

# Fulbright Faculty Award Opportunities

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# Outbound Fulbright Faculty Awards

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- Fulbright US Scholar Award, University of the Philippines, 2009-2010
- Fulbright National Screening Committee Member, SE Asia Region, 2011, 2012, 2014
- Fulbright Scholar Liaison, Purdue University, 2017-
- Fulbright Specialist Roster, 2017-2020
- Fulbright Specialist Grant, University of Graz, Austria, 2018



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# Fulbright Scholar Award Program



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# Fulbright US Scholar Awards

## 1. Fulbright US Scholar Award Program AY 2023-24

- Over 900 **2 to 12 month** research, teaching, research/teaching awards in over 130 countries; must have US citizenship. See <https://awards.cies.org>
- Awards announced **Feb. 2022** with an online application deadline of **Sep. 15, 2022**
- There are 43 awards in Agriculture with **191** "All Discipline" awards.
- **Flex Option:** allows for multiple visits to same country over two years.
- **Global Scholar Award:** allows for multiple visits to 2-3 countries (3 to 6 months total with a minimum of one month spent in each host country, each visit; only available in designated countries).
- **Recent Purdue Awardee:** Levon Esters, Department of Agricultural Sciences, Communication, and Education, Research Award to the University of Southern Queensland , Australia, 2020-2021 for "A USA-Australia Nexus Approach to Expanding Access to Tertiary and Career Education: A Vocational Psychology of Agriculture Perspective."



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# Sample Fulbright Scholar Awards: Agriculture

Code	Award Title	Country	Activity
13199-HU	Fulbright-Hungarian University of Agriculture and Life Sciences	Hungary	Teaching/Research; Teaching
13422-CA	Research Chair in Food Studies	Canada	Research; Teaching/Research
13282-RS	Agricultural Technology and Education	Russia	Teaching
13062-AS	Fulbright Scholar Award in Resources and Energy (Curtin University)	Australia	Research
13578-BR	Fulbright Distinguished Scholar Award in Biodiversity and Environmental Conservation	Brazil	Research
13067-CA	Research Chairs in Science and Technology	Canada	Research; Teaching/Research
13442-GY	STEM and Agriculture	Guyana	Teaching/Research; Teaching
13391-AR	Science and Technology	Argentina	Teaching/Research; Teaching



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# Fulbright Scholar Award Timeline

Successful applicants typically work **two years** backwards from the AY they plan on arriving in the host country. If you plan to be in Spain in Fall 2023, the process should begin now.



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# What's New for Fulbright Scholar Awards?

## 1. What's New for Fulbright Scholar Awards 2023-24?

- Only 2 LORs needed for application
- New website now lists host country contact information if you have questions; see <https://awards.cies.org>
- Awards now designate career profiles into early (<7 yrs), mid (7-13 yrs), and senior (>13 yrs) to clarify what had been murky about those designations.
- Fulbright now emphasizing dependent support; approximately 60% of Scholar awards provide dependent support
- New awards in Cape Verde and Maldives!
- Brazil has several new Distinguished Scholar Awards (esp in STEM areas)
- Canada now offers approximately 50 fellowships



# Fulbright Scholar Award Application

## Application Components

Project Statement	Up to 5 pages
CV/Resume	Up to 6 pages; up to 8 pages for Distinguished Chair awards
Letters of Recommendation	Two
Bibliography	Required for Research and Teaching/Research awards, up to 3 pages
Syllabi/course outlines	Required for Teaching and Teaching/Research awards, up to 10 pages
Letter of Invitation from host institution	Only if required or recommended by award description
Language proficiency	Only if required or recommended by award description
Digital Portfolio	Digital Portfolio Only for applicants in the creative/performing arts. Portfolios are limited to no more than 10 images, 15 pages in length or 30 minutes of audiovisual files.



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# Fulbright Scholar Awards Purdue

Fulbright US  
Scholar Awards  
by Purdue  
West-Lafayette  
Faculty. Data  
provided by  
Fulbright  
National.

