

# **Fulbright UK Scholar Awards**

## **2024 Terms and Conditions**



Grantees will be required to provide one email address that they will use throughout the application and grant period. This address should be available during the entire Fulbright application process. All Fulbright application notifications will be sent to the single indicated email address only.

During the selection process, preference will be given to those who do not have extensive (6 months), recent experience in the US. Preference will also be given to candidates who have not previously received Fulbright grants.

Projects which involve missionary work or direct clinical patient contact are not permitted. Projects which involve direct contact with living or dead animals, including lab animals, will be assessed on a case by case basis.

Awards are not available for peripatetic visits or attendance at conferences only.

## **1.2 The Selection Process**

The Fulbright Awards Programme is a cultural exchange programme and as such all participants must demonstrate a desire and ability to successfully undertake such an exchange. In making these awards the Fulbright Commission is looking not only for academic excellence but a focused application, a range of extracurricular and community activities, demonstrated ambassadorial skills, a desire to further the Fulbright Programme and a plan to share experiences of the US upon returning to the UK.

A Fulbright Award is offered conditional upon the final approval of the Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board (FFSB) in the United States.

Short-listed applicants will be invited for interviews facilitated by the Fulbright Commission on the date(s) specified on its website: [www.fulbright.org.uk](http://www.fulbright.org.uk). Interviews will be held on the indicated date(s) only and may not be rescheduled. Applicants invited to interview will bear all costs related to travelling to/from the interview; the Fulbright Commission is unable to reimburse these costs.

### Timing and Duration of Grant

A Fulbright Award is offered under an approved annual programme and **cannot** be postponed

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the reasons for not attending. The Commission grants such permission only in exceptional cases. Accommodation will be provided to all of those in need of it during the orientation.

Grantees must seek to reschedule external conflicts before contacting the Commission to enquire about missing these mandatory events.

## **10. U.S. ACCOMMODATION**

The Commission does not secure US accommodation for grantees but can offer some limited advice in the matter. Grantees are encouraged to investigate accommodation directly with their host institution as far in advance as possible.

## **11. ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS COVERAGE**

As an Exchange Participant, you receive a limited health care benefit plan (“ASPE”) designed by U.S. Department of State and administered by Seven Corners, Inc. This plan is not an insurance policy.

More information on Seven Corners and the health care benefit plan can be found at the links provided:

Website: [www.usdos.sevencorners.com](http://www.usdos.sevencorners.com)

Grantees will be given online access to ASPE insurance coverage package by IIE-CIES at the start of their grant period. The amount and extent of the insurance coverage is available from the provider.







Persons accepting a grant from the US-UK Fulbright Commission under the Fulbright Programme are not by virtue thereof officials or employees of the US-UK Fulbright Commission, of the U.S. Department of State, or of any other agency of the Government of the U.S. or UK. Grantees should avoid giving the impression that they are the official spokespeople of the

## **19. PUBLICATIONS**

Grantees must acknowledge the US-UK Fulbright Commission, sponsor (where applicable) and/or their Fulbright Award category in any publication and/or broadcast resulting from their visit to the United States under Fulbright auspices.

Grantees who share their Fulbright experiences publicly via web-based media are responsible to acknowledge that theirs is not an official U.S. Department of State website or blog, and that the views and information presented are their own and do not represent the Fulbright Programme or the U.S. Department of State. Any grantee who posts inappropriate or offensive material on the internet in relation to the Fulbright Programme may be subject to revocation or termination of their grant.

Complaints concerning advising or an event must be set out in writing and sent to the Director of Advising. The appropriate member of staff will investigate as necessary and respond within 14 days.

Following this investigation, if the person(s) bringing forth the complaint feel it has not been adequately dealt with, a summary of events up to that point and a copy of the original complaint should be raised in writing and sent to the Executive Director. The Executive Director will investigate as necessary and respond within 14 days.

If the complaint relates to the staff listed above, the complaint should be raised in writing to the Executive Director in the first instance.

Following investigation by the Executive Director, if the person(s) bringing forth the complaint feel it has not been adequately dealt with, the person may request the issue be tabled at the following Commissioners Board meeting. This request should be made to the Chairman who will bring it before the Board.

The Board of Commissioners will review all written correspondence related to the complaint and come to a conclusion. Their decision will be final.

## **22. PASSPORTS AND VISAS**

Grantees' passports must be valid for the entirety of the period stated on their Grant Authorisation Form. The grantee is personally responsible for obtaining a passport and should allow a minimum of six weeks for its preparation and issuance. The grant does not provide for expenses in connection with passports or photographs; therefore, such expense must be borne by the grantee, without recourse to claim for reimbursement.

Questions concerning the issuance of passports should be addressed directly to the Identity and Passport Service of the Home Office: <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/hm-passport-office>.

Do not send communications on passport matters to the US-UK Fulbright Commission or the cooperating agency IIE.

All UK Scholar grantees are required to obtain a US J-1 Exchange Visitor visa to participate in the Fulbright programme in the US and must stay on a Fulbright sponsored J-1 visa for the duration of the grant period.

All UK immigration regulations are set by the U.S. Dept of State and are subject to change. The US-UK Fulbright Commission has no control over these regulations or the visa application process.

Grantees are required to abide by all U.S. immigration regulations throughout their stay in the United States whether under the auspices of the Fulbright Programme or otherwise.

The US-UK Fulbright Commission has general visa application guidance available for grantees as they apply for a J-1 Exchange Visa. IIE serves as the J-1 Visa sponsor for UK Scholar grantees, but grantees are ultimately responsible for following proper application, entry and exit procedure to and from the U.S.; applying for and obtaining the necessary visas for their travel.

For detailed information, you are asked to refer to the U.S. State Dept website at <https://j1visa.state.gov/>

