



FULBRIGHT Specialist Program



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Today's Presentation

- Fulbright Specialist Program 101
 - Program Overview
 - Sample Project Activities
- Navigating the Application
 - Eligibility Criteria and Application Content
 - Deadlines and Application Review
- What's Next? Understanding the Matching Process
- Q&A





MISSION

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

HISTORY

- Created in 1946 by the United States Congress, Fulbright is the U.S. 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.
- Since 1946, **more than 400,000 Fulbrighters**, representing 160 countries, have participated in the program.

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The Fulbright Program funds over 8,000 awards annually:

900

U.S.
Scholars

425

U.S.
Specialists

2,200

U.S.
Students

4,000

Foreign
Students

900

Visiting
Scholars

400

K-12
Educators

400

language
teaching
assistants





Fulbright Specialist Program

Established in 2001, the Fulbright Specialist Program is a **part of the larger Fulbright Program** that provides **U.S. citizens who are well-established 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
- Specialist benefits include round-trip economy class international airfare, modest transit allowance, \$200 daily honorarium, visa fees, and limited benefits health plan. Host institutions traditionally provide lodging, meals, and in-country transportation.
- Administered by World Learning





*Itzel McLaren (PricewaterhouseCoopers)
Fulbright Specialist to the Philippines*

What Do Specialists Do?

- 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





Eligible Project Fields

- Agriculture
- American (U.S.) Studies
 - Includes topics in the arts and humanities
- Anthropology
- Archaeology
- Biology Education
- Business Administration
- Chemistry Education
- Communications & Journalism
- Computer Science & Information Technology
- Economics
- Education
 - Includes Community College Education, Vocational/Technical Education, and Higher Education Administration
- Engineering Education
- Environmental Science
- Law
- Library Science
- Math Education
- Peace & Conflict Resolution Studies
- Physics Education
- Political Science
- Public Administration
- Public/Global Health
- Social Work
- Sociology
- Urban Planning





INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION

- Public or private universities
- Community colleges

GOVERNMENT INSTITUTIONS

- Ministries/agencies
- Courts
- Parliamentary or congressional bodies

CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS

- Conservatories
- Museums
- Libraries

NON - GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Non-partisan, issue centered organizations and think tanks

MEDICAL INSTITUTIONS

- Public health organizations
- Teaching hospitals





Program Structure

- Host-driven structure: overseas institutions develop and submit project proposals.
- U.S. individuals must apply for admission to the Fulbright Specialist Roster and be approved by peer review panel; **application deadlines for the Roster are every two months.**
- If admitted, Roster candidates receive a **three-year tenure** during which they are eligible to be matched with a project.

Key Eligibility Criteria

- U.S. citizenship
- Demonstrate significant experience/expertise in their field
- Open to tenure-track and non-tenure track faculty, emerita/us faculty, administrators, and established professionals.
- U.S. Alumni of other Fulbright programs **are** eligible to apply with no waiting period
- For those on the Roster, a 24-month waiting period between *Specialist* projects and tenures applies





Application Components

Required:

- Personal Information
- Education
- Employment
- Resume/CV
- Essays (2)
- References (3)

Optional:

- Geographic Preferences
- Language Skills

Essay One: Please describe why you are interested in serving as a Fulbright Specialist and how your participation would benefit a host institution abroad as well as your institution/ employer in the U.S.

Please include specific examples of activities that you may be interested in leading or completing at your host institution abroad as part of your program.

Essay Two: Please describe any previous experience working in an international environment and why you believe that you would be effective serving as a Fulbright Specialist at a host institution abroad.

If you do not have prior experience in an international setting, please describe what strategies you would employ in order to be successful while serving as a Fulbright Specialist in a cross-cultural context.





What's Next? Identifying a Match

Once accepted to the Roster there are **two pathways to match** with an institution:

Open Projects

- **View and apply to an ongoing list of available 'open' projects** during your three-year tenure
- Host institution reviews a list of qualified candidates and selects a finalist
- Finalist candidate(s) hold follow up call with host institution to confirm match

Named Projects

- **Institutions may nominate you as their preferred candidate** when submitting their project proposal
- Roster candidates may be in contact with prospective hosts, but institutions must lead proposal development and submission
- Regardless of nomination, one must meet all eligibility criteria to serve as the Specialist



*Vilma Fuentes (left), Santa Fe College
Fulbright Specialist to Ukraine*





Next Steps

Refer to fulbrightspecialist.worldlearning.org to:

- Find the application and a detailed program overview
- View recorded information sessions featuring alums
- Read project highlights and find alums through the Alumni Directory

Questions? Email us at fulbrightspecialist@worldlearning.org



*Alejandro del Carmen, Tarleton State University
Fulbright Specialist to the Czech Republic*

