

Fulbright Program: Opportunities for Social Work Educators

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- Why I chose to participate in the Fulbright Specialist Program, and impact on future work with Council on Social Work Education and the Katherine A. Kendall Institute for International Social Work Education
- Activities of the CSWE-Fulbright Initiatives Group
- Future opportunities
- Invite and encouragement to become involved in Fulbright and our Collaboration





CSWE Activities and Plans for Expanded Fulbright Partnerships

In-Person Presenters of Hybrid APM Session 2022

Summary of activities emerging and proposed:

- Compiling an inventory of previous Fulbright's US Based and Hosts to expand understanding of social work's Fulbright engagement
- Connecting Fulbright Program designees at universities, and encouraging development of social work-specific contact persons
- Encouraging student networking from social work program to another
- Linking other international scholar programs and organizations with this effort to share expertise and resources
- Developing Mentoring programs with social work colleagues generally and/or regarding specific Fulbright Programs
- Sharing information about Fulbright and other Visiting Scholars to facilitate invitations by other social work programs
- Full launch of CSWE/Kendall Institute webpage for this initiative





Today's Presentation

- Why Fulbright?
- Fulbright Scholar
- Fulbright Specialist
- Fulbright U.S. Student
- Fulbright Foreign Student & Visiting Scholar
- Alumni Insight





MISSION

- In partnership with **160 countries worldwide**, Fulbright offers passionate and accomplished faculty, administrators, artists, journalists, lawyers, and other professionals from all backgrounds an **unparalleled opportunity to study, teach, or conduct research**.
- Our mission is to **foster mutual understanding** between nations, **advance knowledge** across communities, and improve lives around the world.

A BRIEF HISTORY

- Established in 1946 by Congress, Fulbright is the United States government's **flagship international educational and cultural exchange program**.
- Fulbright is **sponsored by the U.S. Department of State** with funding provided by the U.S. Government and administered by the Institute of International Education.





Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, & Accessibility

The Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) of the United States Department of State strives to embed diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility (DEIA) in all aspects of its work.

Public diplomacy is most effective when people of diverse backgrounds and perspectives participate in people-to-people exchanges and programs to promote mutual understanding. The Bureau incorporates DEIA best practices throughout its exchanges and programs, grants, community partnerships, and in its workforce and workplace.

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Fulbright by the Numbers

The Fulbright Program funds over **8,000 awards** annually:





Why Fulbright?

Fulbright is transformational.

- **Foster relationships** that are real and lasting
- Serve as an **ambassador** for international exchange
- Gain the **professional recognition** as being identified as a “Fulbrighter”
- Join a vibrant **alumni network**





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Scholar Program



Eligibility for U.S. Scholar Program

- **U.S. citizenship**
- **Degree and experience**, as required by award:
 - Ph.D. or other terminal degree
 - MA and higher education teaching or professional experience
 - Professional and/or artistic experience with substantial accomplishments
 - Teaching experience as required
- **Compliance with policies** on previous Fulbright Scholar awards: two year waiting period between Fulbright U.S. Scholar award and next application





Which Award is for you?

Award Types:

- 1 Scholar Awards
- 2 Postdoctoral Awards
- 3 Distinguished Scholar Awards
- 4 International Education Administrator Awards





Application Components

Requirements:

- ✓ Application Form
- ✓ Project Statement
- ✓ Curriculum Vitae or Resume
- ✓ 2 Letters of Recommendation
- ✓ Language Proficiency Report *(if required)*
- ✓ Letter of Invitation *(if required)*

Supplemental Materials:

- ✓ Course outlines or syllabi *(for teaching)*
- ✓ Reference list *(for research)*
- ✓ Portfolio submissions *(for artists, architects, and journalists)*





Tips for a strong application:



Before you start, **read your award's description carefully** to ensure you meet all requirements and your proposed project is possible.



Start application and enter referees' information **as soon as possible**.



Take advantage of IIE resources, including webinars, office hours and application guidance on our website.



