

# INTRODUCTION



- There are some key administrative differences between the Lecturer/Researcher grant and the Researcher grant (this presentation focuses mainly on the former).

# Grant Benefits



# GRANT BENEFITS: TRAVEL



- You will receive a round-trip economy flight to Nepal by the most direct, economical route, using an American air carrier whenever possible (as stipulated by the Fly America Act).
- 60 days prior to planned arrival: Finalize your travel plans with Mily Pradhan ([mpradhan@fulbrightnepal.org.np](mailto:mpradhan@fulbrightnepal.org.np)), and purchase your ticket only after her approval. The Commission can purchase the ticket for you, or you can purchase yourself (in which case, you will be reimbursed only up to the quoted baseline fare amount that the Commission receives from its travel agent in Kathmandu).
- 7 days prior to planned arrival: Confirm your arrival time via email with Mily Pradhan. *Plan your arrival for a non-holiday weekday within office hours if you wish to be met at the airport.*

# GRANT BENEFITS: EXCESS BAGGAGE



- You will be provided an excess baggage allowance; although many past grantees retain and use that at the end of the grant during their return flight.

# GRANT BENEFITS: VISAS



- 6 weeks prior to departure: inform Mily Pradhan ([mpradhan@fulbrightnepal.org.np](mailto:mpradhan@fulbrightnepal.org.np)) of your passport information, including dependent passport information.
- There is no need to obtain a visa for Nepal while in the U.S. You must enter Nepal on “gratis” visas that are obtained upon arrival at the Kathmandu airport, upon presentation of a visa fee waiver letter which will be sent by Mily to the grantee. Your grant-length “official” visa will be processed within a couple of weeks after your arrival.
- It is possible to acquire a Indian visa on arrival for US citizens entering India through certain entry points.

# GRANT BENEFITS: VISAS



- You may be invited to participate in the Fulbright South and Central Asia (SCA) Regional Conference in India hosted by the United States-India Educational Foundation (USIEF), usually held in February or March.
- Grantees interested in attending the conference are required to obtain an Indian conference visa in Nepal, the process for which is initiated after receipt of the formal conference approvals from USIEF. **The Indian conference visa invalidates any other Indian visa held by the grantee.**
- In order to apply for an Indian conference visa in Nepal, the grantee must furnish to the Indian Visa Service Center in Nepal:

# GRANT BENEFITS: VISAS



- an online application;
  - previous and current Indian tourist visa numbers;
  - copies of all passports (including of other countries, if the grantee holds passports from a country other than the U.S.);
  - Indian visa copies;
  - copies of all exit and entry stamps during previous visits to India; and
  - a current passport sized photo
- The cost for the conference visa can be reimbursed through the grantee's incidental allowance (for Teaching/Research grantees; not for Research only grantees).

# GRANT BENEFITS: HOUSING PROVISION



- The Commission rents a limited number of basic-furnished flats for grantees residing in Kathmandu (for Teaching/Research grantees only).
- Given the vagaries of the flat rental market, the Commission cannot guarantee that one of these flats will meet the specific preferences of each grantee.
- The Commission pays directly for these flats.
- Ultimately, landlords have responsibility for their property and you should clearly inform them about any property damage which would require maintenance or repair.



# GRANT BENEFITS: HEALTH BENEFITS



- The Fulbright program provides basic health and accident insurance for all Fulbright Senior Scholar grantees, but not to the dependents (who must purchase their own insurance). This Fulbright health benefit however, is considered secondary to any other insurance a grantee may have and grantees are strongly advised not to give up any existing insurance they may have in anticipation of the Fulbright/CIES coverage.
- Although generic medicines can often be obtained, it can be extraordinarily difficult to obtain specific prescribed medicines in Nepal. Therefore it is highly recommended that grantees with ongoing medicinal and/or equipment requirements bring with you to Nepal enough prescribed medicines and/or medical equipment to cover the length of your grant period and/or be prepared to make private arrangements for the acquisition of medicines and/or equipment.
- The diplomatic pouch CANNOT be used for the transport of prescribed medicines and/or medical equipment.)