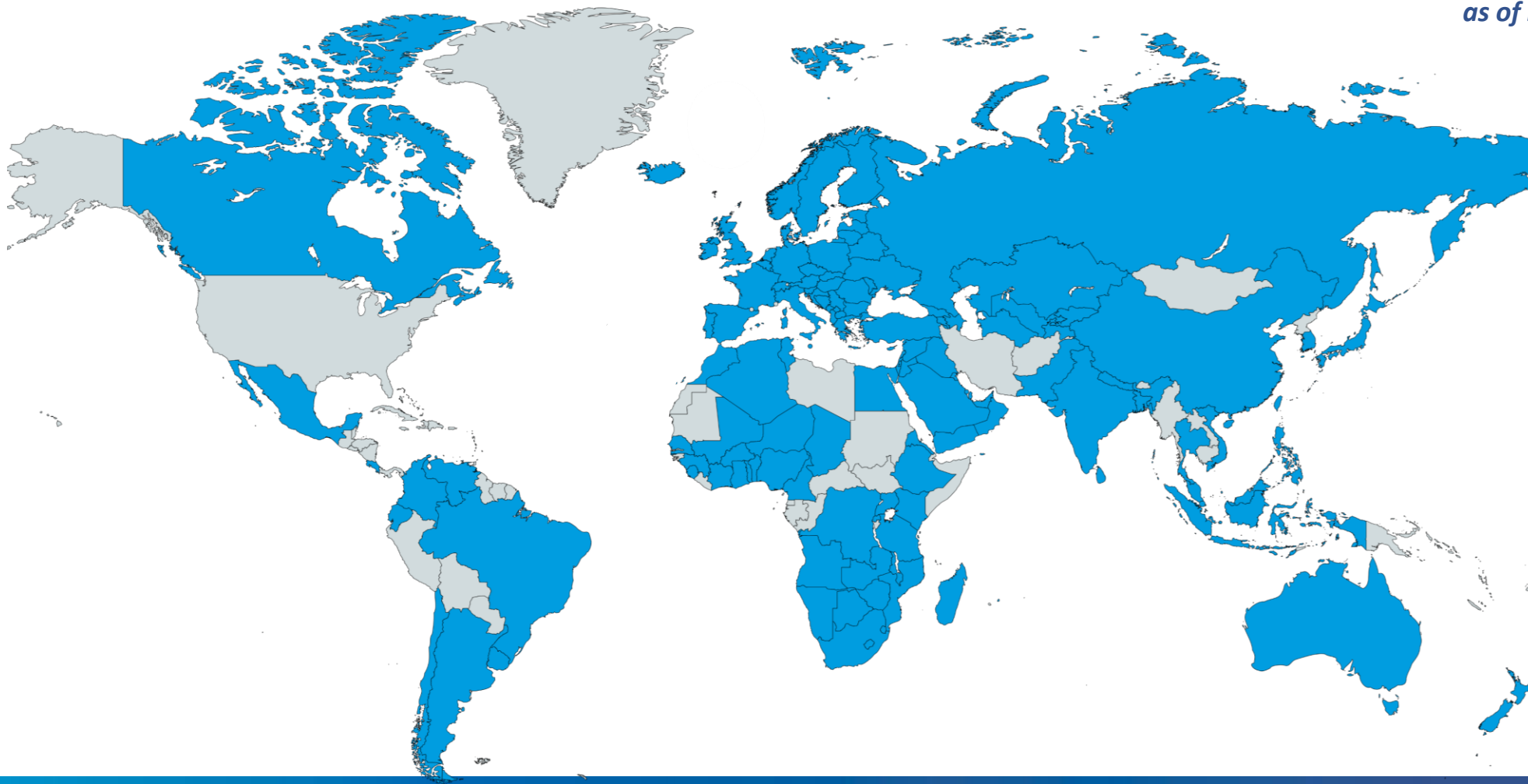
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Countries with Fulbright Visiting Scholar Award(s)

