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Spotlight on India

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Mission

• In partnership with 160 countries worldwide, Fulbright offers passionate and accomplished faculty, administrator, artists, journalists, lawyers, and other professionals from all backgrounds an unparalleled opportunity to study, teach, or conduct research.

• Our mission is to foster mutual understanding between nations, advance knowledge across communities, and improve lives around the world.

A Brief History

• Established in 1946 by Congress, Fulbright is the United States government’s flagship international educational and cultural exchange program.

• Fulbright is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State with funding provided by the U.S. Government and administered by the Institute of International Education.
Diversity and Inclusion

Fulbright strives to ensure that it reflects the diversity of U.S. society and societies abroad. We encourage the involvement of people from traditionally underrepresented audiences in all our grants, programs and other initiatives.

Opportunities are open to people regardless of their race, color, national origin, sex, age, religion, geographic location, socioeconomic status, disability, sexual orientation or gender identity.
Fulbright by the Numbers

The Fulbright Program funds over 8,000 awards annually:

- 800 U.S. scholars and administrators
- 900 visiting scholars
- 2,200 U.S. students
- 4,000 foreign students
- 400+ language teaching assistants

Approximately 390,000 “Fulbrighters” have participated in the program since its inception in 1946.
Eligibility for U.S. Scholar Program

- U.S. citizenship
- Degree and experience, as required by award:
  - Ph.D. or other terminal degree
  - MA and higher education teaching or professional experience
  - Professional and/or artistic experience with substantial accomplishments
  - Teaching experience
- Compliance with policies on previous Fulbright Scholar awards and waiting periods between grants
India: Overview

• Largest program offering in the Scholar Program: up to 44 grants
• Teaching, research, and professional project opportunities
• Variety of eligible institutions; invitation letter optional
• Support from Fulbright Commission in New Delhi
• Mid-year Conference in India
• Regional Travel Grant available
Teaching and Research Opportunities

**Fulbright-Nehru Academic and Professional Excellence Award** (42 grants)
- 4-9 months
- Teaching, Research, Teaching + Research
- **New:** Professional Project option
- PhD or terminal degree not required
- Flex option and dependent benefits available

**Fulbright-Nehru Distinguished Chair Award** (2 grants)
- 4 months
- Teaching or Teaching + Research
Fulbrighter Insights

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Host Institution: National School of Drama, Tripura
Teaching grant: August 2019 – January 2020

Project Title: The Creative and the Critical: Transforming Learning through Artistic Practice
Fulbright Scholar to India Daniel A. Kelin
National School of Drama
Agartala, Tripura
Application Components

Requirements:

• Application Form
• Project Statement
• Curriculum Vitae or Resume
• 2 Letters of Recommendation
• Language Proficiency Report (if required)
• Letter of Invitation (if required)

Supplemental Materials:

• Course outlines or syllabi (for teaching)
• Select bibliography (for research)
• Portfolio submissions (for artists, architects, and journalists)
Project Statement

• Describe your proposed project in 3 – 5 pages.

• Focus on what you plan to do, the specific courses you plan to teach, the goals of your research, your methods.

• Explain the anticipated impact of your award on your hosts, home institution and you.

Supplemental Questions

• Why Fulbright? (1,000 characters)

• Why this country? (2,000 characters)

• How adaptable are you? How well will you deal with challenging situations? (1,000 characters)

• How will you adapt your materials for to host culture (2,000 characters)
Affiliations and Invitations

- Non-binding expression of interest from proposed host abroad
- Should come from person with whom you will be collaborating
- Should be on host institution letterhead
Successful Past Projects

Building Bridges: Cross-Cultural Musical Understanding and Creative Composition
Host Institution: University of Delhi (Teaching/Research)

An Ethnography of Solar Energescapes in India
Host Institution: University of Kerala (Research)

Statistical and Machine Learning Methods for Big Data Analysis
Host Institution: Amity University (Research)

Studying Environmental Education and Literacy on the Andaman and Nicobar Islands
Host Institution: Dakshin Foundation (Research)

Improving the Storage of Perishables for Smallholder Farmers: Non-Obvious, but Practical Solutions
Host Institution: Indian Agricultural Research Institute (Teaching/Research)
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