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**An Introduction to  
Fulbright Grant Programs**

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FULBRIGHT



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## **Presentation Overview**

- **Introduction to Fulbright Programs**
- **How to apply for Fulbright Scholar grants**
- **Additional Fulbright Scholar opportunities for U.S. faculty and professionals**
- **Fulbright Visiting Scholar opportunities**

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## Other Fulbright Programs

- **Fulbright U.S. Student Program**
  - For recent graduates, postgraduate candidates up through dissertation level and developing professionals and artists to study and research abroad
  - Administered by Institute of International Education, IIE  
[www.fulbrightonline.org/us](http://www.fulbrightonline.org/us)
- **Fulbright Teacher and Administrator Exchange**
  - Principally for primary- and secondary- level educators
  - Administered by the Academy for Educational Development  
<http://www.fulbrightteacherexchange.org/>
- **Fulbright-Hays Awards**
  - For faculty research, group projects and seminars abroad in certain social sciences and humanities fields
  - Administered by the International Education and Graduate Programs Service of the U.S. Department of Education  
[www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oie/iegps](http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oie/iegps)

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## FULBRIGHT PROGRAMS - GENERALLY

- Created in the aftermath of World War II
- People-to-people diplomacy based on study, learning and understanding by living and working in another country
- Overall content and rules determined by the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board
  - Presidentially appointed
- Bi-lateral programs
- Funded chiefly by the United States (taxpayers)
- Many countries contribute to the program
  - National government
  - Local entities
  - Host institution
- Program requests are initiated by the host country

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## Fulbright Teacher Exchange Program

- **Fulbright Classroom Teacher Exchange Program**
  - provides opportunities for teachers to participate in direct exchanges of positions with colleagues from other countries for a semester or a year
  - Participating Countries for 2011-2012:  
Czech Republic, France, Hungary, India, Mexico, Switzerland, United Kingdom
- **Distinguished Fulbright Awards in Teaching Program**
  - recognize and encourage excellence in teaching in the U.S. and abroad.
  - 24 highly talented U.S. and international teachers are selected to receive a grant to study at a university, conduct research, teach classes and workshops, and develop a project pertaining to their field of educational inquiry during their semester overseas.

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## **FULBRIGHT- HAYS PROGRAM**

- **United States Department of Education**
- **The Fulbright-Hays Faculty Research Abroad Fellowship Program** research abroad in modern foreign languages and area studies
  - Priority Areas – Nothing in Western Europe and for 78 lesser taught languages
- **Group Projects Abroad** - two competitions.
  - Annual competitions are held for short-term seminars, curriculum development teams, and group research or study projects.
  - Advanced-intensive language (every 4 years)
- **Fulbright-Hays-Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad** -
  - Doctoral candidates to engage in full-time dissertation research abroad in modern foreign languages and area studies

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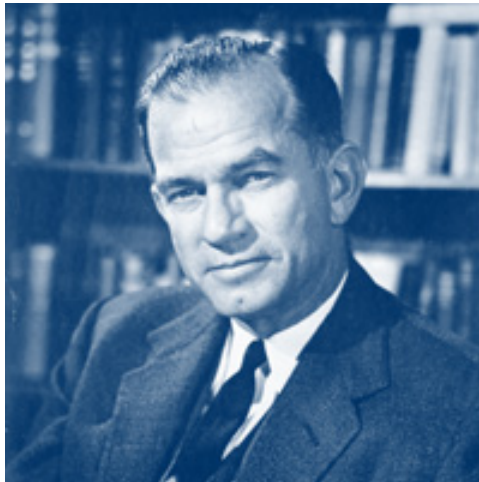
## FULBRIGHT STUDENT PROGRAMS

- **Sponsored by the Department of State**
- **Administered by IIE** in New York City +220 programs
- **FULBRIGHT U.S. STUDENT PROGRAM**
  - Offers fellowships for U.S. graduating seniors, graduate students, young professionals and artists to study abroad for one academic year
  - Enables graduate students, young professionals and artists from abroad to conduct research and study in the United States. Some scholarships are renewed after the initial year of study.
- **ENGLISH TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIPS**
  - Are assigned various activities designed to improve their students' language abilities and knowledge of the United States
- **FULBRIGHT FOREIGN STUDENT PROGRAM**
  - Master's degree or Ph.D. study at U.S. universities or other appropriate institutions.
- **FOREIGN LANGUAGE TEACHING ASSISTANT PROGRAM**
  - Develop Americans' knowledge of foreign languages by supporting teaching assistantships in over 30 languages at hundreds of U.S. institutions of higher education.



