



**2013 Middle East and North Africa  
Fulbright Pre-Departure Orientation**

**June 29 – July 1, 2013**

**Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill**

**400 New Jersey Avenue, N.W.**

**Washington, DC 20001**

## **Program History**

The Fulbright Program was established in 1946 under legislation introduced by then-Senator J. William Fulbright of Arkansas. The Fulbright Program is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

Approximately 318,000 "Fulbrighters," 119,800 from the United States and 197,600 from other countries, have participated in the Program since its inception more than sixty years ago. The Fulbright Program awards approximately 8,000 grants annually. Currently, the Fulbright Program operates in over 155 countries worldwide.

## **Funding**

The primary source of funding for the Fulbright Program is an annual appropriation by the U.S. Congress to the U.S. Department of State. Participating governments, host institutions, corporations and foundations in foreign countries as well as in the United States collectively provide direct and indirect support.

The Congressional appropriation for the Fulbright Program in fiscal year 2012 was \$237.6 million. Foreign governments, through binational commissions or foundations abroad, contributed approximately \$89.2 million directly to the Program in fiscal year 2011.

## **Program Administration**

Fulbright is not a single entity, but rather a partnership of government agencies, private organizations, academic institutions, grantees, alumni, and volunteers throughout the world. ECA administers the Program under policy guidelines established by the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board (FSB) with the assistance of bi-national commissions and foundations in 50 countries, U.S. embassies in more than 100 other countries, and cooperating agencies in the United States.

Overall supervision is entrusted to the twelve-member J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board (FSB), a body of distinguished private citizens appointed by the President of the United States. The Board is responsible for ensuring that the program remains independent, impartial, and worthy of the respect and cooperation of prominent institutions of learning, the arts, and public affairs throughout the world. ECA serves as the administrative and executive arm of the program. U.S. Embassies serve as a resource for applicants in countries without Fulbright Commissions.

ECA is assisted by several private U.S. organizations in the implementation of the Fulbright Program in the U.S. and abroad, including the Institute of International Education (IIE), which conducts the U.S. student program and oversees most foreign Fulbright students in the U.S., and the Council for International Exchange of Scholars (CIES), a subsidiary of IIE, which administers the exchanges of scholars and professionals.



## Day 1: Saturday, June 29

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12:00pm – 4:00pm	<b>Registration</b> <i>Check in at the registration desk to receive Pre-Departure Orientation (PDO) materials.</i>	<i>Main Lobby Level</i>
4:00pm – 4:45pm	<b>Welcome Remarks</b> Marianne Craven Managing Director for Academic Programs Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs U.S. Department of State  Dr. Paul Heck U.S. Fulbright Scholar Alumnus, Morocco, 2008 Associate Professor, Theology, Georgetown University	<i>Capitol Ballroom</i>
4:45pm – 6:00pm	<b>Country Session I</b> Bahrain, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, and UAE Egypt Israel Jordan Morocco Oman West Bank	<i>Olympic Bryce Yosemite Yellowstone / Everglades Congressional CD Glacier Grand Teton</i>
6:00pm – 6:30pm	<b>Break</b>	
6:30pm – 8:00pm	<b>Welcome Reception and Dinner</b> Donna Ives Branch Chief, NEA Fulbright Programs, Office of Academic Programs Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs U.S. Department of State  Ambassador Richard J. Schmierer Deputy Assistant Secretary, Public Affairs and Public Diplomacy Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs U.S. Department of State	<i>Capitol Ballroom Cash bar available</i>

