

Fulbright Specialist Program



BRING THE EXPERTISE OF A U.S. SCHOLAR OR PROFESSIONAL TO YOUR INSTITUTION

The Fulbright Specialist Program provides higher education institutions as well as other types of organizations outside the United States whose programs have an educational focus with the opportunity to draw on the expertise of U.S. scholars and professionals. In addition to sharing their expertise, Specialists can help develop linkages between host institutions and U.S. institutions.

The Program in Brief

- Eligibility – Non-U.S. post-secondary academic institutions and other education-focused organizations.
- Grant Length – Grants are 14-42 days in length including travel days and weekends.
- Funding – The host institution provides or funds the lodging, meals and any in-country program-related travel. The U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) pays for the grantee's international travel and a stipend.

Possible Fulbright Specialist Activities

- Conduct needs assessments, surveys and research related to institutional or program development.
- Take part in specialized academic programs and conferences in conjunction with other scheduled activities.
- Consult with administrators and scholars on faculty development.
- Present lectures at the graduate and undergraduate level.
- Participate in or lead seminars or workshops.
- Develop and/or assess academic curricula or educational materials.
- Conduct teacher-training programs at the tertiary level.

Note: These grants are not for research.

Examples of Fulbright Specialist Projects

A professor of Art Education lectured at a Nigerian university on the contribution of African-Americans to the development and growth of the visual and performing arts. He also prepared a web-based course on contemporary African and African-American arts and culture to be team taught by faculty from the host and home institution.

An associate professor of communications research visited a university in the Dominican Republic and advised the Departments of Journalism and Advertising, consulted with faculty on opportunities for completing Ph.D. programs, and counseled students on continued graduate studies.

How Institutions Apply

- Contact the Fulbright commission in your country or, if there is no Fulbright commission, the Public Affairs Section of the U.S. Embassy to:
 - Obtain information about the program
 - Request an electronic and a hard copy of the Fulbright Specialist Project Request form
 - Ascertain whether the Fulbright commission or U.S. Embassy has a deadline for submission of proposals or accepts them on a rolling basis.
- Consult with the commission or U.S. Embassy to discover the project areas of greatest interest. This is crucial to developing a competitive project.
- Determine how your institution can best utilize the skills and knowledge of a Fulbright Specialist.
- Prepare and submit the proposal.

Contact information for Fulbright commissions and the Public Affairs Section at U.S. Embassies can be found at <http://fulbright.state.gov> under the "Participating Countries" tab.



Identifying a Fulbright Specialist for Your Institution

Your institution can select a candidate from the thousands of pre-approved, highly qualified U.S. scholars and professionals in 26 academic disciplines and numerous specializations on the Fulbright Specialist Program roster. Alternatively, the Council for International Exchange of Scholars (CIES) can send a slate of the most appropriate candidates already on the roster. Scholars have a doctorate or equivalent terminal degree in their field, and professionals have recognized professional standing and accomplishments. Both academics and professionals must work in one of the eligible academic disciplines listed below and have a minimum of five years of either post-doctoral teaching experience or appropriate professional experience.

Eligible Academic Disciplines

Agriculture • American (U.S.) Studies (The following specializations with a specific U.S. focus are eligible: art, art history, dance, history, literature, music, popular culture, religion, theater and women's studies) • Anthropology • Applied Linguistics-TEFL • Archaeology • Biology Education • Business Administration • Chemistry Education • Communications and Journalism • Computer Science and Information Technology • Economics • Education • Engineering Education • Environmental Science • Law • Library Science • Math Education • Peace and Conflict Resolution Studies • Physics Education • Political Science • Public Administration • Public/Global Health • Social Work • Sociology • Urban Planning

Institutional Impact Assessments

"The input from the scholar was excellent, providing encouragement to student learning, expertise, dissemination of information about saxophone repertoire and history previously unknown to us, musical inspiration, and insight and connection to a very strong tradition of saxophone performance."

"The Specialist's visit was very fruitful both for the faculty and students. Because of his ability to share his knowledge and experience, the specialist's stay was very productive, even though it lasted only 6 weeks."

"The extent of collaboration with the University of Edinburgh, the Royal Botanic Garden and others exceeded expectations and will form a useful platform for future joint working."

For more information on the Fulbright Specialist Program please visit www.cies.org/specialists.

The Project Proposal Review Process

- The local Fulbright commission or U.S. Embassy reviews the project.
- If approved, the commission or the embassy forwards it to the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) in Washington, D.C. for final approval.
- ECA reviews the project, and if approved, it is sent to CIES for processing.
- Upon receipt of an approved project, CIES matches projects with qualified candidates from the Fulbright Specialist Roster.
- After a grantee is selected for a project, CIES administers the grant on behalf of ECA.

Timing

Once a project has been submitted to ECA, a minimum of two months is needed to process a request for a scholar or professional already on the roster. A minimum of three months is needed for a scholar or professional not on the roster at the time of the request.

Please take into account the peer review schedule for prospective roster candidates when proposing a timeframe for a project with a scholar who is not yet on the Roster. To find this information go to <http://www.cies.org/specialist>. Once there choose "Peer Review" and then "Review Calendar and Notification Dates."

