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FULBRIGHT



**Fulbright Opportunities for Persons
with Disabilities**

Fulbright Scholar Program

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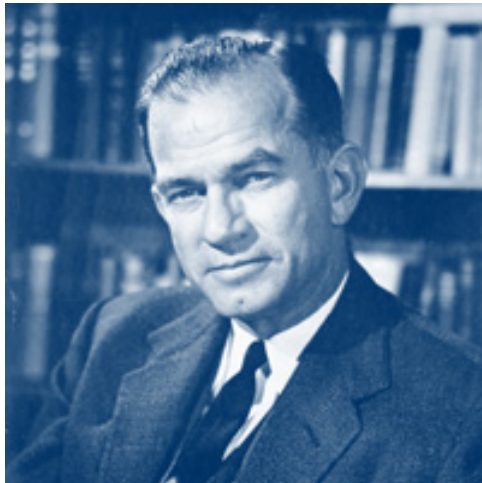
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Michele Scheib - NCDE
David Levin - USDOS

TODAY'S WEBINAR: WHAT TO EXPECT

- **A brief overview of the Fulbright Program**
- **Discussion of issues impacting scholars with disabilities**
- **Comments from a former Fulbright Scholar**
- **An opportunity to ask questions! Type any question into the question module on your screen. We will do our best to answer as many questions as possible at the end of the presentation. Assistance from Michele Scheib**



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)**

What is the “Core” Fulbright Scholar Program?

- **The traditional awards offered through Fulbright Scholar program**
- **More than 800 awards each year for U.S. applicants to 125 countries**
- **Grants for teaching, conducting research, or a combination of both**
- **Lengths vary from 2 to 12 months**
- **Seminars 2 to 3 weeks**



Eligibility Requirements

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

Spirit of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

- The **ADA is a civil rights law** that protects the rights of people with disabilities from discrimination.
- Similar to class protections for ethnicity, gender or religion, the ADA protects people with disabilities from discrimination on the basis of disability.
- Defines a disability broadly
- **Responsibility to not only prevent discrimination, but to ensure equal opportunities and promote full participation on the part of people with disabilities.**

U.S. Disability Context

- **51 million people in the United States have a disability (650 million worldwide)**
- **189,000 are graduate/professional level students (6.6% of total graduate students in U.S. in 2003-04)**
- **Top disciplines: Education, Business/Management A greater percent chose education (30% vs. 23%) and social/behavioral sciences (8% vs. 5%) than non-disabled students**
- **44% of Americans with a non-significant disability work full time, year-round (53% without a disability and 13% with a significant disability)**
- **Estimated disability rates for Tenure Track Faculty 6.25%, Clinical Faculty 5%, Auxiliary Faculty 6.25%**

“How Can That Location Work?”

- **Contact the NCDE on strategies for navigating less accessible locations**
- **Talk with disability-led NGOs in the host country about what can be arranged locally**
- **Include the individual with the disability in all “what if” discussions and accessibility planning**
- **Talk with program alumni**

Concerns of Scholars with Disabilities

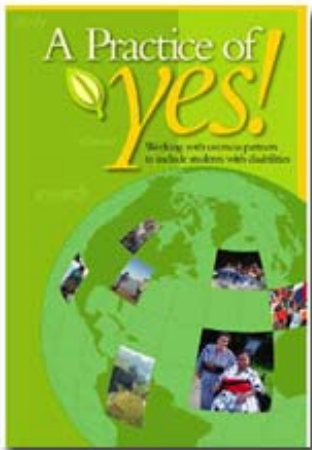
- **Lack of insurance for pre-existing conditions**
- **Learning local or host disability culture such as “help yourself”, advocacy skills, disability rights, legal protections**
- **Accessible housing and transportation**
- **Access to technology**
- **Acceptance of disabilities which may be less common**
- **Re-entry after program ends**

ASPE INSURANCE ISSUES

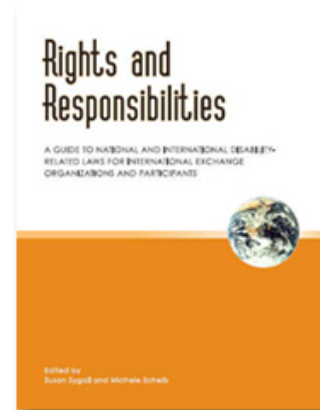
- **ASPE is self-insured and self-funded by the U.S. Department of State.**
- **ASPE has expanded their maximum coverage for all grantees in State/ECA programs for six months or longer and their services address the needs of people with first diagnosis of a condition or injury overseas.**
- **Coverage includes, acupuncture, chiropractic, massage and physical therapy, durable medical equipment, treatment of mental or nervous conditions.**
- ***Pre-existing conditions will not be covered by ASPE***

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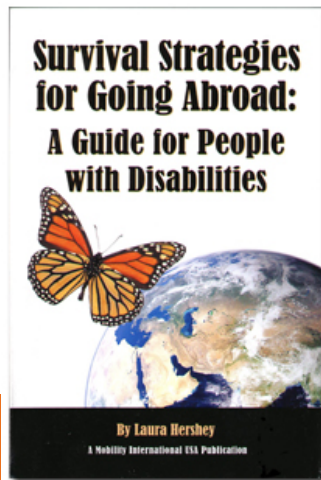
Publications and Free Resources



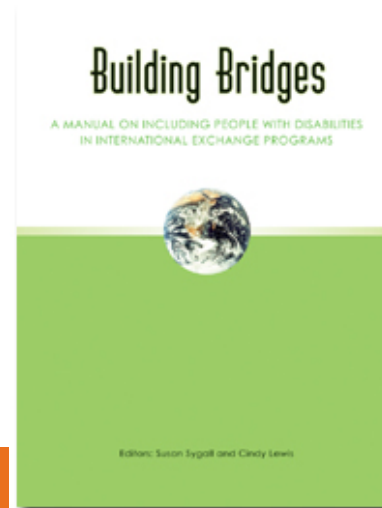
**A Practice of Yes:
Working with
Overseas Partners
to Include People
with Disabilities**



**Rights and
Responsibilities: A Guide
to the ADA for
International Exchange
Organizations and
Participants**



**Survival
Strategies
for Going
Abroad: A
Guide for
People with
Disabilities**



**Building Bridges: A
Manual for Including
People with Disabilities
in International Exchange
Programs**



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Q&A

Note: We will answer as many questions as we can during today's broadcast. If we do not get to your question, please send an email to afulay@iie.org

Thank you for your time today

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- **Visit www.iie.org/cies for the Webinar schedule and Workshop schedules.**

For More Information . . .

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- **Be sure to sign up for our e-newsletter [The Fulbright Scholar News](mailto:outreach@iie.org) by writing outreach@iie.org**

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 managed by Institute of International Education, IIE
<http://us.fulbrightonline.org/>
- **Fulbright Teacher Exchange**
principally for primary- and secondary- level educators managed by Academy for Educational Development
www.fulbrightteacherexchange.org/
- **Fulbright-Hays Award**
for faculty research, group projects and seminars abroad in certain social sciences and humanities fields managed by the International Education and Graduate Programs Service of the U.S. Department of Education
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