Fulbright Public Policy Fellowship

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Today’s Webinar

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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.

• 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 & 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.
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

Approximately 400,000 “Fulbrighters” have participated in the program since its inception in 1946.
Why Fulbright?

**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 Public Policy Fellowship

- The Fulbright Public Policy Fellowship provides opportunities for U.S. early and mid-career professionals and practitioners to serve in placements in a foreign government ministry around the world (*Applicants should not contact potential host ministries to organize or advocate for a placement*).
- Fellows will serve as “technical specialists” in a foreign government ministry or institution, 80% of the time immersing themselves in ongoing assignments and new initiatives, at the direction and under the supervision of host government officials.
- Self-directed independent research project, 20% of the time
- Four to nine months
- Approximately 12 globally
Fulbright Public Policy Fellowship Eligibility

- U.S. citizenship at the time of application
- Desired qualifications include:
  - Graduate degree in a public-policy related field (e.g., JD, MPA, MPH)
  - 3 to 5 years public policy relevant experience
  - Language skills depends on the country
## Participating Regions and Countries

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Participating Countries and Potential Placements: Africa

**BOTSWANA**
Potential Host Ministries: Ministry of Employment, Labour Productivity and Skills Development; Ministry of Home Affairs; Ministries of Basic and Tertiary Education; Ministry of Youth, Sport, and Culture

Language: English is an official language

**GHANA**
Potential Host Ministries: Ministry of Health, Ministry of Lands and Natural Resources, Ministry of Trade and Industry, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture

Language: English is an official language

**RWANDA**
Potential Host Ministries: Ministry of Health, Ministry of Infrastructure, Ministry of Gender and Family Promotion, Ministry of Local Government, Rwanda Social Security Board

Language: English is an official language. Additional fluency in French or Kinyarwanda is helpful but not required.
Participating Countries and Potential Placements: 
East Asia & the Pacific

**CAMBODIA**
**Potential Host Ministries:** Ministry of Culture & Fine Arts

**Language:** English is sufficient, Khmer language proficiency is not required

**TIMOR-LESTE**
**Potential Host Ministries:** Ministry of Health, Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, Ministry of Public Works, Ministry of Higher Education

**Language:** Some Portuguese is encouraged although not required

**VIETNAM**
**Potential Host Ministries:** Ministry of Education, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Agriculture

**Language:** English is sufficient, Vietnamese language proficiency is not required.

**FIJI**
**Potential Host Ministries:** Ministry of Education; Ministry of Environment and Waterways; Climate Change Division, Ministry of Economy; Ministry of Agriculture; Ministry of Health and Medical Services; Ministry of Forestry; Ministry of Fisheries; National Disaster Management Office; Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources; Ministry of Infrastructure and Meteorological Services

**Language:** English is an official language

**THAILAND**
**Potential Host Ministries:** Ministry of Public Health; Ministry of Higher Education, Science, Research, and Innovation (MHESI); National Innovation Agency; National Vaccine Institute; Food and Drug Administration

**Language:** English is sufficient, Thai language proficiency is not required
Participating Countries and Potential Placements: Western Hemisphere

**COLOMBIA**

**Potential Host Ministries:** Servicio Nacional de Aprendizaje (SENA), Secretary of Culture, National Planning Department Public Innovation Team, Ministry of Education, and Ministry of Foreign Relations

**Language:** Advanced (superior) Spanish is required.

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Application Components

- Application Form
- Essay Questions
- Curriculum Vitae or Resume
- Letters of Reference
- Language Proficiency Report and Evaluation
Essay Questions

All Fulbright Public Policy applicants will be required to complete short essay questions to explain their specific strengths as a candidate and motivation for participating in the Fellowship to reviewers and potential hosts. Responses must be clear and compelling to audiences both inside and outside your field.

Essay questions will be asked in the following areas:

- **Experience and Skills** *(What knowledge and experience do you bring to this fellowship, including specific strengths)*

- **Career Trajectory** *(What is the trajectory you have followed, and what are your plans for the future? How does the Public Policy Fellowship fit into your career path and future goals?)*

- **Country Selection and Preparation** *(Why have you selected this country?)*

- **Research Project** *(What do you propose to do? State clearly your methodology and the nature of your research (quantitative/qualitative/mixed methods)*)
Tips to submit a strong application:

- Before you start, **read the award’s description and country preferences carefully** to ensure you meet all requirements.

- **Start your application and enter your referees’ information as soon as possible.** You can always save and return to it.

- **Take advantage of IIE resources**, including webinars, office hours and pointed application guidance on our website.

**Remember:** You only can receive an award if you **apply**!
Application Timeline

February 2022
- Launch of Fulbright Public Policy Fellowship competition. Application opens

September 15, 2022
- Application Deadline

November/December 2022
- Peer Review Committee reviews applications and makes recommendations for further consideration by U.S. Embassies or binational Fulbright Commissions in the host country

December 2022
- U.S. Embassies or binational Fulbright Commissions overseas review recommended applications, interview candidates (virtually), and consult with host government ministries on candidates. Successful candidates are nominated for selection

January 2023
- Recommended candidates reviewed by the Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board for approval

February/March 2023
- Scholar selections announced, following U.S. Embassy host ministry placement negotiations

July 2023
- Pre-departure Orientation (PDO) takes place

July 2023 to March 2024
- Scholars depart for host countries
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