

Beyond the Borders: A Fulbright Journey

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AACN Themes and Learning outcome

- **Conference Theme:**
 - Breaking Barriers, Building Bridges: Engineering Pathways for the Future
- **Building Nursing Science Capacity:**
 - Impacting Global Health and International Engagement
- **Learning outcome**
 - **Identify challenges and strategies for successful international engagement**

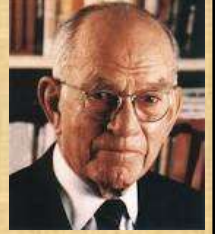
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Objectives

- Discuss what is Fulbright?
- Reflect on my journey as a Fulbright Scholar
- Identify challenges and resources for your Fulbright Journey

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What is Fulbright?



- Established in 1946 by Congress
- Sponsored by the U.S. Department of State
- Funding: by the U.S. and participating countries
- Administered by IIE
- About 160 countries participate

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Who can go?

- Faculty, administrators, artists, journalists, lawyers, etc.
- US Scholar program
 - PhD or other terminal degree required

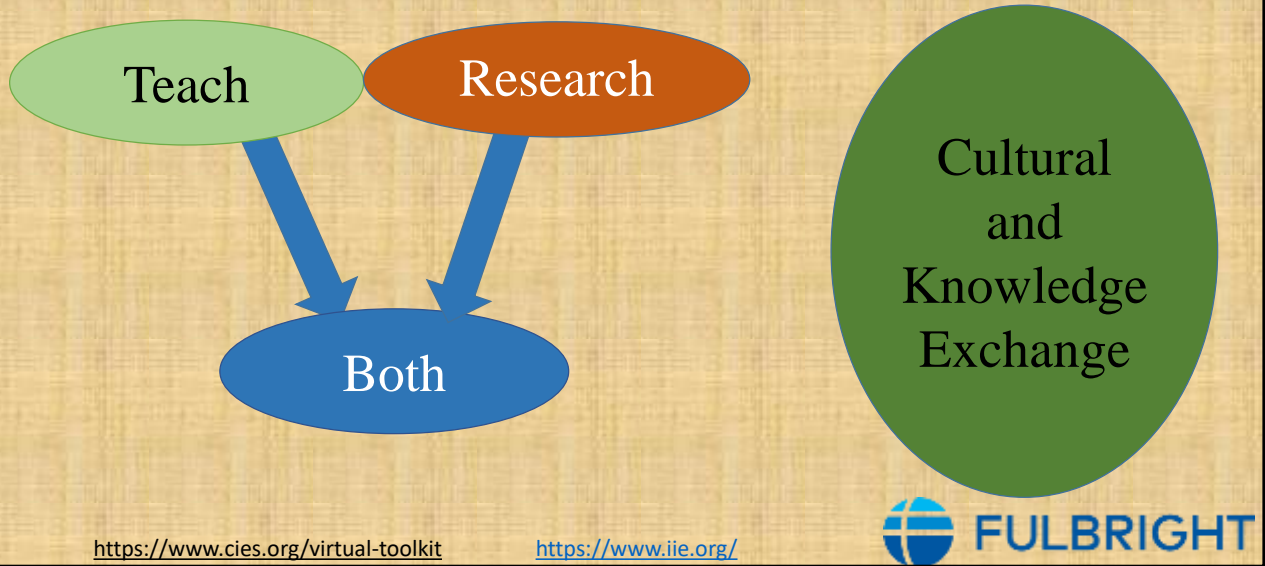
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Why should we go?



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Jordan: An Interesting
Country
JUST: A Prestigious
University

