



UNO Fulbright FAQs

What is Fulbright?

- The Fulbright Scholar Program offers faculty members from U.S. institutions opportunities to internationalize their research and/or teaching experience. Fulbright supports research, teaching, and administrative possibilities, ranging in duration from three weeks to a year, in over 135 countries around the world. UNO supports faculty members applying for such opportunities, often in coordination with Faculty Development Fellowships (FDF [sabbaticals]). For additional information on FDF eligibility and the application process, faculty members should contact their college dean's office or [Candice Batton](#), Assistant Vice Chancellor for Faculty Affairs.

The official Fulbright website (<https://fulbrightscholars.org/>) is the best resource, and it should be the starting point for all interested parties. UNO faculty members may also reach out to the Fulbright Scholar liaison on campus, [Lucy Morrison](#), to connect to other Fulbright recipients on campus, [Connie Schaffer](#) in the Center for Faculty Excellence, [Jody Neathery-Castro](#) in International Programs, or to the relevant college representatives below.

It is critical for faculty members to consult with their department, school, and college leaders as soon as possible of their intent to apply for a Fulbright award, as planning ahead carefully for such opportunities is essential.

- Fulbright also has wholly separate student grants. Students interested in Fulbright opportunities can learn more at the Fulbright website for students (<https://us.fulbrightonline.org/>) and should connect with [Lucy Morrison](#).

How will the Fulbright experience benefit me (a faculty member) and UNO (the Institution)?

- UNO faculty members awarded a Fulbright will build skills and connections while gaining valuable international insights and cross-cultural perspectives to inform and energize their teaching and research. Faculty members return to UNO and can share their experiences with students and colleagues. A Fulbright Award is an impressive accomplishment to include in an individuals' career and personal development portfolio.
- Faculty members bring rich experiences and insights from their Fulbright experiences back to UNO. Fulbright Awards can increase global engagement and research collaborations and expand teaching opportunities and connections. The university and individual units can tout Fulbright Awards granted to their faculty as evidence of scholarly excellence.

What are the different types of Fulbright grants? Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program

- Opportunities for U.S. faculty members to conduct research, lecture, and/or consult with other scholars and institutions abroad. These are the awards of most interest to the faculty at UNO.

Fulbright Distinguished Scholar Awards

- Opportunities for faculty members with at least seven years of faculty experience; these awards are designed for mid- or later-career scholars.

Fulbright International Education Administrator Awards

- Opportunities for international education professionals and senior higher education officials to engage in two-week intensive seminars designed to help U.S. professionals learn about the host country and its education as well as to promote networks across each country accordingly.

What are the eligibility requirements?

- Must hold a Ph.D. or equivalent terminal degree.
- Must be a U.S. citizen or national by the application deadline.
- Must be able to meet any language requirements for the specific award (where specified).

How long are Fulbright experiences?

- Fulbright opportunities range from a few months to a full year and many awards offer flexible durations; explore the Fulbright website with duration as a category.

Are Fulbright experiences paid? What does the compensation look like? (Does it vary by country, type, field?)

- Leave, support, salary, and benefits are not provided by Fulbright, though financial details vary from country to country and from program to program. Thus, UNO faculty members may need to apply for Fulbright opportunities in coordination with FDF opportunities (which may be “half year-full pay” or “full year-half pay”) or with other personal resources in mind. *Faculty members interested in applying for a Fulbright should consult with their department, school, and college leaders as soon as possible to discuss FDF or other options for approved professional leave.*

What financial support does UNO provide to faculty who accept a Fulbright Award?

- To support participation in the Fulbright program, Academic Affairs will provide up to \$5,000 in support for travel abroad and related expenses for UNO faculty who are Fulbright recipients. Fulbright recipients should send a request that includes the itemized list of expenses (i.e., item and actual or anticipated cost) to Candice Batton in Academic Affairs. **Please note – each Fulbright recipient is asked to submit a single request that includes all anticipated expenses totaling up to \$5,000; the request should be submitted approximately 30-60 days before travel.** It may be possible for travel to be covered directly, if approved in advance. Unfortunately, the university is not currently in a position to provide salary support, but hopefully with your help, we can work to align Fulbright opportunities with FDFs.

How will benefits be impacted if I accept a Fulbright award?

- Faculty members maintain UNO benefits while on FDF or other approved professional leave. *Faculty members interested in applying for a Fulbright should consult with their department, school, and college leaders as soon as possible to discuss FDF or other options for approved professional leave.*

Which Fulbright experiences offer housing, and which do not?

- Housing varies by country, so faculty members will need to investigate what housing will look like for them. Fulbright does sometimes offer housing stipends, which vary with the location and program.

What is the rate of acceptance for the U.S. Fulbright Scholar Awards?

- The acceptance rate is not available; the opportunities are all listed on the Fulbright official site and vary according to country. Applicants can only apply for one award per application cycle. Faculty members who have received a Fulbright can apply for another award two years after the completion of the previous award. Some UNO faculty members have received more than one award over the years.

What is the typical application deadline and award announcement timeline?

- Faculty members should always consult the Fulbright website (<https://fulbrightscholars.org/>) for the most current information. Typically, Fulbright Scholar applications open in February and submissions are due in September for the next academic year. Awards are announced between the following January and June.

Are family members allowed to come with me to my host country?

- This varies by country. While some Fulbright awards have no restrictions on accompanying dependents, some awards may have specific requirements. Check the award description and/or consult the program staff responsible for that award. Many Fulbright Awardees who bring their families report that the time abroad benefited everyone.