

More Than An Academic Exercise

“...The fact that we educate many of the future leaders in countries around the globe is among our strongest diplomatic assets. Our efforts to spread our influence and understanding of our culture should be stepped up, not abandoned. Higher education is one of the best methods we have of spreading the word about who we are and of exposing our citizens to non-Americans. Bringing foreign students onto our campuses is among the best favors we can do ourselves.”

— Editorial, The New York Times, September 27, 2002

48 Nobel Prize Winners and Counting

Nobel Prize Recipients

PRIZE YEAR | NAME | IIE CONNECTION | NOBEL PRIZE

1904	Sir William Ramsay	IIE Visiting Lecturer, UK to US, 1920s	Chemistry
1912	Elihu Root	IIE Founder	Peace
1915	Sir William L. Bragg	IIE Visiting Lecturer, UK to US, 1920s	Physics
1921	Christian L. Lange	IIE Visiting Lecturer, Norway to US, 1933	Peace
1925	James Franck	Emergency Committee Scholar, Germany to US, 1930s	Physics
1929	Thomas Mann	Emergency Committee Scholar, Germany to US, 1930s	Literature
1931	Nicholas Murray Butler	IIE Founder and Trustee, 1919-1923	Peace
1933	Sir Norman Angell	IIE Visiting Lecturer, UK to US, 1920s - 1940s	Peace
1937	Lord Edgar A.R.G. Cecil	IIE Visiting Lecturer, UK to US, 1920s	Peace
1947	Bernardo A. Houssay	IIE Fellow, Argentina to US, 1947-48	Medicine
1950	Ralph Bunche	IIE Trustee, 1950-1970	Peace
1952	Edward M. Purcell	IIE Graduate Student, to Germany, 1933-1934	Physics
1952	Felix Bloch	Emergency Committee Scholar, 1930s; Fulbright Scholar, 1959	Physics
1957	Chen Ning Yang	Fulbright Scholar, to Brazil, Egypt and Malaysia, 1974	Physics
1958	Joshua Lederberg	Fulbright Scholar, to Australia, 1957	Medicine
1959	Emilio Segre	Fulbright Scholar, to Italy, 1950	Physics
1962	James D. Watson	Fulbright Scholar, to Argentina, 1986	Medicine
1964	Charles H. Townes	Fulbright Scholar, to France and Japan, 1955	Physics
1966	Robert S. Mulliken	Fulbright Scholar, to England, 1952-54	Chemistry
1967	Hans Bethe	Fulbright Scholar, to United Kingdom, 1955	Physics
1968	Lars Onsager	Fulbright Scholar, to England, 1951-52	Chemistry
1969	Jan Tinbergen	IIE Advisor, Norway to Pakistan, 1965	Economics
1969	Max Delbruck	Emergency Committee Scholar, Germany to US, 1930s	Medicine
1970	Hannes Alfvén	Fulbright Scholar, Sweden to US, 1954-55	Physics
1970	Paul Samuelson	Fulbright Scholar, to Asia, 1972	Economics
1973	Wassily Leontief	Fulbright Scholar, to France, 1961-62	Economics
1973	Henry A. Kissinger	IIE Trustee, 1999	Peace
1976	Milton Friedman	Fulbright Scholar, to United Kingdom, 1953-54	Economics
1977	Philip W. Anderson	Fulbright Scholar, to Japan, 1953-54	Physics
1977	Rosalyn S. Yalow	Fulbright Scholar, to Portugal	Medicine
1982	Bengt Samuelsson	Fulbright Scholar, Sweden to US, 1961	Medicine
1983	William A. Fowler	Fulbright Fellow, to England, 1954-55	Physics
1984	Carlo Rubbia	Fulbright Fellow, Italy to US, 1958-59	Physics
1985	Franco Modigliani	Fulbright Scholar, to Italy, 1961-62	Economics
1986	James M. Buchanan	Fulbright Scholar, Italy, 1955 to UK, 1961-62	Economics
1986	Wole Soyinka	IIE Travel Grantee, Nigeria to US, 1968	Literature
1987	Susumu Tonegawa	Fulbright Fellow, Japan to US, 1963	Medicine
1989	Trygve Haavelmo	Fulbright Scholar, Norway to US, 1957-58	Economics
1991	Simon Kuznets	IIE Advisor, US to Ethiopia and Korea, 1971-72	Economics
1991	Erwin Neher	Fulbright Fellow, Germany to US, 1966	Medicine
1993	Douglass C. North	Fulbright Scholar, to Uruguay	Economics
1996	James A. Mirrlees	IIE Consultant, UK to Pakistan, 1966-68	Economics
1998	Amartya Sen	IIE Visiting Professor, Bangladesh, 1974-75	Economics
2000	Alan G. MacDiarmid	Fulbright Fellow, New Zealand to US, 1950	Chemistry
2001	Joseph Stiglitz	Fulbright Fellow, to United Kingdom, 1969-70	Economics
2001	George A. Akerlof	Fulbright Scholar, to India, 1967-68	Economics
2002	Masatoshi Koshihba	Fulbright Fellow, Japan to US, 1953-55	Physics
2002	Riccardo Giacconi	Fulbright Fellow, Italy to US, 1956-58	Physics



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The Institute of International Education is proud and delighted to congratulate the two former Fulbright Fellows who received Nobel Prizes in Physics for 2002:

Masatoshi Koshihba

Fulbright from Japan 1953-55

Riccardo Giacconi

Fulbright from Italy 1956-58

Early in their careers, these two accomplished astrophysicists both came to the United States for graduate studies in physics at American universities with a fellowship from the prestigious Fulbright Program, our nation's flagship program of international educational exchange.

For over 50 years, the Institute of International Education has been privileged to administer the Fulbright Program for the U.S. State Department, selecting promising young people—future leaders in their respective disciplines—for advanced academic study outside of their home countries. As the world leader in the exchange of people and ideas, the Institute has created the student visa, rescued scholars from the ravages of World War II Europe, educated black South African students for leadership in a post-apartheid future, and helped to develop global networks of professionals in nearly every discipline.

With Drs. Koshihba and Giacconi, a total of 29 alumni of the Fulbright Program, 15 other grantees of the Institute of International Education, and four of the Institute's Trustees have now won Nobel Prizes. Of these 48 Nobel Laureates, 26 have won in the sciences, 13 in economics, two in literature, and seven were Peace Prize winners—a glowing achievement in which we take exceptional pride. There can be no more powerful testimony to the unique value of international education and exchange student programs than the accomplishments of these Nobel laureates, hailing from so many different nations, whose early promise was recognized, and supported, by IIE and the Fulbright Program. For these greatly gifted men and women—and the next generation of international exchange students the Institute is currently identifying—are truly the hope of the world, working to serve mankind by conquering disease, advancing world peace, reducing global poverty, preserving the environment, and creating a more just and prosperous global society.

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