

## Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence (S-I-R) Program

### Five Tips for Crafting a Competitive Application

The Fulbright Program is committed to partnering with U.S. institutions of higher education to bolster their internationalization efforts. Fulbright's Scholar-in-Residence program connects a diverse range of U.S. institutions with scholars from other countries for an exchange experience that benefits the host and scholar alike. Institutions interested in applying to host a foreign scholar through the Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence Program are encouraged to follow these five tips to ensure a strong proposal.

- 1. INTERNATIONALIZATION IMPACT:** The S-I-R program is driven by your institution's needs and interests. Demonstrate how your S-I-R program will contribute to key internationalization goals at your institution, no matter your current level of international engagement. Teaching is central to the S-I-R Program. Link your scholar's activities and expertise to your proposed teaching program and its impact on student learning as well as any relevant measures related to curriculum development, broad cross-campus engagement, community outreach/engagement, establishing an exchange partnership or other indicators. Envision the impact you aspire to reach by hosting a scholar. Enlist the support of your institution's leadership to show commitment to your proposal beyond the hosting department and to raise the profile and impact of the S-I-R at your institution. Address in your proposal what types of future communications and follow-on projects you would like to ensure are in place after the scholar returns to their home country.
- 2. DIVERSITY, EQUITY, & INCLUSION:** The Fulbright Program strives to ensure that it represents U.S. society and societies abroad and demonstrates diversity and inclusion in different ways. In the case of the Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence Program, whether your institution is considered a diverse institution or not, show how your S-I-R will engage with diverse students, faculty, and staff. Demonstrate how your S-I-R will gain an understanding of diversity through interaction with diverse citizens in your local community.
- 3. SCHOLAR:** If you are naming a specific scholar, be sure to explain why you have selected this individual and in what capacity you know this individual. If you are requesting assistance with recruitment, select up to 2 countries within one world region and include clear rationale for selecting these countries. Tie the specialization of your chosen or desired scholar to the activities you detail in your proposal and to your institution's internationalization goal(s).
- 4. SUPPORT:** Detail your plan for curriculum, registration, workspace and classroom requirements, ensuring your plan adheres to the recommended teaching load of 1-2 courses per semester. Share your plan to involve and support your scholar in your campus community, including assigning both a faculty and staff point person to address concerns throughout the S-I-R's program. Think creatively about support your institution might be able to give in-kind in terms of airport transit and local transportation, housing/homestay and/or meal plans.
- 5. COMMUNITY:** Detail campus or community resources the scholar would benefit from or contribute to, whether personally or professionally (campus libraries/archives, labs, training opportunities, working groups, local conferences, etc.). Collect letters from local organizations (e.g. local libraries, cultural centers, local media, or schools/school districts) that pledge to work with you and support the scholar during their exchange. Share your strategy for getting the word out about your S-I-R's visit to your campus and local community, whether through events, press releases, social media, or other means.

**\*\*\*\*IMPORTANT: As you complete your application and write your essay, make sure you are fully addressing each question as it is asked, and including all requested information. It is very important that applicants review and respond to the selection criteria posted on the website (<https://cies.org/sir#review-criteria>).\*\*\*\***