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Fulbright Program

The Fulbright Program, the U.S. Government's flagship international exchange program, is designed to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries. The Fulbright Program provides participants—chosen for their academic merit and leadership potential — with the opportunity to study, teach and conduct research, exchange ideas and contribute to finding solutions to shared international concerns.

The Fulbright Program is an important element of our country's bilateral relationships in which the U.S. and foreign governments jointly set priorities for the exchanges. The majority of the funding is provided by the U.S. Congress. Partner governments, corporations, foundations and academic institutions also provide direct and indirect support.

The Fulbright Program operates in more than 155 countries worldwide and has provided approximately 325,000 participants with the opportunity to study, teach, or conduct research in each others' countries and exchange ideas. Approximately 8,000 grants are awarded annually.

The Program was established by the U.S. Congress in 1946 under legislation introduced by the late Senator J. William Fulbright of Arkansas. It is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, which works with private non-profit organizations in the United States and with U.S. embassies and binational Fulbright Commissions abroad to administer the Program. Policy guidelines are established by the Presidentially-appointed J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board, which also selects the recipients of Fulbright awards.

FULBRIGHT SNAPSHOT

- Approximately 1,700 U.S. students and 4,000 foreign students receive Fulbright scholarships each year.
- Approximately 1,200 U.S. scholars and 900 visiting scholars receive Fulbright awards annually.
- Fulbright alumni serve in leadership positions in government, academia, business, the arts, science, media and other professional fields. Fulbright alumni are the recipients of 45 Nobel Prizes, 85 Pulitzer Prizes, 28 MacArthur Foundation Awards, and 16 U.S. Presidential Medals of Freedom.

Grant Categories and Programs

The Fulbright U.S. Student Program offers fellowships for U.S. graduating college seniors, graduate students, young professionals and artists to study abroad for one academic year. The Program also includes an *English Teaching Assistant* component.

The Fulbright Foreign Student Program enables graduate students, young professionals and artists from abroad to conduct research and study in the United States. Some scholarships are renewed after the initial year of study.

The Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant Program provides opportunities for young English teachers from overseas to refine their teaching skills, increase their English proficiency, and expand their knowledge of U.S. society and values while strengthening foreign language instruction at U.S. colleges and universities.

The International Fulbright Science and Technology Award provides grants to exceptional foreign graduate students for doctoral study at leading U.S. institutions in science, technology, engineering and related fields.

The Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program sends American scholars abroad to lecture and/or conduct research for up to a year.

The Fulbright Specialist Program sends U.S. faculty and professionals to serve as expert consultants on curriculum, faculty development, institutional planning and related subjects at overseas academic institutions for a period of 2 to 6 weeks.

The Fulbright Visiting Scholar Program and Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence Program bring foreign scholars to lecture and/or conduct postdoctoral research for up to a year at U.S. colleges and universities.

The Fulbright NEXUS Program brings together a network of junior scholars, professionals and mid-career applied researchers from the U.S. and other Western Hemisphere nations for a series of three seminar meetings and a Fulbright exchange experience.

The Fulbright Classroom Teacher Exchange Program provides opportunities for primary and secondary teachers to exchange positions with colleagues in other countries for a semester or academic year.

The Distinguished Fulbright Awards in Teaching send U.S. teachers abroad and bring international teachers to the U.S. for a semester to pursue individual projects, conduct research, and lead master classes or seminars for teachers and students.

The Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program brings outstanding mid-career professionals from developing and emerging countries to the U.S. for one year. Fellows participate in academic study and gain professional experience.

Educational and Cultural Programs

Fulbright Program participants are among the more than 40,000 academic and professional exchange program participants supported annually by the Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. Other Bureau programs include the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program and the International Visitor Leadership Program.