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FULBRIGHT



**An Introduction to
Fulbright Scholar Grants for
U.S. Faculty and Professionals at
Community Colleges
and Small Liberal Arts Institutions**

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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.”

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)**

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**

Language Requirements

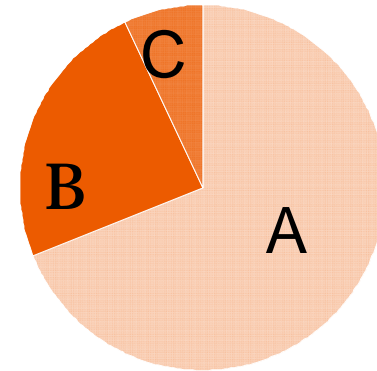
- **English is sufficient for most lecturing awards**
- **Research awards require knowledge of language as appropriate for project**
- **Latin American countries may require Spanish or Portuguese**
- **Francophone Africa generally requires French**
- **Some awards in the Middle East require Arabic**

Awards in more than 125 Countries

- **More than 800 Grants for
Faculty
Administrators
Professionals**
- **Two to twelve months**
- **Seminars 2-3 weeks**

Worldwide Opportunities

- **Four types of awards**
 - **Teaching**
 - **Research**
 - **Teaching/
Research**
 - **Seminars**



- A. Teaching or Teaching/Research 67%**
- B. Research 26%**
- C. Seminars 7%**

Multi-Country Opportunities

- **African Regional Research Program (sub-Saharan)**
- **Middle East and North Africa Regional Research Program**
- **South and Central Asia Regional Research Program**
- **Europe: EU Affairs Research, Austrian-Hungarian Research Award**
- **Western Hemisphere: Canada/Mexico Joint Award in North American Studies, Argentina/Uruguay Lecturing/Research Award in Environmental Sciences**

How to Apply for the Fulbright Core Program

- Go to CIES Web site www.cies.org
 - Use online Catalog of Awards and application
 - Read program overview, Guidelines, Frequently Asked Questions and Tips for Applying
 - Consult Web site for updated award information **(DEADLINE AUGUST 2)**
 - Use CIES Website to sign up for monthly electronic publication [The Fulbright Scholar News](#)

Selecting an Award

- **Country?**
- **Activity? - Teach, research or do both**
- **Check discipline and professional indices**
 - **All Disciplines awards – 50% of all grants**
- **Read award descriptions and stipend information**
- **Faculty from teaching-centered institutions are stronger candidates for awards focused on teaching undergraduates**
- **Contact CIES program officer(s) for more information about awards and countries**

Countries with awards particularly suited to Community Colleges – 2011-2012

- **Albania**
- **Azerbaijan**
- **Bangladesh**
- **Barbados and Eastern Caribbean**
- **Cambodia**
- **Chad**
- **Cyprus**
- **Democrat Republic of the Congo**
- **Denmark**
- **Dominican Republic**
- **El Salvador**
- **Georgia**
- **Germany**
- **Guatemala**
- **Guinea**
- **Honduras**
- **India**
- **Indonesia**
- **Japan**
- **Jordan**
- **Kazakhstan**
- **Kuwait**
- **Kyrgyzstan**
- **Macedonia**
- **Malawi**
- **Mali**
- **Mexico**
- **Mongolia**
- **Morocco**
- **Namibia**
- **Nicaragua**
- **Niger**
- **Norway**
- **Oman**
- **Pakistan**
- **Panama**
- **Paraguay**
- **Philippines**
- **Russian Federation**
- **Rwanda**
- **Tajikistan**
- **Tunisia**
- **Turkmenistan**
- **Ukraine**
- **United Arab Emirates**
- **Uzbekistan**
- **Venezuela**
- **Vietnam**

Note: it is worth exploring awards in other countries as well.

Components of Online Application

- **Application Form**
- **Project Statement**
- **Curriculum Vitae or Resume**
- **Course Outlines or Syllabi (for lecturing 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**

Making Contacts Abroad

- **International office, faculty, students on campus**
- **International divisions of professional associations**
- **Online U.S. and Visiting Fulbright Scholar Lists**
- **CIES program officer may be able to help**
- **University search Web sites such as:**
 - **Braintrack - www.braintrack.com**
 - **Library of Congress Portals to the World – <http://www.loc.gov/rr/international/portals.html>**

Submitting a Competitive Application

- **Be sure your expertise matches award and your experience qualifies you for all award activities**
- **Follow instructions and format precisely**
- **Write a clear, focused project statement**
- **Focus on what you plan to DO--not your biography**
 - **Write so that people outside your field can understand your project and its value**
 - **Contributions of your grant - to host and to home institutions**

