Outreach Lecturing Fund

Advance knowledge, redefine teaching, and bring international perspectives and experience to your campus, organization, and community

The Outreach Lecturing Fund (OLF) is an opportunity for U.S. higher education institutions to host Fulbright Visiting Scholars already in the United States for short-term speaking engagements. Institutions apply to host a scholar for 2 to 6 days, and plan activities that would enhance campus participation in international educational exchange.

Responsibilities of Host Institutions and Organizations

Institutions wishing to invite a Fulbright Scholar for an Outreach Lecturing Fund visit should develop a comprehensive plan of activities and arrangements to share with the scholar in advance of the proposed visit. The OLF grant amount is intended to cover travel costs associated with the visit. Host institutions are expected to cover the following expenses for the scholar: local transportation, lodging, and meals.

Supplemental funding for local transportation and lodging may be available upon request of the host at the time of application.

Special consideration will be given to campuses that have not previously participated in Fulbright exchanges, including minority-serving institutions, liberal arts colleges, women’s colleges, art schools, community colleges, and rural institutions.

How U.S. Institutions Can Use OLF Visits

Alvernia University hosted a Fulbright Visiting Scholar from Brazil whose primary host institution was the University of Iowa. The scholar spoke on the topic of “Hidden Dialogues Between Two Americas” to students and faculty.

Florida International University partnered with Brownsville Community Garden to host a Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence from Burkina Faso. The scholar hosted multiple lectures and dance performances promoting Diversity and Peace. These lectures included the following topics “Diversity Deepens our Connections to Each Other” and “Diversity nourishes Peace”. The scholar’s primary host was Naugatuck Valley Community College in Connecticut.

Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute hosted a Fulbright Visiting Scholar from India who lectured on gender and cultural issues in India and screened the documentary XXWhy: A Transgender Story.

Wartburg College partnered with Hawkeye Community College and Waverly Shell-Rock High School to host a Costa Rican Scholar to conduct multiple lectures on “The Role of Language as a Vehicle for Learning Culture and Defining Identity” and “The Importance of Becoming a Global Citizen.” The scholar also spoke to multiple ESL departments and Spanish classes about the importance of foreign language learning.

Western Nevada College hosted a Fulbright Visiting Scholar from Tunisia who lectured on agriculture and drought conditions in arid regions. Her primary host was the United States Department of Agriculture.

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