Outreach Lecturing Fund
Travel Awards to Host Fulbright Visiting Scholars

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The Fulbright Program

“We must try to expand the boundaries of human wisdom, empathy and perception, and there is no way of doing that except through education.”
— Senator J. William Fulbright
OLF Program Objectives

• Help U.S. colleges and universities to internationalize by inviting Fulbright Visiting Scholars to their campuses

• 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 her/his 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

• Unique opportunity for visiting scholars to experience different areas of the United States

• 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
Application Process

• Institutions apply on behalf of the scholar

• Applications are encouraged to include visits to more than one institution

• At least one of the institutions visited must be a Priority Institution, this can include:
  • Minority Serving Institutions (MSI)
  • Community Colleges
  • Small Liberal Arts Colleges
  • Geographically Underrepresented Institutions
  • Women’s Colleges
  • Art Institutions, and
  • Rural Institutions
Eligibility Requirements

The Host Institutions must:

• Be an accredited U.S. college or university
• Be located at least 75 miles away from the scholar’s U.S. host institution
• Cover lodging, local transportation, meals, and incidentals*

*Supplemental Funding may be available upon request

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
A Cost Sharing Program

Funds Provided through Fulbright:

• Airfare
• Transportation to and from the airport

Host Institution Cost Share: *

• Local transportation
• Lodging
• Meals

*Supplemental Funding may be available upon request
U.S. Host Institutions

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

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 CIES 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.
Outreach Lecturing Fund Application Overview

The U.S. Department of State provides funding, known as the Outreach Lecturing Fund (OLF), through the Council for International Exchange of Scholars (CIES), to enable Fulbright Visiting Scholars who are in the United States, for a grant longer than three months, to accept guest lecturing invitations at colleges and universities throughout the U.S.

Host institutions must complete these two steps to obtain Travel Award approval for the Fulbright Visiting Scholar:

1. Complete the OLF Application Form
2. Email the Application Form together with a Letter of Invitation to OLF@ieic.org

You should receive a letter of funding approval (or disapproval) for your application from CIES within one business week.


1. Tips for a Successful OLF
2. Application Form
   OLF Flyer Template
3. Evaluation Form - Online Survey
   Payment Authorization Form
   Blog Submission Guidelines
How to Apply

• Produce a letter of invitation to lecture at a U.S. college or university

• Complete and submit the OLF application form and Invitation Flyer www.cies.org/olf

• Ensure that the lecture does not take place within the last month of the scholar’s grant period and is between 2-6 days in length

• Email completed application and letter of invitation to olf@iie.org at least 30 days in advance of your proposed OLF visit

• Once the scholar receives the approval email from CIES, they can then purchase their ticket or arrange other transportation for the trip

• Please allow at least 1 week for us to respond to your application. Additionally, ensure that applications are only submitted once, multiple applications will result in a slower processing time
What Should an Invitation Letter Say

• Purpose(s) of the visit at the OLF host institution
• Type of activities the scholar will engage in and dates of the visit
• Commitment from the host institution to provide housing, meals, and local transportation
• 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
After the Visit is Over...

• OLF Scholars and Hosts are required to submit the following documents to olf@iie.org:

  - OLF Hosts:
    • OLF Online Evaluation Form (one for every campus visited)
    • Articles, stories, pictures and videos for publication on the Fulbright Scholar Blog

  - OLF Scholars:
    • Electronic Fund Transfer Form and Voided Check (to the Scholar Portal)
    • SSN (Please speak with your Program Advisor on how to submit)
    • Scholar stories and pictures
International Education Week

• Jefferson State Community College
  • Irish Scholar lectured at all 4 campuses
    • Marriage and Family Class
    • Post-Conflict Northern Ireland
    • History Class Lecture
    • International Movement to Prevent Violence Against Women

• Northeastern Illinois University
  • Mexican Scholar who also lectured at Chicago Math and Science Academy and Sullivan High School
    • Empowering the Youth through International Education
    • School environment, academic success and cultural identity of migrant students.
    • Strategies for adaptation to the school environment, academic success and cultural identity of migrant
Examples of Past OLFs

Culturally Focused Lectures

- Downstairs at Downton Abbey: Class in Edwardian England
- Pakistan: The Land of Diversity
- Ghanaian Dance Workshop
- A Tale of Two Revolutions: Popular Culture and Literature in Egypt

Research Focused Lectures

- Infectious Diseases Epidemiology and Zika Virus
- Deforestation and Climate Change Impacts in Bolivia
- Unraveling Europe's Refugee "Crisis".
- Brexit and its Consequences
- Islamophobia and its Rise in the U.S. and Europe
- “Iran: A New Power on the Rise?”
Q&A

• We will answer as many questions as we can during today’s broadcast.

• If we do not get to your question, please send an email to olf@iie.org.

• For more information on OLF, please visit www.cies.org/olf or email olf@iie.org.

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• Email me at olf@iie.org

• Contact Fulbright Scholar staff at cies.org/contact-us

• Visit www.cies.org/olf to learn more about the Outreach Lecturing Fund

• Email outreach@iie.org to appoint a Fulbright Scholar Liaison or host a Fulbright U.S. Alumni Ambassador