Application Cycle

| | |
|---------------------|--|
| FEBRUARY | Competition Opens |
| SEPTEMBER 15 | Application Deadline |
| SEPTEMBER | Program staff conducts technical reviews for completeness |
| OCTOBER – NOVEMBER | U.S. peer review |
| NOVEMBER – JANUARY | Applicants notified of status. Recommended applications are sent to host countries and to the Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board. |
| JANUARY – JUNE | Final decisions are made |
| JUNE – ONWARD | Participants prepare for departure |



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Alumni Insight: Peter Szto, Professor, Host Institution: National University of Singapore - 2022



- Why did I choose Fulbright?
- What I Did as a Fulbrighter?
- Professional and Personal Outcomes of My Fulbright Experience





Motivation for Participating

- To stretch my research & teachings capacity in a culturally dynamic environment.





Fulbright Activities

- Taught a module on mental health to senior social work students at NUS.
- Conducted visual study project documented Singapore's "hidden youth"





Professional and Personal Outcomes

- Personal & professional friendships
- Research products



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Chathapuram Ramanathan, PhD., ACSW., LMFT, CSW., Professor,
Fulbright-Nehru Visiting Scholar.

National Institute of Mental Health & Neuro Sciences, Bengaluru, India – 2012



To be a Fulbright scholar it helps
to have a passion for promoting
cross-cultural understanding.
That is what inspired me



Motivation for Participating

- Pursue reciprocal learning
- Immerse, learn & contribute to the process of decolonizing of knowledge
- Explore, nurture, and advance pedagogical and research partnerships
- Learn about social innovations in India: disaster management, community mental health, mental health promotion, e-governance and corporate social responsibility





Fulbright Activities

- Interacted with academics and practitioners in state- and federal-government funded organizations such as NIMHANS and Assam University, as well as private-secular organizations, such as Manipal University and Roshini Nilaya College — a Catholic institution — and other nongovernmental organizations
- Presented series of lectures on clinical use of self





Professional and Personal Outcomes

- Worked with social work faculty, psychiatric social workers, psychiatrists, psychologists, and students from several different schools
- Mentored junior faculty, Mphil, and doctoral students
- Students sought clinical supervision, advice on research methods, relevant literature
- Students keen about academic opportunities in U.S.A.
- Presentations & collaborations included a workshop on the unmet psychosocial needs of the transgender
- Collaborated with Indian Society of Professional Social Workers leadership. In their annual conference, helped convene a symposium called “Partnering with Youth to Promote Peace”
- Personal level: Meaningful & lasting friendships





Fulbright Specialist Program

Established in 2001, the Fulbright Specialist Program provides **established U.S. academics and professionals** with opportunities to serve as expert consultants and engage in short-term, project-based exchanges at a range of institutions across the globe.

- 2-6 week projects focused on education, training, or capacity building
- 150+ eligible countries and other areas
- 400+ projects annually in 24 eligible disciplines
- Grant benefits include round-trip airfare, transit allowance, visa fees, meals, lodging, in-country transport, and \$200/day honorarium
- Administered by World Learning



- Dr. Alice Butterfield, University of Illinois at Chicago
Fulbright Specialist to India





Sample Project Activities



- Delivering **seminars, training or workshops**
- Consulting on **faculty or workforce development**
- Developing **academic or training curricula** and materials
- Giving **lectures** at the graduate or undergraduate level
- Conducting **needs assessments or evaluations** for a program or institution
- Supporting **accreditation** process for a university program
- Engaging in **strategic planning** activities





Program Structure

- Host-driven structure: overseas institutions conceptualize projects and submit proposals to their local Fulbright Commission or U.S. Embassy
- U.S. individuals must apply for admission to the Fulbright Specialist Roster and be approved by peer review panel.
- If admitted, Roster candidates receive a three year tenure during which they may be matched with projects.
 - Open Projects
 - Named Projects

| SPECIALIST APPLICATION DEADLINE (COMPLETED APPLICATION AND AT LEAST TWO COMPLETED REFERENCE FORMS) | SPECIALIST NOTIFICATION |
|---|-------------------------|
| JANUARY 11, 2023 | FEBRUARY 10, 2023 |
| MARCH 8, 2023 | APRIL 7, 2023 |
| MAY 5, 2023 | JUNE 9, 2023 |
| JUNE 30, 2023 | AUGUST 4, 2023 |
| SEPTEMBER 1, 2023 | OCTOBER 6, 2023 |
| NOVEMBER 3, 2023 | DECEMBER 8, 2023 |

