

# The Fulbright Visiting Scholar Program for Iraq



The 2012 Fulbright Visiting Scholar Program for Iraq will bring 35 junior Iraqi scholars to U.S. institutions for faculty development, mentoring, and cultural exchange activities. Five discipline-based cohorts consisting of seven scholars each will spend 10 weeks at selected U.S. host institutions, where they will be introduced to new teaching and research methods, observe classes, attend seminars, and develop linkages with American faculty through weekly mentoring sessions. On-going community engagement with university-identified host families, volunteers, or others in the broader local community will facilitate the scholars' participation in outreach activities, including visits to historical sites and attendance at cultural events.

## Objectives

- Build higher education capacity in Iraq through faculty development and mentoring for junior scholars.
- Foster long-term collaboration and institutional linkages between Iraqi scholars and U.S. academics.
- Promote mutual understanding between Iraqis and Americans by facilitating the scholars' engagement with the broader host campus community

## About the Host Institutions

The Fulbright Visiting Scholar Program for Iraq invites U.S. institutions to submit proposals to host one discipline-based cohort of Iraqi scholars from July 7 through September 15, 2012. Participating institutions will enjoy a unique opportunity to establish lasting relationships with faculty members at universities in Iraq and to build upon current efforts to internationalize their campuses and surrounding communities.

Institutions seeking to submit a proposal should demonstrate particular strengths in one of the five areas of focus:

- agriculture
- engineering
- environmental science
- TEFL/linguistics
- science and technology

\*Note: Selected institutions are permitted to host only one cohort.

## About the Visiting Scholars

The Iraqi participants will be junior scholars who possess, at a minimum, an MA/MS degree and several years of university-level teaching experience. Some scholars will have PhDs and all will be currently employed at an Iraqi university and possess high proficiency in written and oral English. All participants will be expected to pursue self-directed projects in the U.S. They should be committed to their own academic and professional development as well as to making a contribution to the development of their institution in Iraq. Scholars are encouraged to undertake a project or activity that will provide opportunities to share the knowledge and know-how gained from the program with their colleagues in Iraq. Specific projects may include developing curricula, creating teaching materials, acquiring administrative and organizational knowledge, learning how to use new laboratory equipment, and conducting a specific research activity. These activities should be carried out in close collaboration with a U.S. university mentor.

## Funding

Host institutions will receive a per scholar administrative stipend. Housing and lab fees will be reimbursed as well.

## Deadline for Host Institution Applications

DECEMBER 16, 2011

For more information on this program or how to apply, please visit:  
[www.cies.org/Fulbright/Iraq/](http://www.cies.org/Fulbright/Iraq/)

The following webinars will be conducted by CIES:  
Fulbright Visiting Scholar Program for Iraq - October 18 at 2:00 pm  
How to Prepare a Proposal for the Fulbright Visiting Scholar Program for Iraq -  
November 15 at 2:00 pm

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