



What It Means To Be a “Fulbrighter”

“Fostering these - leadership, learning, and empathy between cultures - was and remains the purpose of the international scholarship program ... It is a modest program with an immodest aim - the achievement in international affairs of a regime more civilized, rational and humane than the empty system of power of the past...” (Senator J. William Fulbright)

Becoming a Fulbrighter means you have joined a special group of approximately 300,000 alumni in over 155 countries who, since 1946, have become heads of state, judges, ambassadors, cabinet ministers, CEO's, university presidents, journalists, artists, and especially professors and teachers who have influenced thousands of others. *You have been awarded a Fulbright grant not only for your academic and/or professional excellence but because of your leadership potential.* While each grantee has a specific teaching, research or professional project to pursue, it is important to recognize that your ultimate goal as a Fulbrighter is to promote mutual understanding and respect between the United States and other nations. Fulbrighters are “cultural ambassadors” to their host countries and active and involved members of their communities upon returning home. Here are some ways to enrich your Fulbright experience:

In the host country, Fulbrighters:

- Meet as many people as possible by speaking and writing about their countries to interested groups.
- Participate in a broad range of social and community activities in addition to pursuing their academic or professional objectives.
- Continue to learn about the history and culture of their host countries.

Upon returning home, Fulbrighters:

- Speak and write about their Fulbright experience as widely as possible.
- Support the Fulbright Program in their countries through various activities such as becoming involved with alumni activities, serving on selection committees, recruiting new applicants, and hosting visiting Fulbrighters.

Remember, you are a Fulbrighter for life!

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