



UNITED STATES-INDIA EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Promoting Mutual Understanding





Fulbright Agreement Signing Ceremony in New Delhi



*Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru and U.S. Ambassador to India Loy Henderson
sign the Fulbright Agreement for India on February 2, 1950.*



Foreign Secretary Shiv Shankar Menon and U.S. Ambassador to India David C. Mulford sign the latest version of Fulbright Agreement in New Delhi on July 4, 2008 declaring both India and U.S. as equal partners



President Obama and Prime Minister Singh during the Arrival Ceremony on November 24, 2009 in Washington, DC



USIEF's STRUCTURE

- ✦ Activities guided by the bi-national Board of Directors
- ✦ Program management and staff overseen by the Executive Director, Adam J. Grotzky, and Deputy Director, Dr. Diya Dutt
- ✦ Central office in New Delhi with regional offices in Chennai, Hyderabad, Kolkata and Mumbai



USIEF's MANDATE

- Administering the Fulbright-Nehru and other Fulbright fellowships for Indian and American students, lecturers, researchers and professionals
- Providing educational advising services for Indian students interested in pursuing higher education in the U.S.
- Serving as a resource for fostering linkages between higher education institutions in the U.S. and India through its office of U.S.-India Higher Education Cooperation (USIHEC)



FULBRIGHT IN INDIA

- ✦ Since 1950, more than 10,000 American students and scholars have participated in the program
- ✦ For 2016-17, USIEF has awarded 120 Fellowships to Indian citizens, including 97 Fulbright-Nehru Fellowships
- ✦ For 2016-17, USIEF has awarded 185 Fellowships to U.S. citizens, including 151 Fulbright-Nehru Fellowships



Fulbright-Nehru Program Trends

Grant Category	08-09	09-10	10-11	11-12	12-13	13-14	14-15	15-16	16-17
American Fulbright-Nehru Grants	46	90	131	151	169	144	138	144	151
Indian Fulbright-Nehru Grants	41	66	119	138	149	132	105	99	97
Total	87	156	250	289	318	276	243	243	248



Grants Administration India





Certificate of Affiliation

- USIEF procures your certificate of Affiliation (CoA) from your proposed host Institution
- This CoA is to be used for your Research Visa/Project Clearance

CERTIFICATE OF AFFILIATION
for US Fulbright-Nehru Student Researcher

Name of the Scholar: Melina Goodnight Subject Area: Education

US University Institution: University of California, Los Angeles, USA

Title of Research Project: "Fostering Improvement in Education through Evaluation: A Study of AER in India"

(To be filled in by the affiliating institution)

This is to certify that Melina Goodnight, US Fulbright-Nehru researcher shall be affiliated as a student in the Department of Education, upon arrival in India. The scholar will be assisted by Dr. Gopinath Sharma of the Department of Education, who will act as the student's academic supervisor. The scholar is required to pursue the above course of research as part of his/her research at the US institution mentioned above. The scholar's expenses in India will be met by the Fulbright-Nehru grant, awarded by the United States - India Educational Foundation, and there will be no financial obligation on the affiliating institution.

Details of the academic supervisor, nominated for the US Fulbright-Nehru Student:

Name: Dr. Gopinath Sharma
Designation: Associate Professor
Contact Address: Room 25, Education Building, Bangalore University, Jayanagar, Bangalore, India
Telephone Number(s): Office: None Home: 9876543210
Fax: None
Email: gopinath@bnu.ac.in

Signature and official stamp of the Head of the Institution/Vice-Chancellor/Principal/Dean/Registrar/Secretary/Registrar (Education) or other authorized official.

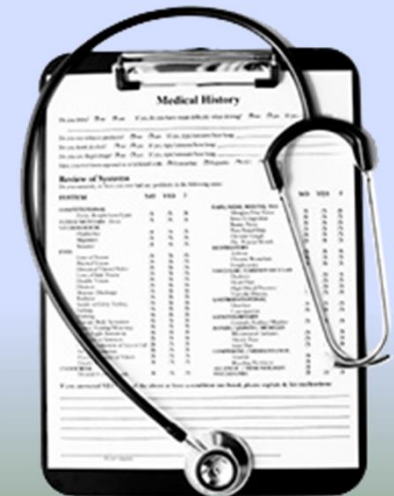
The Affiliation Certificate may kindly be sent in original with signature and official stamp to:

