Fulbright Visiting Scholar Program Competition for the 2027-2028 Academic Year

The United States-Kosovo Educational Exchange Board is pleased to announce the Fulbright Visiting Scholar Program competition for the 2027-2028 academic year. This non-degree program enables junior and senior university lecturers, researchers, and experts from academic institutions in Kosovo to conduct research, lecture, or undertake a combination of lecturing and research at a U.S. institution.

Grants range from **three to six months**, beginning in **August/September 2027 or January 2028**, in alignment with U.S. academic calendars.

Special preference will be given to candidates who demonstrate the capacity and commitment to make full use of the opportunity and share their knowledge and experience upon returning to Kosovo. The program is intended to benefit the scholar, their home institution, and the U.S. host institution. Fulbright scholars also serve as cultural ambassadors and should be prepared to speak about Kosovo, its culture, and their research with academic and community groups.

The program is jointly supported by the U.S. Department of State and the Government of Kosovo.

Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must:

- Hold a doctoral degree or be a PhD candidate at an accredited university.
- Be currently teaching and conducting research at an accredited university in Kosovo. More than five years of experience is recommended.
- Demonstrate proficiency in English.
- Submit a detailed statement of proposed activity at a U.S. institution.
- Hold Kosovo citizenship or provide proof of residence in Kosovo.

The following restrictions and preferences apply:

- Preference is given to candidates without recent experience in the United States.
- Applicants who have received a Fulbright scholarship within the past five years will not be considered.
- Permanent residents of the United States and persons holding dual Kosovo and U.S. citizenship are ineligible.
- Employees of the U.S. Embassy and their immediate family members are ineligible.
- Under Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board policies, local employees of U.S. missions abroad working for the U.S. Department of State or the U.S. Agency for International Development, including temporary employees and contractors, and members of their families are ineligible during their employment and for one year following its termination. The same restriction applies to individuals working for or otherwise associated with an organization responsible for nominating or selecting participants for any exchange program administered by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

Fulbright Visiting Scholars enter the United States on a J-1 exchange visitor visa, which requires them to return to Kosovo for a minimum of two years at the end of the grant period.

Financial Provisions

The Fulbright grant provides:

- Tuition.
- A monthly maintenance allowance.
- A book and supplies allowance.
- Limited accident and medical insurance.
- Round-trip international travel to the host institution.

The grant is not renewable.

General Selection Criteria

Applications should demonstrate:

- Clear objectives and a compelling, theoretically sound, and feasible project.
- An appropriate methodology and a realistic timeline.
- The project's significance to the applicant's field and professional development.
- The need to undertake the proposed activity in the United States.
- Suitable arrangements for affiliation or collaboration with a U.S. host institution.
- A commitment to sharing the results and applying the experience upon returning to Kosovo.

How to Apply

Complete the online application at:

https://apply.iie.org/fvsp2027

Read the "Instructions for Completing the Application," available in Step 1 of the online application, before completing the form.

All application materials must be submitted in English through the online system.

A complete application must include:

- A completed online application form.
- A detailed statement of proposed activity.
- A detailed curriculum vitae.
- At least three references.

- A copy of a valid Kosovo passport or national ID.
- Copies of university, master's, and doctoral diplomas, as applicable, and other certificates received. Documents not issued in English must be accompanied by official English translations.
- A letter from the applicant's employer confirming employment.
- A letter of invitation or appointment from a U.S. institution.

Scan and upload all required supporting documents to the online application. References must be submitted directly through the system by the individuals providing them.

Application Guidelines

References

References should be provided by individuals qualified to evaluate your professional work and proposed project. **At least one reference must be from an expert outside your university.**

References must be written in English and should provide evidence of your reputation within your discipline. Reference writers should consult the Reference Report Form for guidance on the qualifications to address.

It is your responsibility to ensure that all references are submitted by the application deadline so that they accompany your application throughout the review process.

Curriculum Vitae

Your curriculum vitae should describe your academic credentials and relevant, recent achievements, including:

- Education, universities attended, and degrees held.
- Positions held.
- Courses taught and other services provided to students and your home institution.
- Publications.
- Relevant professional activities, including workshops, seminars, and consultations.
- Membership and activities in professional associations.
- Professional honors, awards, and fellowships.
- Community service.

Use the curriculum vitae to expand on the information provided in the application and present a fuller account of your accomplishments.

Project Statement

The project statement is a central component of the application. It should thoroughly explain your proposed activity, the strategy for completing it, and the anticipated outcomes.

Your statement should:

- **Define your objectives and methodology.** Explain how you will carry out the project, including any interviews, library or archival research, or laboratory experiments.
- **Explain the academic or professional context.** Refer to relevant work in the field and describe the project's significance to your discipline and professional development.
- **Explain why the project requires time in the United States.** Identify the facilities, resources, collections, or expertise you need and, where relevant, explain their availability in Kosovo.
- **Describe your host arrangements.** Explain the affiliation or collaboration you have arranged and obtain a letter of invitation from a U.S. host institution supporting the merits and feasibility of your proposal.
- **Present a realistic timeline.** Explain how the project can be completed within the proposed grant period.
- **Describe your English-language competence.** Proficiency in English is required to conduct research in the United States.
- **Explain how you will share the results.** Describe plans to disseminate your findings in both the United States and Kosovo.

Applicants who have previously studied in the United States are encouraged to expand their academic contacts by seeking affiliation with an institution other than their U.S. alma mater.

U.S. Host Institution

A formal affiliation with a U.S. university or research institution is a program requirement. A letter of invitation or appointment must be included with the application.

When identifying a host institution, consider the suitability of its facilities, resources, and potential collaborators for your project. Applicants are encouraged to look beyond the most widely known universities, as smaller or less internationally known institutions may offer particularly appropriate research opportunities and support.

Application Deadline: November 30, 2026, at 11:59 p.m. CET

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