as of March 2026



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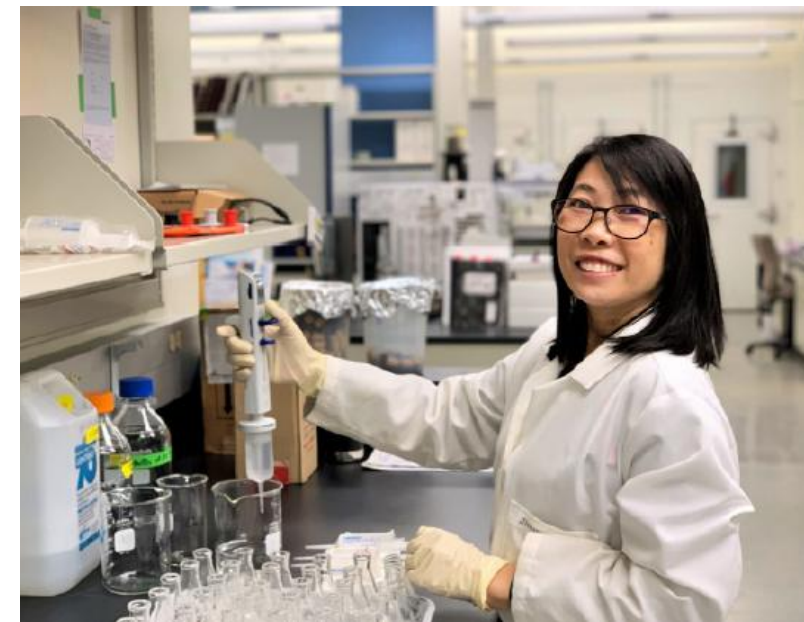
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Why Host a Fulbright Visiting Scholar?

- Facilitate academic collaboration and knowledge exchange
- Visiting scholars can meet with students and colleagues, give guest lectures, workshops, and seminars
- Institutional capacity-building—build expertise on visiting scholar's area of specialization
- Establish and/or grow lasting international partnerships
- Fulbright survey data: 80% of faculty hosts report that they “grew professionally by hosting a foreign scholar,” often citing resultant co-publications



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Role of the Faculty Host

- Provide letter of invitation to visiting scholar as part of their Fulbright application and visa process
- Help integrate the visiting scholar into the host academic community
- Provide workspace and access to facilities (e.g., library, labs, research facilities)
- Advise and collaborate on research

Q: Is the host required to provide funding?

A: No!

The host can elect to provide supplemental funding, but this is optional



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What is included in a Fulbright visiting Scholar Award?

- ✓ Round-trip international travel
- ✓ Health benefits that fulfill J-1 visa req.s
- ✓ Monthly stipend
- ✓ Additional allowances (e.g., professional development funds, “settling in” allowances)

Some awards:

- ✓ Support for dependents/family



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Application Components

Requirements:

- ✓ **Application Form**
- ✓ **Project Statement**
- ✓ **Curriculum Vitae or Resume**
- ✓ **Recommendations** (*qty varies by award*)
- ✓ **Language Proficiency Report** (*if required*)
- ✓ **Invitation Letters** (*if required*)

Evaluation Factors:

- ✓ **Academic Qualifications (of Applicant)**
- ✓ **Project Feasibility**
- ✓ **Personal Leadership Ability**



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Scholar-in-Residence (S-I-R) Program

- Institutions apply to host a visiting scholar to teach on your campus and engage with your community for a semester or a full academic year
- Institutions may name a specific scholar or the Fulbright Program can recruit for your needs in a specific country/region
- S-I-R is perfect for institutions that want to host visiting faculty/scholars from abroad, (funded by Fulbright)
- *AY 2027-28 cycle: application deadline **June 1, 2026***



fulbrightscholars.org/sir



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Outreach Lecturing Fund (OLF)



Provides funding for hosting Fulbright Visiting Scholars already in the U.S. for short-term speaking engagements

- Short-term travel grants (typically 2-5 days)
- \$1500 base award (more for high-cost areas or incentive states)
- Financial contributions not required for University hosts
- All accredited institutions are eligible to apply.
- Two applications allowed per institution per academic year
- *Note: UConn and UConn Health are considered separate institutions for Fulbright purposes*

<https://fulbrightscholars.org/OLF>



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UConn Fulbright Scholar Liaison

- Point of contact for all things Fulbright Scholar (*not Student*)
- Help identify potential awards, partners, and visiting scholars
- Advise on applications

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Fulbright US Scholar Program UConn Virtual Campus Visit

Featuring

Jen Murray

Assistant Director of Outreach and Recruitment Fulbright
Scholar Program

Wednesday April 15

1:00-2:00 PM

Scan QR code to register



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