Year of Award	Applicants	Awardees	Alternates	Percentage
2020-2021	12	5	2	41.6
2019-2020	11	8	0	72.7
2018-2019	8	5	2	62.5
2017-2018	6	2	0	33.3
2016-2017	11	7	0	63.6
2015-2016	5	1	0	20.0
2014-2015	10	5	0	50.0
2013-2014	7	4	0	57.1
2012-2013	1	1	0	100.0
2011-2012	9	4	0	44.4
<b>TOTAL</b>	80	42		52.3
<b>AVERAGE PAST 5 YEARS</b>	9.6	5.4		56.2
<b>AVERAGE PAST 3 YEARS</b>	10.3	6		58.2



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# Purdue Policy on Fulbright Scholar Awards



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## PROCEDURES FOR FULBRIGHT AWARDS

**Scope:** All full-time Purdue-West Lafayette tenure track and clinical faculty who win a Fulbright award in those cases where the Fulbright Scholar Award is a year base salary.

**Proposed Policy:** Purdue University will maintain the Fulbright Scholar Award as a metric for measuring university effectiveness in supporting the university's efforts to attract and retain faculty who have historically had fewer Fulbright Scholar applications. Reasons faculty do not apply for Fulbright Scholar Awards on a number of issues peculiar to Fulbright (ranging from replacement costs, etc.). In particular, faculty often do not apply for the Fulbright Scholar Award (whose stipend is reduced by partner/family airfare, child education costs, etc.) as a result of a pay cut after winning a Fulbright.

**Rationale:** Purdue identifies Fulbright Scholar Awards as a key metric for measuring university effectiveness in supporting the university's efforts to attract and retain faculty who have historically had fewer Fulbright Scholar applications. Reasons faculty do not apply for Fulbright Scholar Awards on a number of issues peculiar to Fulbright (ranging from replacement costs, etc.). In particular, faculty often do not apply for the Fulbright Scholar Award (whose stipend is reduced by partner/family airfare, child education costs, etc.) as a result of a pay cut after winning a Fulbright.

**Eligibility:** All full-time Purdue West-Lafayette faculty who are in the tenure track or clinical track ("top-off") for Fulbright Core US Scholar Program Awards, Fulbright Specialist Program, Fulbright Visiting Scholar Program, and Fulbright Nexus Program are not eligible.

**Funding:** Top-offs are subject to the review and approval of the Dean (with the expectation of approval) and should whenever possible be approved in advance of an external application or award. Approval will guarantee that the College will make up the difference between the award amount and the faculty member's AY base salary, while continuing to provide the associated/prorated benefits. The funding is a part of the budgeted salary held by the department/college.

**Benefits:** Leaves resulting from Fulbright US Scholar Programs will be handled as research/engagement leaves with partial pay or without pay (depending on the amount of funding received from Fulbright). A Fulbright fellow keeps all benefits even when he/she falls below 50% FTE at Purdue; in particular, health benefits are maintained with both the university and employee paying their share. Retirement benefits will continue only on the Purdue paid portion of the leave.

**Process:** Once the faculty member receives the award, they should share the Fulbright award document with their Business Office, Department Head, and Dean. Fulbright Scholar Awards should be taken in conjunction with sabbaticals whenever possible and would then follow university sabbatical guidelines (total compensation cannot exceed the full-time salary rate for the period of the leave). When the leave doesn't coincide with a sabbatical, the salary amount not covered by the award will be covered by the Department/College. The appropriate FTE will be calculated and submitted on the Request for Research Leave of Absence.

Purdue's policy can be found here:

<https://www.purdue.edu/provost/policies/fulbright.html>

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# Fulbright Specialist Program



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# Fulbright Specialist Program

## 2. Fulbright Specialist Program

- Program was suspended due to COVID, but has now re-opened.
- Program pairs highly qualified U.S. academics with host institutions abroad to share their expertise, strengthen institutional linkages, and gain international experience.
- Eligible disciplines include: **Agriculture, Education (very broadly conceived), and Environmental Science.**
- There are **no specific awards**, just **projects** which are funded.
- Funded projects are for **14 to 42** days (2-6 weeks) over a period of **1 to 2** years.
- Faculty apply to be named to the Fulbright Specialist Roster. If selected, they are on the roster for a period of 3 years and can then be paired either with **open projects** from host institutions around the world or with a **specific project** developed by the specialist with an international colleague/host institution in advance.
- **Recent Grantees in Agriculture:** Amanda Deering, Specialist Grant to Tajikistan for “Improving Food Technology and Food Safety Education in Tajikistan” (2020) and Kwamena Quagraine, Specialist Grant to Ghana for “Incorporating Economic and Quantitative Assessments into the Aquaculture Academic Programs at Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology” (2019).