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## Day 2: Sunday, June 30

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7:00am – 9:00am	<b>Breakfast</b> <i>Consultations available with CIES and IIE representatives upon request</i>	<i>Capitol Ballroom</i>
9:00am – 10:30am	<b>Cross-Cultural Presentation</b> Lubna Ismail President, Connecting Cultures	<i>Capitol Ballroom</i>
10:30am – 10:45am	<b>Coffee &amp; Tea Break</b>	<i>Capitol Ballroom</i>
10:45am – 12:30pm	<b>Grant Administration Session</b> Egypt Israel Jordan Morocco Non-Commission Scholars Non-Commission Students	<i>Bryce Yosemite Yellowstone/ Everglades Congressional CD Congressional A Olympic</i>
12:30pm – 1:30pm	<b>Luncheon</b>	<i>Capitol Ballroom</i>
1:30pm – 3:00pm	<b>Panel Session: Safety &amp; Security Abroad</b> Moderator: Neal Sherman Executive Director, U.S.-Israel Education Foundation (USIEF)  Panelists: Liz Khalifa Executive Director Binational Fulbright Commission in Egypt (BFCE)  Alain McNamara Executive Director Jordanian-American Commission for Educational Exchange (JACEE)  James Miller Executive Secretary Moroccan-American Commission for Educational and Cultural Exchange (MACECE)	<i>Capitol Ballroom</i>
3:00pm – 3:30pm	<b>Coffee &amp; Tea Break</b>	<i>Capitol Ballroom</i>

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3:30pm – 5:00pm	<b>Country Sessions II</b> Bahrain, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, and UAE Egypt Israel Jordan Morocco Oman West Bank	<i>Olympic</i> <i>Bryce</i> <i>Yosemite</i> <i>Yellowstone/ Everglades</i> <i>Congressional CD</i> <i>Glacier</i> <i>Grand Teton</i>
5:00pm – 6:00pm	<b>Panel Session: Spouse and Dependents Abroad</b> Moderator: Alain McNamara, Executive Director, JACEE  Panelists: Thomas Hallahan, U.S. Scholar, Jordan, 2011 Zia Salim, U.S. Student, Bahrain, 2011 Martel Zeldin, U.S. Spouse, Israel, 2012	<i>Capitol Ballroom</i>
6:00pm – 6:45pm	<b>Critical Language Enhancement Award (CLEA) Session</b> Jordan Morocco	<i>Yellowstone/ Everglades</i> <i>Congressional CD</i>

## Day 3: Monday, July 1

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7:00am – 9:00am	<b>Breakfast</b> <i>Consultations available with CIES and IIE representatives upon request</i>	<i>Capitol Ballroom</i>
9:00am – 9:30am	<b>Accident &amp; Sickness Program for Exchanges</b> Diana Martinson Program Specialist Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs U.S. Department of State	<i>Capitol Ballroom</i>
9:30am – 10:00am	<b>Alumni Resources &amp; Social Media</b> Carey Hogg Alumni Coordinator, Office of Alumni Affairs Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs U.S. Department of State  Meg Neff Public Affairs Assistant, Office of Academic Exchange Programs Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs U.S. Department of State	<i>Capitol Ballroom</i>

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10:00am – 10:30am	<b>Break and Hotel Check-Out Opportunity</b>	<i>Capitol Ballroom</i>
10:30am – 12:00pm	<b>Fulbright Student Alumni Panel</b> Moderator: Liz Khalifa, Executive Director, BFCE  Panelists: Caroline Abadeer, U.S. Student, Morocco, 2011 Sarah Hilzinger, U.S. Student, Israel, 2011 Michael Manneh, U.S. Student, Oman, 2010	<i>Congressional A</i>
10:30am – 12:00pm	<b>Fulbright Scholar Alumni Panel</b> Moderator: James Miller, Executive Secretary, MACECE  Panelists: Eric Blome, U.S. Scholar, Egypt, 2011 Karla McKanders, U.S. Scholar, Morocco, 2011 Carol Parish, U.S. Scholar, Israel, 2012	<i>Capitol Ballroom</i>
12:00pm – 12:30pm	<b>Closing Remarks</b> Donna Ives Branch Chief, NEA Fulbright Programs, Office of Academic Programs Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs U.S. Department of State	<i>Capitol Ballroom</i>
12:30pm	<b>Hotel Check-Out and Departures</b>	

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