My life at JUST as a Fulbright
Scholar

Spring 2019



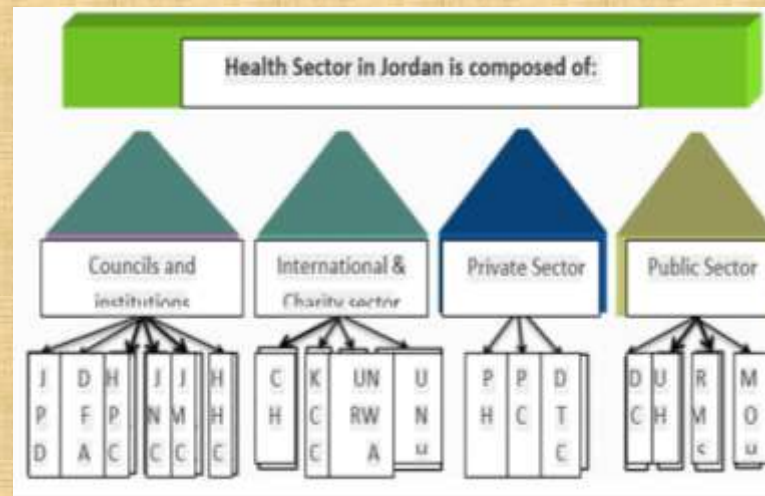
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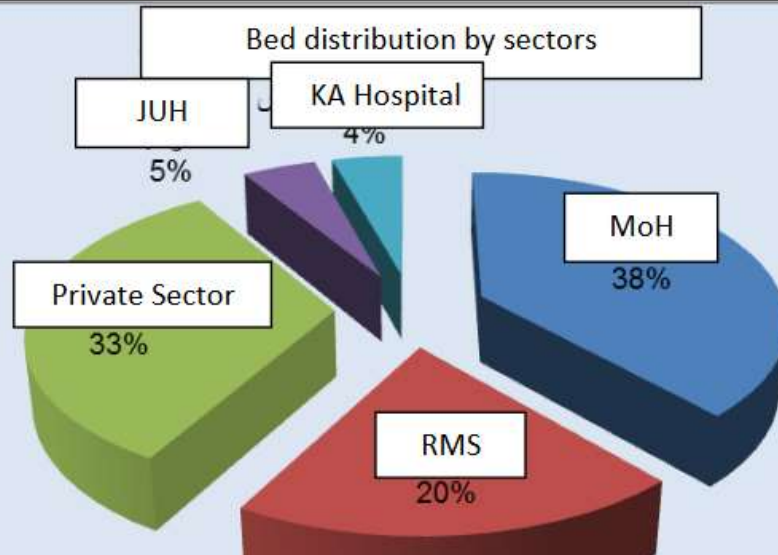
Jordan: Health Care System



- Population: 9.3 million
 - 2.9 million guests
- Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.
- Ruler: King Abdullah
- Religion-Muslim (92%; 6% Christians, 2% other)

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The Distribution of Hospital Beds in Jordan by Health Sectors, 2013



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Background of Nursing Education in Jordan

1953-1998: Diploma in nursing

1972 : First BSN programs

Several MSN Programs (1986)

One PhD Program (2005)

Midwifery Program

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JUST



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Campus view of JUST & KAUH, Irbid



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Campus on April 3, 2019 at 10AM



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JUST: Faculty of Nursing

- Established in 1983 (2 faculty members and 23 students)
- Designated as a WHO–collaborating center since 1997
- Was accredited by AUCC and CIDA, Canada in 1998
- ACEN Accredited Since 2019



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JUST Faculty of Nursing (FON)

Faculty Prep:
PhD: 48
Masters: 27
Clinical trainers: 17

Students
BSN: 995
MSN: 197
Bridge:
Midwifery:
PhD (in progress)

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KAUH, Irbid, Jordan

AHA Training center

BLS

PALS

ACLS

Burns Unit

Lippincott manual

PICU/NICU

Crash carts, similar
checkoffs

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My Responsibilities

- Teach
- What did I really do?
 - In the Faculty of Nursing
 - In the University
 - Outside the University



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Engagements Outside the University



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Challenges

Challenges	Possible Solutions
• Language and culture	• Try to learn the language
• Pre-departure communication lack	• Varies from locations
• Transport	• Uber/bus/Kareem
• Fluidity of plans	• Have a flexible plan
• Fear of International travel	• Change of time and long flights
• Finances concerns	• If possible, get Sabbatical
• Health concerns/weather	• FB Insurance
• Safety was not an issue for me	