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Alumni Insight: Leticia Villarreal Sosa, Associate Dean and Professor, Specialist Program

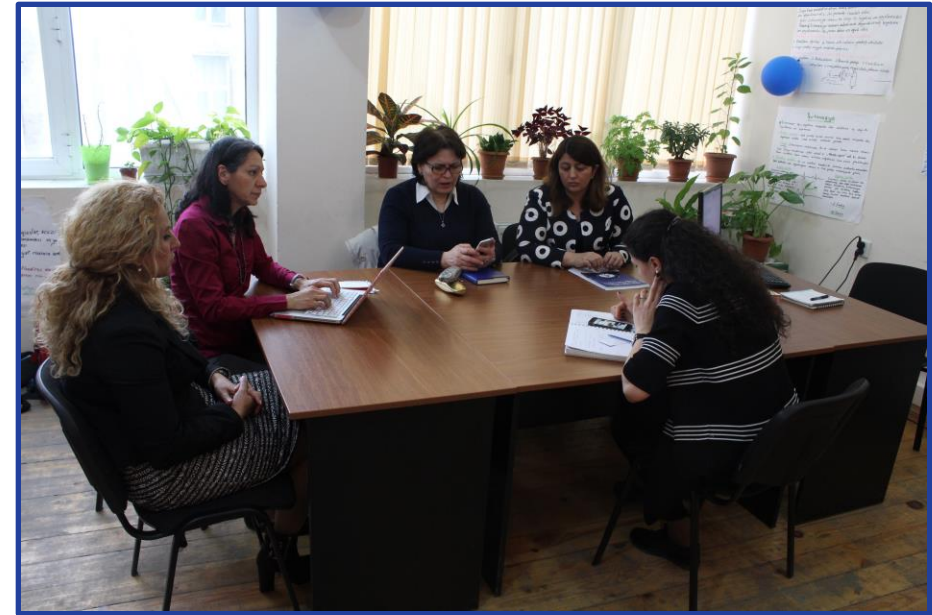
Host Institution: Azerbaijan Social Work Union (2015) and Hanoi National University of Education, Vietnam, (2019)





Motivation for Participating

- Development of long-term relationships and partnerships.
- Mutual learning and understanding of social work in a global context





Fulbright Activities

- Development of school social work and social work generally
- Build capacity of social work faculty.
- Develop sustainable long-term relationship.
- Accompany curriculum design
- Develop social workers in the field





Professional and Personal Outcomes

- Stronger links between the Social Workers Associations and Schools with government institutions or NGOs.
- Greater participation of the university administration in international social work networks.
- More visibility to the Azerbaijan Social Work Association and the role of School Social Workers.
- The development of agreements between Dominican and the Universities.





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U.S. Student Program



Fulbright U.S. Student Eligibility

Open
to:

- ▶ Graduating seniors
- ▶ Recent graduates
- ▶ Graduate students
- ▶ Early career professionals, including creative and performing artists/musicians

Basic Eligibility

- ▶ U.S. citizen by the application deadline
- ▶ Bachelor's degree or equivalent by start of grant
- ▶ No doctorate at the time of application
- ▶ Country-specific requirements





Program Award Types



Study/Research Grant

Independent research, study, or arts projects abroad



900+
Awards



6-12
Months



~140
Countries

English Teaching Assistantship (ETA)

Help teach English and U.S. culture in the classroom



1,250+
Awards



8-10
Months



~75
Countries



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Award Benefits

Pre-Grant & In-Country

- ▶ Round-trip airfare
- ▶ Monthly stipend*
- ▶ Accident and sickness benefits
- ▶ Online TESOL Fundamentals Course (ETA only)
- ▶ Other *possible* benefits*
 - Support for dependents
 - Research allowance
 - Tuition
 - Language lessons
 - Enhancement activities
 - Disability-related accommodations

