

Fulbright Specialists Roster

The Fulbright Specialists Program differs from the traditional Fulbright Scholar competition in that CIES builds a roster of specialists in a variety of fields through an online application process. Applicants recommended by independent specialist peer review committees and approved by the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board become candidates for Fulbright Specialists awards.

Timeline

With shorter grant lengths, you'll have greater flexibility to choose a time during the year that works best with your current academic or professional commitments. Applications for the Fulbright Specialists Program are accepted on a rolling basis and peer review is conducted eight times per year.

Non-U.S. post-secondary academic institutions submit Specialists project requests through the appropriate Fulbright office in their country. Once approved by the Fulbright Commission or U.S. Embassy, the Specialist project request is forwarded to the U.S. Department of State for final approval. CIES contacts Specialist candidates to ascertain their interest and availability for appropriate projects.

Consult www.cies.org/specialists for complete details.

Available disciplines

Agriculture
Anthropology
Applied linguistics/TEFL
Archaeology
Business administration
Communications and journalism
Economics
Education
Environmental science
Information technology
Law
Library science
Peace and conflict resolution
Political science
Public administration
Public/global health
Sociology
Social work
U.S. studies—i.e., art, art history, dance, history, literature, music, popular culture, religion and theater
Urban planning



Helaine Selin, left, is pictured with Roddam Narasimha of the Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research in Bangalore, India. Selin spent her time in India working to produce the Encyclopedia of Classical Indian Sciences. Selin is a science librarian and editor at Hampshire College in Amherst, MA.

Program Goals

The goals of the Fulbright Specialists Program are to:

- increase the participation of leading U.S. scholars and professionals in Fulbright academic exchanges,
- encourage new activities that go beyond the traditional Fulbright activities of lecturing and research, and
- promote increased connections between U.S. and non-U.S. post-secondary academic institutions.

Whatever your contributions, chances are you'll return home with an even broader cultural perspective in your own academic discipline or professional field.

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For more information about the Fulbright Scholar Program, please visit our Web site, write or call:

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Fulbright Specialists Program

Designed to provide short-term academic opportunities (grant lengths range from **two to six weeks**) for U.S. faculty and professionals, the **Fulbright Specialists Program** is one of several Fulbright initiatives administered by the Council for International Exchange of Scholars (CIES).

Grantees have the opportunity to participate in a variety of new and exciting activities. The opportunities are numerous. For example, you can collaborate with counterparts in another country on curriculum and faculty development, assist in institutional planning, deliver a series of lectures or provide other expertise, depending on a host institution's interests and needs.

Mohammad Islam, center, is pictured with his students at the Ukrainian University of Banking in Sumy, Ukraine. Islam, an economist with the U.S. Department of the Treasury, lectured on U.S. banking and services to graduate students and young professors. He also assisted with curriculum development and helped build ties between the Academy and U.S. universities and institutions.



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Not sure where a Fulbright Specialists grant can take you? Just ask Mark Alter, a professor in the New York University Steinhardt School of Education. At Hanoi University of Education, Alter conducted lectures, seminars and discussions on classroom education for students with disabilities. Professor Alter recalls, “We made learning a collective activity, a dynamic process in which we exchanged ideas, perceptions and practices.” Alter appreciated his “incredible opportunity” to meet with parents of children with autism and to visit schools. Citing Vietnam’s commitment to children with disabilities and their families, he observed that “All education springs from an optimistic image of the future.”

Dan Berkowitz, associate professor of communications and journalism at the University of Iowa, was awarded a serial grant to help develop and implement curriculum for a new master’s program, titled “Communication for Social and Behavior Change,” within the Caribbean Institute of Media and Communication at the University of the West Indies in Kingston, Jamaica. The master’s program is the first of its kind in the Caribbean and is designed to produce communicators with special skills in behavior-change strategies that can be applied to small island developing states,



Mark Alter visited schools and conducted lectures, seminars and discussions on classroom education for students with disabilities while visiting Hanoi University of Education.

as well as other developing countries in Africa, Asia and South America.

Katherine Tyson, a professor at Loyola University of Chicago, immersed herself in Lithuanian culture during her Specialists grant to Vytautas Magnus University. Despite many sociological and cultural differences, Tyson and her hosts found profound areas in common when it came to social work and healing human relationships. Over the course of her 16-day stay, Tyson traveled to eight different communities and met with social workers, parents, community leaders and faculty while attending seminars that explored the future of clinical social work in Lithuania. Through her research and teaching, Tyson uncovered many social work practices that she hopes to further in the United States.

Program Activities

Fulbright Specialists activities are designed to provide U.S. faculty and professionals with opportunities to collaborate with overseas colleagues on a variety of projects, including:

- conducting needs assessments and surveys,
- taking part in specialized academic programs and conferences,
- consulting with administrators and instructors on faculty development,
- presenting lectures at graduate and undergraduate levels,
- participating in or leading seminars or workshops,
- developing and/or assessing academic curricula or educational materials and
- conducting faculty-training programs.

Note: Personal research is not funded through the Fulbright Specialists Program.

Dan Berkowitz, below right, is pictured with the master’s students he taught while at the Caribbean Institute of Media and Communication at the University of the West Indies in Kingston, Jamaica.



How to Apply

If you would like to apply, please visit www.cies.org/specialists and submit your application online. For additional information you may contact program staff at **202.686.4026** or fulspec@cies.iie.org.

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