Fulbright Visiting Scholar & Scholar-in-Residence (S-I-R) Programs
FY2026 ECA-Funded Grant Amounts (Stipends and Allowances)

MONTHLY SCHOLAR STIPENDS*

Visiting scholar stipend rates are only intended to support the daily living expenses for the J-1 visiting scholar participant. Daily living expenses for any accompanying dependents are to be covered through the scholar's personal funds.

Zones	Monthly Stipend Rate**
A	$3,164/month
B	$3,436/month
C	$3,611/month
D	$4,182/month
E	$4,805/month

**Detailed rates by city or state are posted at https://fulbrightscholars.org/resources/resources-fulbright-commissions-foundations-and-posts*
***Each month is counted in increments of 30 days (months with 31 days or fewer than 30 days are rounded up or down and considered as 30 days). Partial months will be awarded in increments of ½ month stipend, with the first half of the month (days 1-15) requiring a ½ month payment, and days 16-30 requiring a full month's payment.*

MONTHLY DEPENDENT INSURANCE ALLOWANCES

To receive a dependent insurance allowance, dependent(s) must accompany the scholar for at least 80% of the exchange. Fulbright Visiting Scholar dependent insurance allowances are intended to offset the costs of J-visa compliant insurance for sickness and accidents that scholars must purchase for their dependents. As noted above, daily living expenses for dependents are to be covered through the scholar's personal funds.

One dependent	$240/month
Two or more dependents	$419/month

FUNDING FOR DEPENDENTS

Minimum funding levels required for DS-2019 issuance for visiting scholars plus their dependents should be calculated by consulting the minimum monthly maintenance rates by zone (MMRs) as outlined in the following resources:

J2 Funding Overview: https://fulbrightscholars.org/sites/default/files/documents/J-2-Funding-One-Pager.pdf
Fulbright Visiting Scholar Stipend Rates/MMRs by Zone: Rates by City & State

CORE VISITING SCHOLAR PROGRAM STANDARD ALLOWANCES

*(All **Standard Allowances** are one-time payments issued in the initial payment.)*

Settling in Allowance	$1,393
Professional Development Allowance	
Four months or less	$840
Over four months	$1,285
Baggage Allowance	$300
Transit Allowance	$300

SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE (S-I-R) PROGRAM SPECIAL ALLOWANCE

*In addition to the **Core Visiting Scholar Program Standard Allowances** listed above, S-I-R participants receive the following special allowance, in the initial payment, to support the scholar's outreach and engagement efforts on campus and in the community.*

S-I-R PROGRAM Special Allowance	
Four months or less	$1,200
Over four months	$3,000