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Fulbright-Nehru Student Research Fellowships: These nine-month fellowships provide opportunities to recent graduates (a minimum of a bachelor's degree is required) and to graduate students (master's and Ph.D. degree-seeking candidates) to conduct research in India.

Application Deadline: October 2026 • <https://us.fulbrightonline.org/>

Campus deadlines will vary. Students should check with the Study Abroad or National Fellowships Offices on their home campuses.

Fulbright-Nehru Academic and Professional Excellence Fellowship: These four to nine months fellowships provide opportunities for faculty and professionals for either research or teaching, or a combination of research and teaching activities. Depending on the host institution it is also possible that the grantee will work with faculty to develop curriculum and participate in conferences, seminars, and workshops. Applicants may determine the percentage of the grant dedicated to each activity and should define this in the project proposal. Opportunities for guest lectures at other universities in India may also be available.

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Fulbright-Nehru Distinguished Scholar Fellowship: These four-month fellowships provide opportunities to full professors to teach students at their host institution and to travel to prominent higher education institutions around India to give guest lectures and take part in conferences, seminars, and workshops. Distinguished scholars also work with faculty members at the host institution on program development and curriculum design.

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Preferred Disciplines

Applications are welcome from scholars in **all academic and professional fields**. At the same time, USIEF actively encourages and prioritizes projects aligned with the following thematic areas, which reflect shared U.S.-India strategic interests and the skills needed for the 21st-century global economy:

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| 1. Critical Minerals and Supply Chains
Geology
Materials Science
Mining Engineering | 4. Science and Research Collaboration
Bioengineering
Artificial Intelligence
Semiconductor Engineering |
| 2. Defense and Security
Cybersecurity
Aerospace Engineering
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Astrophysics
Planetary Science
Space Systems Engineering
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Energy Innovation and
Technology Commercialization | 6. Technology and Innovation
Data Science
Quantum Computing
Electrical and Electronics Engineering |

Scholars from the arts, humanities, and social sciences are strongly encouraged to propose interdisciplinary, comparative, or policy-relevant projects engaging these areas.

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