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

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## TODAY'S WEBINAR: WHAT TO EXPECT

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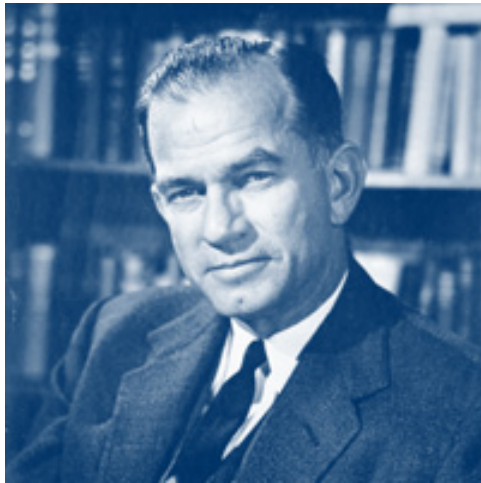
- A brief overview of the Fulbright *“Scholar-in-Residence”* Program
- Tips and suggestions for building a successful institutional proposal

### Part two:

- 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.

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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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## **General Facts About the Fulbright *Scholar in Residence (SIR) Program***

- **SIR Program is a significant component for it:**
- **Is the only program which exclusively serves US institutions in the internationalization efforts of higher education**
- **Brings scholars and professionals from abroad to the U.S. to teach primarily in undergraduate level for one semester or academic year**
- **Sponsored by U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA)**
- **Administered by the Council for International Exchange of Scholars (CIES)**



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## Program Objective

**The objective of the Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence (SIR) Program is to bring scholars and professionals from abroad to U.S. colleges and universities to internationalize host institutions' campuses, curricula and communities.**



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## Preferred Institutions for the SIR Program

**Preference is given to institutions that:**

- *infrequently or have not hosted Visiting Scholars*
- **serve student populations underrepresented in international exchange programs**

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## **Targeted institutions include:**

- **Small liberal arts colleges**
  - **Community colleges**
- **Historically Black Colleges and Universities**
  - **Hispanic-Serving Institutions**
  - **Tribal Colleges and Universities, and**
  - **Other Minority Serving Institutions\***

*\* Schools whose student enrollment is 50% racial/ethnic minorities*

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## **Application and Award Process for Grants begin Fall 2010**

- **April 2010 – Marks the opening month of the competition**
- **April – Oct 15, 2010: Application period** (CIES welcomes drafts for review if submitted before Sep 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010)
- **October 15, 2010: Institutional Proposal due at CIES by close of business day.**
- **Late November/early December 2010: External independent committee reviews proposals and makes recommendations for the Department of State and Fulbright Scholarship Board Approval**
- **January 2011: CIES notifies applicants of review outcome**
- **January-February 2011: Department of State and the Fulbright Scholarship Board review and approve recommended institutional proposals**
- **January-April 2011: Fulbright Commissions and U.S. Embassies abroad recruit and/or review prospective scholars.**
- **April –May 2011: Final grantee decision made among Host Institution, State Department, CIES and Fulbright Overseas Offices.**
- **May 2011 onward: CIES completes award's processing and issues grant packets for selected SIRs**
- **Summer 2011: CIES and Fulbright Overseas Offices finalize SIR's arrival to the respective Host Institution**

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## **SIR Grant Benefits**

- **Monthly stipend ranging from \$2,500 to \$2,900 (depending on the cost of living in the city where the Scholar will reside)**
- **Round-trip international travel, an excess-baggage allowance**
- **Settling-in allowance: \$500**
- **Professional allowance: one semester \$400 and \$750 two semesters.**
- **A dependent allowance for up to two qualifying dependents: \$200- \$350**
- **For full academic-year awards, the grant also provides round-trip travel for one qualifying dependent**
- **Basic accident and sickness coverage for the scholar only!**

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## **SIR: a *Cost-Sharing* program**

**Institutional Financial support should be provided to all Fulbright SIRs in the form of:**

**Salary Supplement  
and/or**

**In-Kind Support (could include housing, meals, car, travel to professional meetings in the area, etc)**

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## **Instructions for writing the proposal**

- **Be succinct and focused in your narrative**
- **Describe your institutional short and long term goals for developing or strengthening its international curriculum.**
- **What's your institution's current and previous experience with international or area/global studies programs.**
- **Describe the international programs that will be enhanced by the participation of the visiting scholar.**

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## Proposed Program for the Scholar

**Include a *detailed description* of:**

- **The academic program and courses your prospective scholar will teach.**
- **Other *campus activities* and *academic duties* the scholar will undertake during the program.**
- ***Community wide activities* with the scholar**
- ***Professional enrichment* for the scholar**

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## **Fulbright SIR Program: Scholar Selection**

**A foreign scholar participates in this program in two different ways:**

**a) Institutional proposal *names a scholar***

**b) Institutional proposal *requests recruitment of a scholar.***

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## Naming a scholar

- **If you are naming a scholar, *be specific about the reasons* for selecting that particular individual**
- **Relate *scholar's qualifications* to the proposed activities**
- **Include *letters of references* from people who can speak about the scholar's unique professional and academic qualities**
- **Preference is given to scholars who have not taught in the United States within the last 5 years**
- ***SIR must not be a US citizen or Green Card Holder***
- ***Must be fluent in English to teach at the college level***

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## Requesting recruitment for a scholar

Include a *detailed description* of:

- ***Qualifications*** your institution requires for the recruited scholar.
- ***Discipline and field of expertise*** about which you wish the scholar to be particularly knowledgeable
- ***Academic level and years of experience*** the future scholar should have.
- ***Provide a justification*** as to why a scholar with the qualifications you require would be ***a good match*** for the proposed program.

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## **Institutional Benefits resulting from the SIR Program:**

**If awarded with the Fulbright SIR Program, your institution will be able to:**

- **Address curricular needs and interests while expanding your institutional capacity.**
- **Internationalize your academic curricula**
- **Enhance international experience for your students faculty and staff throughout the campus**
- **Foster partnerships with other institutions and organizations in your area.**
- **Provide unique international opportunity for visiting scholars to experience America**



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# Q&A

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