Mr. Narsing Ganesan
Senior Manager - U.S. Program
United States - India Educational Foundation (USIEF)
Fulbright House, 12 Embassy Road
New Delhi - 110 001
E-Mail: narsing@usief.org.in, Tel: 011-42080932, Fax: 011-23129718



Medical Clearance

- Medical Clearance is a prerequisite for starting the Grant
- Completed forms have to be returned to IIE
- For queries related to medical clearance, address those to IIE





Indian Visa

- ✦ ETAs & Students - Research (R) Visa
- ✦ Official dependents - Entry (X) Visa
- ✦ People of Indian Origin (PIO) or Overseas Citizens of India (OCI) require a project clearance from the Indian Consulate serving their state of residence in the U.S.
- ✦ Please send USIEF a copy of your Visa/project clearance





Grant Award Letter

- USIEF issues the Fulbright Grant Award letter
 - Original for you to keep
 - After signing the grant document, you must return a copy each to IIE and USIEF





Travel Arrangements

- USIEF arranges return travel for all Fulbright-Nehru grantees
- Travel has to comply with the ÷Fly America Actø
- Fulbright-Nehru grantees can also use Air India
- Tickets will be issued after issuance of appropriate visa and medical clearance
- You may request for route change, stopovers and change in class- Additional cost due to the change is your responsibility
- All PhD. Students are required to travel through a city in which USIEF has an office (Delhi, Chennai, Hyderabad, Kolkata, Mumbai) to receive mandatory security & in-country briefing from Embassy/USIEF staff





Allowances

- Allowances are paid in dollars and are wire transferred to your designated bank account
- USIEF absorbs wire transfer charges up to \$1
- First transfer made prior to your arrival
- Subsequently advance funds for two months





Dependents

- Maintenance allowance is paid for one dependent
- No travel allowance is paid





Housing

- Up to two nights accommodation in the city of briefing
- Initial 7 days accommodation only at the place of affiliation is provided and paid by USIEF
- In cities where USIEF has offices, housing assistance is provided through realtors
- In other cities, USIEF encourages host institutions to provide housing search support
- USIEF shall reimburse the agent's fee up to \$500 maximum for Students and ETAs





Facilitation

- USIEF provides the support of a Facilitator at your place of affiliation to ease your settling in process.



Registration in India

- You must register with GOI's Foreigners Regional Registration Office (FRRO)/Foreigners Registration Office (FRO) at your place of affiliation.
 - Registration process may vary from place to place
 - Metro Cities require your registration to be channeled through your affiliating Institute (Unique ID)
 - Visa extension/residency extension also needs to be processed at the place of your FRO registration
- You must register online with:
 - US Embassy on the STEP Program
(<https://step.state.gov/step>)





FRRO/FRO Registration Norms

Who should register

- If research visa is valid for more than 180 days; Registration required within 14 days of arrival in India
 - If research visa is valid for less than 180 days: check for registration endorsement on your visa
 - Entry visa holders: if you are staying/planning to stay for more than 180 days, or there is registration endorsement on your visa
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- FRRO/FRO registration must be done within 14 days of arrival in India
 - Verify that your residency permit covers your entire period of stay in India
 - PIO card holders staying for more than 180 days
 - Within 30 days of their completion of 180 days in India



Health, Safety and Security

- ✦ Fulbright grantees should familiarize themselves with the State Department's information on India
- ✦ <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en.html>
- ✦ U.S. Fulbrighters to India are required to have a local Indian phone number and calling plan activated within one week after arriving. U.S. Fulbrighters to India are required to provide USIEF with their personal mobile phone number and email address.



Health, Safety and Security

- ✦ Fulbright grantees should program the appropriate emergency contact numbers found in the Fulbright to India Handbook into their mobile phones
- ✦ For advice on immunizations, contact your doctor or travel clinic. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention website (www.cdc.gov) has comprehensive health information for travellers.
- ✦ Grantees must inform the USIEF by email when they travel outside their city of affiliation. Any travel outside of India without permission of USIEF will result in the revocation of the Fulbright grant
- ✦ **Jammu and Kashmir:** Fulbright students and scholars in India are prohibited from traveling to Jammu & Kashmir (except for Ladakh) without permission, which is only granted by USIEF in close coordination with the U.S. Embassy in New Delhi, in exceptional circumstances. Any travel to this region without prior permission will result in the revocation of the Fulbright grant