Post-Grant

- ▶ The Fulbright network of alumni
- ▶ State Department’s alumni website
- ▶ Eligible for 12 months of noncompetitive eligibility (NCE) hiring status within the federal government
- ▶ Lifetime Fulbright email address
- ▶ Fulbright Association

Application Timeline

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|-------------------------|---|
| APRIL–SEPTEMBER | Design Project and Prepare Application |
| AUGUST–SEPTEMBER | Campus Deadline |
| OCTOBER 11, 2022 | National Application Deadline, due by 5:00 p.m. ET |
| NOVEMBER–DECEMBER | U.S. Review: National Screening Committees |
| JANUARY–MAY | Host Country Review: Fulbright Commissions and/or U.S. Embassy |
| MARCH–JUNE | Final Selection and Notification: Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board |




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Fulbright Foreign Student Program

The Fulbright Foreign Student Program enables graduate students, young professionals and artists from abroad to study and conduct research in the United States.

- The Fulbright Foreign Student Program operates in more than 160 countries worldwide.
- Approximately 4,000 foreign students receive Fulbright scholarships each year
- Program eligibility and selection procedures vary widely by country



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Fulbright Visiting Scholar Program

900 faculty and professionals from around the world receive Fulbright Scholar grants for advanced research and university lecturing in the United States. Individual grants are available to scholars from over 100 countries. Individuals who meet the eligibility requirements apply for grants through the [Fulbright Commission/Foundation](#) or public affairs section of the [U.S. embassy](#) in their home countries. After a thorough selection process in the home country, final approval for awards is issued by the presidentially appointed Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board (FSB) in the United States. Exchanges range in length from three to twelve months!





Bring Foreign Fulbrighters to your Campus

FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE (S-I-R) PROGRAM

Host scholars from other countries to teach for a semester or an academic year

Deadline: June 1

Website:
fulbrightscholars.org/sir

Email: SIR@iie.org

FULBRIGHT OUTREACH LECTURING FUND (OLF)

Host current Fulbright Visiting Scholars for short-term lectureships of 2-6 days on discipline or cultural topics to internationalize the campus

Website:
fulbrightscholars.org/OLF

Email: OLF@iie.org

FULBRIGHT LANGUAGE TEACHING ASSISTANT (FLTA) PROGRAM

Host native speaking language teaching assistants to enhance students' understanding different languages and cultures

Website:
foreign.fulbrightonline.org

Email: dcook@iie.org



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Fulbright Visiting Scholar Host Insight: Liz Lightfoot, Professor, Arizona State University

Host Institution: University of Minnesota

Irina Dedova, TURKMENISTAN – 2016

“Disability Policy in the USA”





Motivation for Participating

- Previous Fulbright Faculty Scholar
 - 2008-2009 Namibia – academic year with my family
 - Very active as a Faculty Fulbright Mentor on campus, Fulbright reviewer, Fulbright orientation presenter, etc.
 - Was approached by campus international office because of my experiences
 - Hosted others since





Fulbright Activities

- Spent a summer driving around Minnesota introducing Irina to disability policy makers, advocates, and researchers
- Arranged her logistics
- Reviewed her working paper
- Invited her to cultural events, parties, parades, etc.





Professional and Personal Outcomes for Visiting Scholar and Host

- Irina learned a lot about disability services
- I learned a lot about Turkmenistan
- Inspired me to apply/receive a TA grant to neighboring Kazakhstan in June 2020 (ended up doing over Zoom)
- Completed second year-long Faculty Fulbright in Romania 2018-2019



Webinar JUST for Faculty Fulbright Program for Social Workers

Thursday, April 27th, 2023, 2:30 pm EDT/11:30 am PDT

Zoom Registration:

https://asu.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAKfuyhqDMuHdaX_UQyx_kpTzV4Dj5KocSu



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