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## **Senator J. William Fulbright (1905-1995)**



**“International education exchange is the most significant current project designed to continue the process of humanizing mankind to the point, we would hope, that nations can learn to live in peace.”**

## **Fulbright Scholar Program**

- **Established in 1946**
- **Sends U.S. academics and professionals overseas and brings scholars and professionals from abroad to the U.S.**
- **Sponsored by U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs**
- **Administered by the Institute of International Education’s Council for International Exchange of Scholars (CIES)**

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## Eligibility Requirements

- **U.S. citizenship**
- **A Ph.D. or equivalent professional/terminal degree in your field**
- **For professionals and artists outside academia, professional standing and accomplishments**
- **Teaching experience if required by award**
- **Limits apply to prior Fulbright Scholar grantees**

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## Language Requirements

- **English for most teaching awards**
- **Research awards require language appropriate for project**
- **Latin American countries usually require Spanish or Portuguese**
- **Francophone Africa generally requires French**

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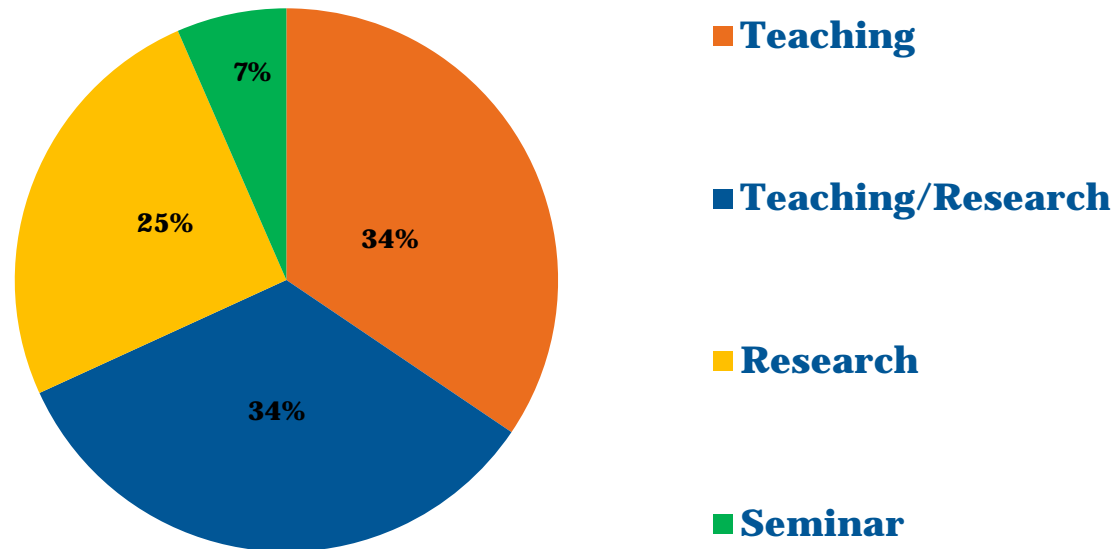
## **Awards in more than 125 Countries**

- **More than 1,100 grants for  
Faculty  
Administrators  
Professionals**
- **Core grants of two to 12 months**
- **Specialist trips of two to six weeks**
- **Seminars of two to three weeks**

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# Worldwide Opportunities

## Four types of awards



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## **Multi-Country Opportunities**

- **Sub-Saharan - African Regional Research Program**
- **Middle East and North Africa Regional Research Program**
- **South and Central Asia Regional Research Program**
- **Europe: European Union Affairs, Austrian-Hungarian Research Award**
- **Western Hemisphere: Canada/Mexico Joint Award in North American Studies, Argentina/Uruguay Teaching/Research Award in Environmental Sciences**

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# How to Apply for the Core Fulbright Program

- Go to CIES Web site [www.iie.org/cies](http://www.iie.org/cies)
  - [Online Catalog of Awards and application](#)
  - Program overview, Guidelines, Frequently Asked Questions and Tips for Applying
  - Web site for updated award information (**DEADLINE AUGUST 1**)
  - CIES Fulbright Webinars ([www.cies.org/webinar](http://www.cies.org/webinar))
  - Monthly electronic publication [The Fulbright Scholar News](#)

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## Selecting an Award

- **Awards are created in the hosting country by the local Fulbright commission or the American embassy**
- **Country listings**
- **Activity? Teaching, research or both**
- **Indices – by Discipline or All Discipline**

**\*50% of grants are All Discipline awards\***

- **Read award descriptions and stipend information carefully**
- **Contact CIES program officer(s) for more information about awards and countries**

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## **Components of Online Application**

- **Application Form**
- **Project Statement**
- **Curriculum Vitae or Resume**
- **Course Outlines or Syllabi (for teaching awards)**
- **Select Bibliography (for research awards)**
- **References and Teaching Report**
- **Supplemental Materials (depending on award)**
  - **Language Proficiency Report**
  - **Letter of Invitation**
  - **Additional Materials for Applicants in the Arts, Architecture, Writing and Journalism**

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## Making Contacts Abroad

- **International office on your campus**
- **Online U.S. and Visiting Fulbright Scholars Lists – searchable by discipline and country**
- **International division of your professional organization**
- **Who is publishing in your field**
- **CIES program officer may be able to help**
- **University search Web sites such as Braintrack - [www.braintrack.com](http://www.braintrack.com)**