Student Orientation

- ✦ Student Orientation Program in Delhi
 - ✦ August 21 (Arrivals)
 - ✦ August 22-23 (Orientation in Delhi)
 - ✦ August 24 (Departure to city of affiliation)





ETA Orientations

- ✦ ETA orientation and Language training
- ✦ June 30^o Arrival to your respective cities of affiliation
- ✦ Orientation/House Hunting/Settling-in
July 1 ^o July 8, 2016
- ✦ Language Classes/ ELT Classes
July 4 ^o July 29, 2016
- ✦ Join School
August 1, 2016





Critical Language Enhancement Award (CLEA) (For Students only)

- To cultivate higher levels of language proficiency prior to and during the Fulbright-Nehru grant period
- May opt for formal classroom instruction, private tutoring, or a combination of the two
- At least 50% of CLEA grant to be utilized prior to start of Fulbright-Nehru grant and the remaining CLEA grant to run concurrently
- Must pursue at least 15-20 hours (@ 3-4 hrs. daily) of language training per week during intensive period

Contact: Neeraj Goswami (neeraj@usief.org.in)
Senior Program Manager (US Program), USIEF



Reporting Requirements for Students

➤ USIEF

➤ Monthly report for first three months

➤ II. Midterm report

Part A ó (Quarterly report)

Part B- Narrative report that is counter-signed by the supervisor of host institution

➤ III. Final Report (End of the grant)

Part A- Final Feedback report (At the end of the grant)

Part B- Final narrative report

➤ IIE

➤ Mid-term report

➤ Final report



Reporting Requirements for ETAs

✧ USIEF

I. First 3 months (July/ Aug/ Sep)- monthly reports

✧ Oct/ Nov- Bi- monthly report

✧ Dec/ Jan- Bi- monthly report

✧ Feb/ March- Bi- monthly report

II. Qualitative Feedback report at the end of the grant

✧ IIE

✧ Mid-term report

✧ Final report



Taxes

- No taxes are withheld from these grants
- USIEF cannot provide advice on filing taxes
- Grantees should refer to the grant authorization when doing taxes
- Also, please refer to the section on taxes in the Fulbright to India Handbook



Student Loans Deferments

✦ Loans

- ✦ Check with your lending agency first, but deferments are possible
- ✦ Fill the appropriate form
- ✦ Complete your section, send it to IIE to fill out the "Authorized Official Certification"



International Travel

- All Fulbright-Nehru Grantees are eligible for 14 days paid leave outside of India.
- No grantee should leave India without USIEF's permission.
- ETAs cannot take leave while school is in session.
- Travel expense: grantee's responsibility.
- Stipend is continued.
- Insurance is suspended.
- Leave is not permitted towards the end of the grant or during extension period.





Who is your contact

- Grant related: USIEF Delhi
 - Priyanjana Ghosh, Sumanta Basu - For ETAs
 - Neeraj Goswami (neeraj@usief.org.in) – For Students
- Local issues such as housing, resources, help at school etc., contact the USIEF office in the region
 - USIEF Delhi: Priyanjana Ghosh, Neeraj Goswami, Pavitra Soram
 - Chennai: Maya Sivakumar, S. Lalitha Nagesvari
 - Hyderabad: Piya Bahadur
 - USIEF Kolkata: Shevanti Narayan, Sumanta Basu
 - Mumbai: Ryan Pereira, Sachin Nikarge



Google Group & Blogging

✦ Google Group designed to connect all Fulbrighters to share information

fulbrighttoindia@googlegroups.com

✦ Blog about your experience as a Fulbright- Nehru grantee



Stay Connected

- ✦ Plan to have a Cell Phone as soon as you arrive
- ✦ Provide USIEF-Delhi with your cell phone number, landline numbers, and your contact address as soon as you have arranged them
- ✦ Inform USIEF immediately of any change in the numbers and contact address
- ✦ Keep USIEF informed about your location in India at all times



Fulbrighters in Action...















Community Service





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Give presentations and attend conferences







ETA Enrichment Seminar, Delhi, 2015















The US Program Staff at USIEF looks forward to welcoming you to India!



L to R: Neeraj Goswami, Anupam Anand, Priyanjana Ghosh, Pavitra Soram & Kalden Shringla



Thank You

