

# Fulbright Scholar Program

## *Represent American Scholarship Abroad*



## 2012–2013 Opportunities for Community College Faculty

### WHY DO COMMUNITY COLLEGE FACULTY MAKE GREAT FULBRIGHT SCHOLARS?

- They often teach students with different cultural backgrounds, learning styles and native languages, preparing them to teach cross-culturally when abroad.
- They are student-oriented and foster strong faculty-student interactions, a trait desired abroad.
- They can take advantage of the strong contacts many community colleges have with institutions abroad.
- They teach several classes, allowing their many students to benefit from their Fulbright experience when they return.

### SOME OF THE MANY DISCIPLINES IN WHICH COMMUNITY COLLEGE FACULTY CAN APPLY

- American studies (including American literature, American history and American politics)
- Agriculture
- Art and Creative Writing
- Communications
- Information Science
- Journalism
- TEFL
- Applied fields such as arts management, business, vocational and community education, computer science, conflict resolution, criminal justice, public health, social work, nursing

### SOME COUNTRIES WITH AWARDS THAT MAY BE PARTICULARLY SUITED TO COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND APPLICANTS' STRENGTHS\*

- Albania
- Azerbaijan
- Bangladesh
- Barbados and Eastern Caribbean
- Cambodia
- Chad
- Cyprus
- Democratic Republic of the Congo
- Denmark
- Dominican Republic
- El Salvador
- Georgia
- Germany
- Guatemala
- 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
- Singapore
- Tajikistan
- Tunisia
- Turkmenistan
- Ukraine
- United Arab Emirates
- Uzbekistan
- Venezuela
- Vietnam

*\*NOTE: It is worth looking at awards in other countries as well.*

### STRATEGIES FOR THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE APPLICANT

- Use the tools provided on the CIES Web site (tips for applying, country pages, scholar stories and search functions) to locate the ideal award and create the strongest application.
- Even when the award does not require it, applications are stronger with a letter of invitation from abroad. Improve your chances by securing contacts in the intended host country.

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- Demonstrate in your application that you have done thorough research about the country, the institution and its needs to show you have laid the groundwork for a successful grant.
- Find and apply for an award in which the needs of the host institution closely match your interests and experience, for example, lecturing to undergraduates. Contact the appropriate CIES program officer for help and advice.
- Indicate in the project statement that community colleges are often student-oriented, allowing you to develop the ability to foster strong faculty-student interactions.
- For a lecturing award, emphasize that you are well prepared to teach cross-culturally if your institution serves a broad range of students with different cultural backgrounds, learning styles, ages and native languages.
- Choose your teaching reference carefully, ideally someone who has observed and evaluated your teaching, such as a department chair. Make sure all references are current.
- Create your syllabus carefully. It should be closely related to what the award requires you teach and as current as possible in terms of course content and teaching methodology.
- Include information on how you will use the grant experience to benefit your institution when you return. Also, for grants with a research component, the requirement to disseminate results on your return can be satisfied through presentations at association meetings as well as through publication.
- For combination lecturing/research awards, consider pointing out to reviewers that at a community college teaching loads are heavy. This means that you are able both to handle the teaching load of the award and to benefit from the new opportunity provided by the research portion of the award.
- Demonstrate that, if a foreign language is required, you are able to conduct research or lecture in it.

## APPLICATION DEADLINES

- Core Fulbright Scholar Program and International Education Administrators Program (India): *August 1*
- German Studies Seminar and International Education Administrators Program (Japan and Korea): *November 1*
- International Education Administrators Program (Germany): *February 1*

For more information and application materials, visit [www.iie.org/cies](http://www.iie.org/cies), e-mail [scholars@iie.org](mailto:scholars@iie.org) or call 202.686.4000.

## OTHER FULBRIGHT OPPORTUNITIES FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGE FACULTY

### Community College Administrators Seminar - Russia

- Two weeks
- The role of community colleges in higher education and the community
- <http://catalog.cies.org/viewAward.aspx?n=2332>

### Fulbright-Hays Seminars Abroad—Bilateral Projects

- Offering four- to six-week cultural orientation opportunities during the summer months to up to six countries
- Open to disciplines in the humanities and social science, including area studies and foreign language; curriculum specialists; administrators; library, resource and media specialists; and museum educators
- [www.ed.gov/HEP/iegpssap/index.html](http://www.ed.gov/HEP/iegpssap/index.html)

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