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## **Submitting a Competitive Application**

- **Match your expertise and your experience to all award activities**
- **Focus on what you plan to DO--not your biography**
- **Get three strong, current reference letters**
  - **One from your supervisor (crucial for a teaching report)**
  - **One from someone not at your institution**
  - **One from a colleague who knows your work well**
- **Each part of application relates to the whole and supports your candidacy**

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## **Project Statement**

- **Brief self-introduction to the reviewers, an opportunity to provide answers to the questions reviewers may have about you.**
- **Why you are interested in a Fulbright and why in this particular place?**
- **What professional experiences and skills do you offer a host institution and host country?**

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## Project Statement

- **Why this experience and why this particular place?**
- **What do you hope to gain from the experience, i.e., the lasting impact on you?**
- **How adaptable are you? How well will you deal with challenging situations.**
- **For Teaching/Research awards, amount of attention in proposal to respective activities should match award description**

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## Review Process and Timetable

- **Step 1: CIES Program officers review applications for eligibility, completeness, etc. (August)**
- **Step 2: Discipline review committees read applications electronically. (September)**
- **Step 3: U.S. peer review committees. Committees represent many disciplines and focus on one world area. (October to December)**
- **Step 4: Applicants receive notice of their status, either recommended or not recommended. (November through January)**

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- **Step 5: Applications of recommended candidates are forwarded to host countries for selection and to the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board, which has final approval. Applicants are notified as approvals are given. (February through May)**
  - **Step 6: Grant Packets are sent to selected grantees. (May through June)**
  - **Step 7: Enjoy your Fulbright Experience!**

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## Grant Benefits

- **Package includes stipend, in-country living allowance, travel for grantee**
- **Some countries: travel for dependents, dependent schooling, research allowance, book allowance**
- **Stipends and benefits vary considerably from country to country**
- **Country benefits are found with the Award descriptions at [www.iie.org/cies](http://www.iie.org/cies)**

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## **Additional Opportunities for U.S. Scholars**

- **Fulbright Specialist Program**
- **Seminars for International Education Administrators**
- **German Studies Seminar**
- **Fulbright NEXUS Regional Scholar Program**

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## **Fulbright Specialist Program**

- **Two- to six-week consulting and/or teaching opportunities**
- **Online application to Fulbright Specialist roster with rolling deadline**
- **Institutions overseas develop projects and request specialists from the roster**
- **Program does not support research**
- **Twenty-five eligible disciplines, including new STEM education fields**
- **Minimum of two years between grants**

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## Global Initiatives

- **IEA Seminars**
  - **India: AUGUST 1**
  - **Korea: NOVEMBER 1**
  - **Japan: NOVEMBER 8**
  - **Germany: FEBRUARY 1**
- **German Studies Seminar: OCTOBER 14**
- **Fulbright NEXUS Regional Scholar Program**

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## **Opportunities for Visiting (Non-U.S.) Scholars**

- **Core Fulbright Visiting Scholar Program**
- **Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence (SIR) Program**
- **Fulbright Visiting Scholar Program for Iraq**
- **MENA Regional Short-Term Visiting Scholar Program**
- **Occasional Lecturer Fund (OLF)**
- **Fulbright NEXUS Regional Scholar Program**

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## **Core Fulbright Visiting Scholar Program**

- **Visiting Scholars from other countries research, teach and help internationalize U.S. campuses**
- **Overseas scholars interested in Visiting Scholar programs should contact the Fulbright commission or U.S. Embassy in their home countries**
- **Letter of invitation from potential host is always useful**

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## **Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence Program**

- **Brings scholars and professionals from abroad to campuses that do not often host visiting scholars**
- **Involves colleges and universities that serve student populations underrepresented in international exchange programs**
- **Application is made by the interested U.S. institution**
- **Deadline is **OCTOBER 17****
- **Contact: **SIR@iie.org****

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## **Fulbright Visiting Scholar Program for Iraq and the MENA Regional Short-Term Visiting Scholar Program**

- **Discipline-specific cohorts brought to U.S. campuses for two to three months of professional development and research**
- **Iraq scholar cohorts in: Science and Technology, Engineering, Linguistics/ESL, Business/Economics and Agricultural Science**
- **MENA Regional scholar cohorts in five STEM fields**
- **Iraq program institutional deadline: **DECEMBER 15****
- **MENA Regional program institutional deadline: **FEBRUARY 1****

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## **Fulbright Occasional Lecturer Fund (OLF)**

- **Travel support for Fulbright Visiting Scholars already in the U.S.**
- **Visit other campuses for short-term guest teaching**
- **Contact: [OLF@iie.org](mailto:OLF@iie.org)**

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**Thank you**

For more information, visit  
**[www.iie.org/cies](http://www.iie.org/cies)**

