

Fulbright Specialist Program 2016-17 (Second Round)

Program Description

The Fulbright Specialist Program provides an opportunity to Indian universities and institutions of higher learning to draw on the expertise of U.S. scholars and professionals and develop linkages with American institutions. Specialist grants focus on strengthening and supporting the development needs of institutions and broadening institutional cooperation. Fulbright Specialists work in their areas of expertise as they enhance their understanding (of the cultural and education contexts) of the host country through engagement with the host community.

Host institutions should be involved in university-level teaching or training, the expansion of partnerships between universities and specialized institutions, and the promotion of international and cross-institutional cooperation. Eligible institution types include universities, non-profit organizations, government agencies, cultural and medical institutions, as well as research organizations and think tanks.

Grant Length

Grants are 14-42 days in length including travel days and weekends.

Possible Fulbright Specialist Activities

Fulbright Specialist projects are designed to provide U.S. faculty and professionals with opportunities to collaborate with professional counterparts at non-U.S. institutions on curriculum and faculty development, institutional planning and a variety of other activities. For example, Specialists may:

- Conduct needs assessments, surveys, institutional or programmatic research at non-U.S. post-secondary, degree granting academic institutions
- Take part in specialized academic programs and conferences in conjunction with other scheduled activities
- Consult with administrators and instructors of non-U.S. post-secondary, degree granting institutions on faculty development
- Present lectures at graduate and undergraduate levels
- Participate in or lead seminars or workshops at non-U.S. post-secondary, degree granting academic institutions
- Develop and/or assess academic curricula or educational materials at non-U.S. post-secondary, degree granting academic institutions
- Conduct teacher-training programs at the degree granting level

Note: Research project are not funded.

Costs

Costs for a Fulbright Specialists grant are shared by the host institution and the U.S. Department of State. The U.S. Department of State pays for international airfare and an honorarium to the scholar.

The host institution is responsible for the cost of housing, meals and any necessary, program- related, in-country transportation. In-country costs may be supplied by the host institution as in-kind services and/or funds paid directly to the grantee. Note that in-country transportation refers to transportation once the Specialist has arrived in the city of the activity, and not to flights taken as part of the international travel.

Program Priority Areas

Program priority areas include climate change and energy, entrepreneurship, massively open online course (MOOC) administration, refugee and migration issues, women's issues, journalism, NGO management, the elections process, and STEM education. Project requests for STEM fields should include the teaching and/or administration of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics, including biology, chemistry, physics, computer science and technology, engineering, and mathematics education.

Eligible Fields

Eligible fields include Agriculture • American (U.S.) Studies (The following specializations with a specific U.S. focus are eligible: art, art history, dance, history, literature, music, popular culture, religion, theatre and women's studies) • Anthropology • Archaeology • Biology Education • Business Administration • Chemistry Education • Communications and Journalism • Computer Science and Information Technology • Economics • Education • Engineering Education • Environmental Science • Law • Library Science • Math Education • Peace and Conflict Resolution Studies • Physics Education • Political Science • Public Administration • Public/Global Health • Social Work • Sociology • Urban Planning

To view the sub-discipline in each field, visit: <http://www.cies.org/programs-us-scholars-specialist-apply-join-specialist-roster/eligible-disciplines-and>

Requesting a U.S. Scholar

Host institutions have the following options for requesting a U.S. scholar:

Roster Named Requests identify Specialists already on the Roster in the project application. The host institution and the Specialist have been in contact and mutually agreeable project dates and goals are included in the project application.

Named Requests identify an individual that is not on the Roster, but specifically requested by the host institution. The host institution and the Specialist candidate have been in contact and mutually agreeable project dates and goals are included in the

project application. A candidate may apply to the Roster before a project application is submitted, but will need to be peer reviewed and approved. Candidates not on the Roster who are in contact with host institutions are strongly encouraged to immediately apply to the Roster by visiting the following link: <http://www.cies.org/programs-us-scholars-specialist/apply-join-specialist-roster>.

Open Requests do not identify a candidate in the project proposal. USIEF and CIES will assist with identifying an individual with suitable technical or professional experience that is approved by the host institution.

Application Procedure

<http://www.usief.org.in/upload/Fulbright%20Specialist%20Form%202016-17.doc>

Completed application forms should reach USIEF **by March 15, 2016** at the address mentioned on the form. Please write *Fulbright Specialist Program* on the envelope.

Grants are limited. All selected applicants will be notified about the result **by April 15, 2016**.

Preference will be given to institutes/university departments that have not hosted a Fulbright Specialist in the last three years.

Processing of the selected applications typically takes 4-5 months. Please take this timeline into account when planning the start date of the project.

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Application due date is March 15, 2016. Please visit www.usief.org.in for further details.

I thank you for your support and cooperation in spreading the word about the Fulbright Program.

Sincerely,


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