The Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program provides awards through an annual competition to approximately 1,100 U.S. scholars and professionals to lecture and/or conduct research at institutions in more than 125 countries in a wide variety of academic disciplines. Program duration ranges from a semester to an academic year.

Approximately 7,500 Fulbright grants are awarded each year to scholars, students, teachers, artists, writers, and professionals.

Approximately 850 foreign Fulbright scholars and 1,100 U.S. Fulbright scholars receive awards to lecture and/or conduct research each year.


The Fulbright Specialists Program sends U.S. scholars and professionals overseas for a period of two to six weeks to collaborate with professional counterparts at institutions of higher education on curriculum and faculty development institutional assessment and planning, and related activities.

The Fulbright Visiting Scholar Program provides awards to approximately 850 foreign scholars from over 95 countries to conduct post-doctoral research at U.S. institutions from an academic semester to an academic year.

The Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence Program enables U.S. colleges and universities to host foreign academics to lecture on a wide range of subject fields for a semester or academic year. Preference is given to institutions developing an international agenda and/or serving a minority audience, including Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Hispanic Serving Institutions, Tribal Colleges, small liberal arts colleges and community colleges.

Fulbright New Century Scholars Program awards approximately 30 grants annually to outstanding U.S. and foreign scholars to conduct international, interdisciplinary, collaborative research on a topic of global importance.

Educational and Cultural Programs
Participants in these scholar and faculty exchanges are among the more than 40,000 academic and professional exchange program participants supported annually by the Department of State’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. Other programs include the International Visitor Leadership Program and the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program.