FULBRIGHT Scholar Program
Fulbright Outreach Lecturing Fund
Host Fulbright Visiting Scholars Virtually

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Fulbright Program 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.
Virtual Outreach Lecturing Fund (OLF)

- Grant for Fulbright Visiting Scholars already in the U.S. for guest lectures
- Institutionally driven application by U.S. Host Institutions
- Scholar can meet, lecture, and exchange ideas with
  - Faculty and students
  - Community organizations
  - K-12 schools
- Fall 2020 – 85 scholar still in-country. List of interested scholars online.
- Email: OLF@iie.org
Institutions Served by Fulbright OLF

The focus of the OLF is to engage with institutions that are underrepresented within the Fulbright program. These include:

- American Indian and Alaskan Native Serving Institutions (AIANSIs)
- Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander Serving Institutions (AANAPISIs)
- Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSIs)
- Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs)
- Predominantly Black Institutions (PBIs)
- Community Colleges
- Small Liberal Arts Colleges
- Rural colleges and universities

Institutions may also consider partnering with other institutions in their area.
OLF Program Objectives

- Help U.S. colleges and universities to internationalize by inviting Fulbright Visiting Scholars to speak with their community

- The Outreach Lecturing Fund hopes to engage with campuses who are traditionally underrepresented within the Fulbright Program

- Enables Fulbright Visiting Scholars who are currently in the United States to accept guest lecturing invitations at other U.S. colleges and universities
Benefits for OLF Host Institutions

- Provides international engagement opportunities for U.S. students, faculty and staff
- Fosters future academic partnerships with U.S. higher education institutions, the OLF scholar, and his/her home institution
- Offers increased awareness and participation of the impact of the Fulbright Program
- Access to leading scholars from around the world.
Benefits for Fulbright Visiting Scholars

- Opportunity for visiting scholars to share their Fulbright projects and culture with new audiences
- Expansions of scholar’s network with faculty and administrators of another U.S. institution and various organizations in the area where they present
Virtual Eligibility Requirements

The Host Institutions should:

- Be an accredited U.S. college or university
- Host the lecture on their own digital platform and consider sharing the registration link within their local community

The Fulbright Visiting Scholar must:

- Be a current Fulbright Visiting Scholar grantee in the United States
- Be on a Fulbright Grant longer than three months
- Possess a U.S. Social Security Number and a U.S. bank account
Annual Events to host an OLF

- International Education Week (November 16-20, 2020)
- Black History Month
- Chinese New Year
- Women’s History Month
- Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month
- Hispanic Heritage Month
- American Indian Heritage Month
- Hispanic-Serving Institution Week
- National HBCU Week
Examples of Past OLFs

**Culturally Focused Lectures**
- Downstairs at Downton Abbey: Class in Edwardian England
- Pakistan: The Land of Diversity
- Ghanaian Dance Workshop
- EU of 2018: Political Participation of Young People in the EU
- Peacebuilding: Conflict vs. Post-conflict Politics: The Case of Bosnia
- Hungary’s Identity, Customs, Culture and Traditions

**Research Focused Lectures**
- STEM Education Opportunities for Tribal College Students in the Health Fields
- Unraveling Europe’s Refugee “Crisis”
- Brexit and the Future of Transatlantic Relations
- The Israeli-Palestinian Conflict
- Iran: A New Power on the Rise?
- Mechanical Engineering Principles for Designing Wind Turbines
- The Evolutionary Study of Art
OLF Application Process

1. **Identify** a scholar you would like to invite by searching the Fulbright Visiting Scholar List on our website
2. **Contact** the scholar through his or her Faculty Associate, (or OLF team) inviting the scholar to give a guest lecture to students and/or faculty
3. **Apply** for OLF travel award funding after you and the scholar have solidified details regarding the lecture

**Bringing a Fulbright Visiting Scholar to guest lecture on your campus is EASY**
How to Apply

- Register an Account in the online application

- Produce and upload a letter of invitation to lecture at a U.S. college and university. Checklist online.

- Upload letter from the Scholar’s Faculty Associate (at the primary hosting institution) Template here.

- Ensure that the lecture does not take place within the last three weeks of the scholar’s grant period

- Submit online application at least two weeks in advance of the proposed OLF lecture

- Please allow at least 1 week for us to respond to your application.

- In lieu of a travel award, scholars will receive a $250 honorarium for every approved application that takes place (not per lecture)
OLF Slate Application

OLF Eligibility Form

- Are you applying on behalf of a U.S. institution?
  - Yes
  - No

- Does your institution define itself as any of the following categories? (Check all that apply)
  - Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs)
  - Predominantly Black Institutions (PBIs)
  - Tribal Colleges and Universities (TCUs)
  - Community Colleges
  - Small Liberal Arts Colleges
  - Rural colleges and universities
  - Women’s colleges
  - Minority Serving Institutions
  - None of the above

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What Should an Invitation Letter Say?

- **Purpose(s) of the visit at the OLF host institution**
- **Dates and type of activities and presentations the scholar will engage in**
- **Honorarium amount, if offered (not required)**
- **Suggested collaboration with another neighboring institution, especially other priority institutions such as:**
  - Minority Serving Institutions (MSIs)
  - Community Colleges (CC)
  - Small Liberal Arts Institutions (LAC)
  - Geographically underrepresented Institutions
- **Online checklist**
After the Visit is Over...

OLF Hosts

- OLF Online Evaluation Form
- Articles, stories, pictures and videos for publication on the Fulbright Scholar Blog

OLF Scholars:

- Register for IIEPay through their Program Advisor
- SSN (to the Scholar Portal)
- Scholar stories and pictures
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