

## 2024-2025 Fulbright Distinguished Awards in Teaching Research Program

Morocco Country Profile

**Partner Organization:** Moroccan-American Commission for Educational & Cultural Exchange (MACECE)

**Eligible Program Dates:** 3-6 months from January - May 2025 or (preferred) September 2025 - February 2026.

**Host Institution Expectations:** MACECE has many university partners. Typically, grantees are placed in Rabat in order to be close to MACECE, but other partners can be considered depending on the grantee's research topic and preferences.

**Language Requirement:** None, however some knowledge of Arabic, French, Spanish, Moroccan Darija, or Tamazight is desirable but not mandatory.

**Monthly Allowance:** Between \$3,800 - \$4,100 (exact amount to be confirmed at a later date).



**Dependent Information:** An allowance of \$2,000 per eligible dependent will be provided as part of the grant. Enrolling a dependent in a Moroccan public school can be complicated as it demands a lot of paperwork and permissions and can take a considerable amount of time. Non-residents often enroll their dependents in private institutions where registration can be more easily facilitated.

- French schools are approximately \$400 \$450 USD per month.
- Spanish schools are approximately \$300 USD per month.
- Moroccan private school monthly tuition fees are approximately \$150 \$300 USD per month (Please note that the primary language of instruction would be Arabic and English).
- Tuition fees for the Rabat American School are approximately \$15,000 to \$17,000 USD per year <a href="https://www.state.gov/rabat-american-school-fact-sheet/">https://www.state.gov/rabat-american-school-fact-sheet/</a>

## **Country Overview:**

- Moroccan History
- Political System of Morocco
- <u>Morocco's Political System</u>
- <u>Culture & Tourism</u>
- Moroccan Economy
- Morocco Economic Snapshot
- Profile of the Moroccan Economy
- Discover Morocco









Educational System Overview: The Moroccan educational system is structured into four levels:

- Preschool Education: optional but encouraged for children aged 4 to 6; not yet fully integrated into the formal education system; provided by both private and public institutions.
- Primary Education: mandatory for children aged 6 to 15; cycle lasts for six years and covers a broad range of subjects (history, geography, literature, mathematics, physics, arts, physical education, information systems, etc.).
- Secondary Education: divided into lower secondary and upper secondary; lower secondary lasts three years and upper secondary takes another three years and includes both general education and specialized streams such as humanities, sciences, and technical and vocational training; students take the Baccalaureate exam which determines eligibility for higher education at end of upper secondary.
- Higher education: offered in public and private universities, higher education institutions, and specialized schools.
- Additional Resources:
  - Moroccan Educational System: National Report
  - Education System in Morocco
  - Grading System
  - Morocco Education and Schools

## Possible Topics of Interest for U.S. Educators:

- The Ministry of National Education has been working towards the integration of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) in the development of secondary school students' skills. The <u>first STEM education school in Morocco</u> opened in the academic year of 2022-2023. Learning soft skills is also very crucial but has not yet been integrated into Moroccan curricula.
- Other topics of interest could be:
  - Climate change
  - Artificial intelligence
  - Women's empowerment
  - Active citizenship
  - Cultural diversity
  - English Teaching Methods





