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Fulbright Opportunities in American Studies



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TODAY'S WEBINAR: WHAT TO EXPECT

- **A brief overview of the Fulbright Scholar Program**
- **Variety of programs and awards worldwide**
- **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.**
- **If there's time, a guided tour of the new CIES Website, www.cies.org**



Senator J. William Fulbright (1905-1995)



“In the long course of history, having people who understand your thought is much greater security than another submarine.”

General Facts About the Fulbright Scholar Program

- **Established in 1946**
- **Sends U.S. academics and professionals overseas**
- **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 Council for International Exchange of Scholars (CIES)**



What is the “Traditional” Fulbright Program?

- **The original core of the Fulbright program**
- **Over 800 awards each year for U.S. applicants**
- **Lecturing, Research, Lecturing and Research combinations**
- **Lengths vary from 3 to 12 months**
- **Types vary: discipline specific awards and All Discipline awards**
- **Awards based on requests from host country and institutions in each country**



Eligibility Requirements

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



Fulbright Scholar Program American Studies

- **American Studies defined: an interdisciplinary field dealing with the study of the United States**
- **Fields of inquiry include: history, literature, art, media, film anthropology, sociology, gender studies, popular culture, government, ethnic studies music, and more.**
- **American studies awards also known as “Study of the United States” in some regions**



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Some General Points

- **Variety of types of programs**
 - **Most programs have the “All Discipline” award option**
 - **Most offer research awards or lecturing/research awards, in addition to lecturing**
 - **Many programs offer awards in specific fields and specializations**
- **American Studies fields are more likely taught in English than other fields**
- **Research projects may require knowledge of local language**

General Points: Continued

- **Pay close attention to guidelines for project proposals--
-you must address questions that are broader than your
research topic alone**

**[http://www.cies.org/us_scholars/us_awards/Content
Guidelines.htm](http://www.cies.org/us_scholars/us_awards/Content_Guidelines.htm)**

- **Excellent in-country support by Fulbright Commissions
or U.S. Embassies**
- **Competition varies across programs**
- **Educational allowance for children available**
- **Free housing provided in some programs, or a housing
allowance**



American Studies Awards by Region

- **Sub-Saharan Africa: 9 Awards**
- **East Asia and the Pacific: 24 Awards**
- **Europe: 103 Awards**
- **Middle East and North Africa: 25 Awards**
- **South and Central Asia: 11 Awards**
- **Western Hemisphere: 31 Awards**



Grant activities in American Studies

- **Teaching**
Ex. Award 1136 in Vietnam for 5 or 10 months
- **Teaching/Research**
Ex. Award 1429 in Tunisia for 10 months
- **Research only**
Ex. Award 1300 in the Netherlands
- **Distinguished Chair opportunities**
Ex. Award 1480 in Brazil for teaching/research

Some Previous Projects

- **China-Lecturing: Mass Media and China's Immediate Future**
- **Tunisia-Lecturing/Research: American Cinema and Cultural Studies**
- **Netherlands-Research: Real/Reel Dutch Landscapes of documentary films 1941-1974**
- **Dominican Republic-Lecturing Translation and Study of Contemporary American Woman Poets**



Some Previous Projects: Continued

- **Turkey-Lecturing: Women in World Cinema**
- **Sweden-Lecturing and Research: Race and Slavery in the United States**
- **Korea-Lecturing: Contemporary American/Korean Ceramics**



Sample Awards in American Studies

- Venezuela - Study of the United States (Teaching or Teaching/Research)
- Ukraine – American Studies (Teaching)
- Indonesia – All Disciplines (Teaching, Teaching/Research, Research)
- Kenya – All Disciplines (Teaching/Research)
- Egypt – American Studies (Teaching)



PUC-Rio Distinguished Chair in American Studies in Brazil

- **Grant Activity:** Teach graduate and undergraduate courses, organize seminars on U.S. history, U.S. studies, or both, and develop collaborative research activities with the faculty.
- **Additional Qualifications:** Ph.D. with the academic rank of associate professor or above. Minimum of 5 years teaching experience at university level.
- **Language:** Lecturing at the graduate level is in English. Some knowledge of Portuguese or Spanish is desirable.
- **Location:** Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro, Rio de Janeiro
- **Length of Grant:** 3 months to 4 months
- **Starting Date:** August 2011 or March 2012
- **Additional Comments:** The scholar will be affiliated with an interdepartmental nucleus created to form an incipient American studies program at PUC. The objective of the Distinguished Fulbright Chair in Brazil is to enhance and disseminate studies involving the United States and its relationship with the Americas in general and specifically with Brazil.



Distinguished Chair in India

- **Grant Activity:** Teach graduate students at host institution, travel to prominent higher education institutions to give guest lectures and take part in symposia and conferences. USIEF will organize one major conference, seminar, or workshop during Distinguished Chair's stay in India. The Chair will be the principal organizer and resource person for the event. Due to year-end examinations and vacations, teaching is not possible in majority of Indian universities from March through June; therefore, it is advisable that you plan to arrive accordingly, so that you have sufficient teaching time.
- **Location:** Affiliation will be arranged by the United States-India Educational Foundation (USIEF), taking into consideration applicant preferences.
- **Additional Qualifications:** Candidates for this award should hold the rank of full professor and have an outstanding record of scholarly accomplishments and substantial teaching experience.



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Distinguished Chair in American Studies or Literature in Poland

- **Grant Activity:** Teach two or three courses or seminars per semester at the undergraduate and graduate levels in American studies or literature. Direct research, assist with curriculum development, and offer short-term courses for Polish faculty, as requested.
- **Specialization(s):** American media and society, political discourse, American film, media and culture, popular culture, history of advertising, television, or print media, 19th- and 20th-century literature including women's, ethnic, modern, and postmodern, literary theory and criticism, rhetoric, and aesthetics, gender and queer studies, U.S. government, Congress, intellectual history, economics (business culture), internal and foreign policy, and philosophy
- **Additional Qualifications:** Associate or full professor; experience directing Ph.D. students.
- **Language:** Lecturing is in English. Translation assistance is available.



American Studies Award in Singapore (teaching/research)

- **Grant Activity:** Teach one or more courses in the following areas: The United States in the Asia-Pacific Region and History of American Strategic Thought. Teach approximately 50-100 undergraduate students during the semester. Lectures are two hours each week for 13 weeks. Other activities include running tutorials involving 2-4 groups of students meeting for 2 hour sessions between 2 and 4 times during the semester. There is a total of 58 teaching hours. Other responsibilities include conducting at least one department seminar. Conduct research in field of specialization. Seventy percent of grantee's time will be spent teaching and 30% will be spent on research.
- **Specialization(s):** American History
- **Additional Qualifications:** PhD in relevant field with at least 5 years of teaching experience. Preference is for a senior scholar.
- **Location(s):** Department of History, National University of Singapore
- **Starting Date:** grant can start either on July 1, 2011 or on January 5, 2012



Research Opportunities

- **Award projects are self-designed**
- **Applicants should confirm affiliation abroad, if possible**
- **Letter of interest or support from prospective host institution is recommended**
- **Record of research publication necessary**
- **Proficiency in local language may be necessary**
- **Research topics may require host government approval**

Q&A

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