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- **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**
 - **Consider how each part of application relates to the whole and supports your candidacy**
 - **Organize carefully – don't make reviewers search**
 - **Meet all eligibility requirements and application deadline**

TIPS: The Project Statement

- **Vital part of a successful application package**
- **Must be persuasive**
- **Must explain**
 - **What the applicant proposes to do**
 - **How it will be done**
 - **Why it is important to do it**
 - **Why the applicant wants to do it**

TIPS: For All Awards

- **Do your homework: research host country and institution and award particulars**
- **Limit discussion on project background; use bibliography instead**
- **Know that collaborative projects are more compelling**
- **For Teaching/Research awards, amount of attention in proposal to respective activities should match award description**

What Reviewers Look For

- **Match between award and application**
- **Teaching ability and record**
- **Publication and scholarly record in relation to career stage**
- **Applicant's adaptability and cultural sensitivity**
- **Merits of proposal**
 - **Innovative project and methodology**
 - **Feasibility**
 - **Value to discipline, scholar, host country and institution**
- **Demonstrated need to be in country for project**

Review Process and Timetable

- **August** - Program officers review applications for eligibility, completeness, etc.
- **September** - Discipline review committees read applications electronically. They provide a preliminary review from a discipline specific perspective.
- **September-November** U.S. peer review committees read based on world area.

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- **November through January** - Applicants receive notice of their status, either recommended or not recommended
 - **February through May** - Applications of recommended candidates are forwarded to the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board (final approval) and to host countries. Applicants are notified as approvals are given (
 - **May through June** - Grant Packets are sent to grantees
 - **Enjoy your Fulbright Experience!**

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**
- **Consult Award descriptions at www.CIES.org**

Thank you

For more information, visit
www.CIES.org



Additional Opportunities for U.S. Scholars:

- **Fulbright Specialists Program**
- **Seminars for International Education Administrators**
- **German Studies Seminar**

Fulbright Specialists Program

- **Two- to six-week consulting and/or lecturing opportunities with foreign colleagues and institutions**
- **Online application to Fulbright Specialist roster with rolling deadline**
- **Academic matchmaking: academic institutions overseas develop projects and request specialists from the roster**
- **Opportunity to collaborate with existing contacts and further develop institutional linkages**
- **Not for conducting research**

Seminars for International Education Administrators

- **Two to three-week group programs in Germany, India, Japan and Korea**
- **Open to full-time education administrators directly involved with international programs**
- **Program in Germany also open to specialists in career services, alumni relations, or development**
- **Application Deadlines:**

India

AUGUST 2

Japan & Korea

NOVEMBER 1

Germany

FEBRUARY 1



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German Studies Seminar

- **25 grantees annually participate in an intensive two to three-week group summer seminar in Germany**
- **Open to scholars in fields related to that year's topic or in German Studies**
- **Previous Topics:**
 - The Impact of Science on Policy Formation (2008)**
 - Germany's Future: New Parties – New Solutions? (2009)**
- **Application Deadline: NOVEMBER 20, 2010**

Opportunities for Visiting (Non-US) Scholars

- **Traditional Fulbright Visiting Scholar Program**
- **Occasional Lecturer Fund (OLF)**
- **Fulbright Scholar-In-Residence (SIR) Program**

Traditional 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**



Benefits to Community Colleges of Hosting Visiting Scholars

- **International perspective to school/community**
- **Expose students who may not be free for study abroad to international faculty**
- **Networking opportunity for your faculty**
- **Promote name recognition overseas**
- **Internationalize campus and programs with minimum cost to host institution**
- **Minimum visa delays, as program is sponsored by U.S. government**

Fulbright Occasional Lecturer Fund (OLF)

- **Travel support for Fulbright Visiting Scholars already in the U.S. to visit other campuses for short-term guest lecturing**
- **Benefits of OLF to Visiting Scholars**
 - **Network with colleagues and share research interests**
 - **Experience the diversity in U.S. higher education**
- **Benefits of OLF to institutions**
 - **Networking for US faculty**
 - **Contributes to the internationalization of campuses**
- **Contact: <http://www.cies.org/olf/>**



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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**
- **Requires the application be made by the interested U.S. institution. Deadline is **OCTOBER 15****
- **Contact: SIR@cies.iie.org**



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What Scholars-in-Residence Can Do on U.S. Campuses

- **Teach regular courses from a comparative or foreign-area perspective**
- **Serve as resource people for faculty and students in interdisciplinary programs or courses with international themes**
- **Create or assist in developing new courses or programs**
- **Participate in special seminars or colloquia**
- **Interact with primary and secondary schools through lectures, curriculum development, and other programs**

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
- **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/ope/iegps