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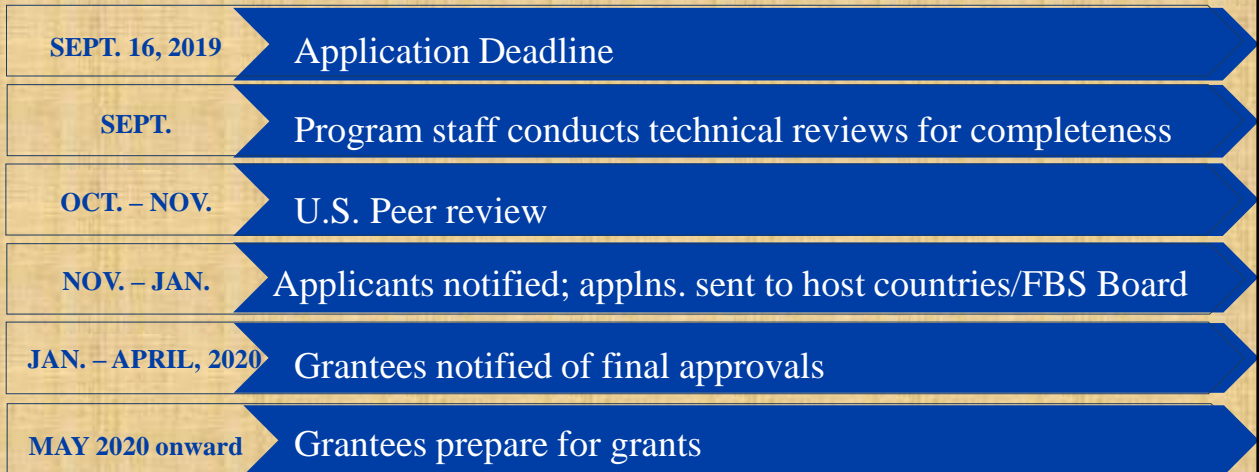
Tips for Application: Fulbright Scholar

- Catalog of FB awards
- Select the right award, right location
- Match your expertise, experience and award description
- Speak with someone with regional FB experience
- Consider how your award is relevant to the host country
- Get the support letter from your host institution

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Review Process and Timeline: 2020-2021

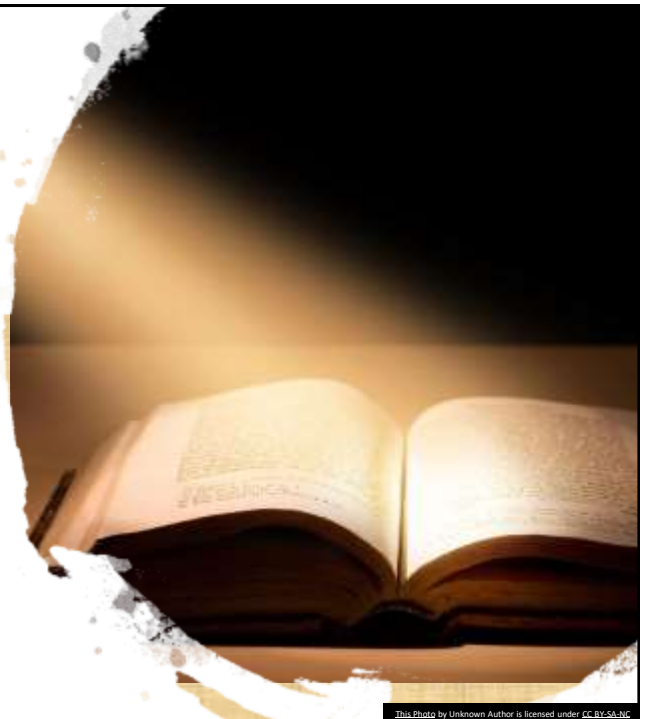


<https://us.fulbrightonline.org/about/competition-timeline>

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Bon Voyage!

- You receive letters from the President
- Letters from your Senator
- Book the ticket
- Get it approved by the FB Office
- FlyAmerica Act
- Blessings on your application process



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Strengths of Nursing Education And Nursing

- Jordanian Nursing Council (JNC)
- Governed by a board headed by Her Royal Highness Princess Muna Al Hussein as president of the council.
- The board is comprised of 14 key representatives of the health care institutions.
 - Controls CEUS
 - Certification
 - NCLEX examination with Pearson Vue

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Strengths of Nursing Education at JUST

- Closely work with Ministry of Health
- Clinical placement is easy
- WHO Collaborative Center
- IT Support and development
- Accredited programs
- IPE work
- Strong Research support
- Several faculty certified in research misconduct fellow ship by UCSD

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Challenges

- More male applicants
 - Limit it to 30% → Mostly become faculty
- Use of textbooks published in US/European context
- Lack of Cultural congruence in the textbooks

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Weaknesses of Nursing Education at JUST

- Lack of professional organizations similar to STTI
- Majority of STTI members are in Amman
- Lack of clinical experience for faculty

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Fun & Food in Irbid : University ('JAMA' Street)



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Food

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