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# Fulbright Specialist Program Benefits

- **Costs are shared** between Fulbright and host institution, host country education agency. **Fulbright** supplies roundtrip airfare, local transport to airport, and a stipend for the specialist. **Host institution** supplies local transport, per diem, and housing for the specialist.

## Benefits for Participating Specialists

**The U.S. Department of State** provides funding for round-trip economy class international airfare, a transit allowance (\$100), daily honorarium (\$200), and a limited health benefits plan

**Host institutions** provide lodging, meals, and in-country transportation for the duration of the grant period



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# Fulbright Specialist Program

## What kinds of projects are funded?

- Delivering a seminar or workshop
- Consulting on faculty or workforce development
- Developing academic or training curricula and materials
- Lecturing at the graduate or undergraduate level
- Conducting needs assessments or evaluations for a program or institution

## What You Cannot Do On A Project

- Teach a course
- Conduct research

## What is the application timeline?

1. Faculty member applies to be named to Fulbright Specialist Roster
2. Get project approved by host Institution/Host Country
3. Eligible individuals on the Fulbright Specialist Roster matched to host institution projects
4. Final approval by the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board
5. Fulbright Specialist implements project abroad with host institution



# Fulbright Specialist Program

## Fulbright Specialist Program Application Process

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- Faculty can be paired with a Specialist project at a host institution in two ways:
  1. Apply to be paired with an **open project** on the World Learning website. Host institutions need faculty with specific expertise to work on projects throughout the world. In open projects, the cost sharing is already supplied by the host country/host institution.
  2. Work with an existing international partner and their host institution to develop a **specific project** and get that project approved and funded by the appropriate host country Fulbright entity or World Learning.



# Fulbright Specialist Deadlines 2022-23

There is a rolling deadline; applications to be named to the Specialist Roster are reviewed several times a year. For more information, see <https://fulbrightspecialist.worldlearning.org>

SPECIALIST APPLICATION DEADLINE (COMPLETED APPLICATION AND AT LEAST TWO COMPLETED REFERENCE FORMS)	SPECIALIST NOTIFICATION
SEPTEMBER 8, 2021	OCTOBER 8, 2021
NOVEMBER 10, 2021	DECEMBER 10, 2021
JANUARY 12, 2022	FEBRUARY 11, 2022
MARCH 9, 2022	APRIL 8, 2022
MAY 11, 2022	JUNE 10, 2022
JULY 6, 2022	AUGUST 5, 2022
SEPTEMBER 7, 2022	OCTOBER 7, 2022
NOVEMBER 9, 2022	DECEMBER 9, 2022
JANUARY 11, 2023	FEBRUARY 10, 2023



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# Fulbright Specialist Grants Pre-COVID

Year of Fulbright Specialist Application	#Faculty Advised	#Faculty Applied	#Faculty Named to Fulbright Specialist Roster	#Faculty Awarded Fulbright Specialist Grant
F 2017	2	2	2	1
S 2018	3	3	3	2
F 2018	4	4	4	1
S 2019	5	5	5	3
F 2019	3	3	3	2
Total	17	17	17	9



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# How I Can Help

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1. Consult with faculty in selecting the right award, contacting Fulbright, or finding host country or host institution contacts.
2. Assist faculty through the application process, including supplying sample applications, sample LOIs, and other useful documents.
3. Review individual application materials of faculty before the September 15 application deadline and in advance of any Specialist roster deadline.
4. Assist faculty through the award and post-award process.



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# What You Should Do

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1. **Plan Early and Contact Me:** I have sample project statements, LOIs, and other helpful materials when submitting an application. Contact me at [clukasik@purdue.edu](mailto:clukasik@purdue.edu)
2. **Notify Your Department Head and me** as soon as you know you will apply.
3. **Apply!** More than half of Purdue applicants for the Scholar Program win an award; the percentage is even higher for the Fulbright Specialist Program.
4. **Help me Raise Awareness and Recruit Faculty Applicants.** Let your colleagues know about my position and about Purdue's new policies, its success in these programs, and the exciting new award opportunities for teaching and research.
5. **Communicate.** Let me know if you apply to Fulbright or when you win an award. Or, alternatively, let me know why you chose not to apply. Are there still faculty disincentives that Purdue needs to address?



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