



Fulbright Program

The Fulbright Program is the U.S. Government's flagship international exchange program, designed to increase mutual understanding between the people of United States and people of other countries. It promotes leadership development through learning and international cooperation. It is a partnership program in which the U.S. and foreign governments jointly set priorities, and its success is based on its binational character. In addition to annual Congressional appropriations, substantial financing is provided by partner governments, corporations, foundations, and academic institutions.

The Fulbright Program operates in more than 150 countries worldwide and has provided more than 250,000 participants – chosen for their academic achievement and leadership or leadership potential – with the opportunity to study, teach or conduct research in each others' countries, exchange ideas, and to develop international competence and cross-cultural expertise. Approximately 5,000 grants are awarded annually.

The Program was established by the Congress in 1946 under legislation introduced by the late-Senator J. William Fulbright of Arkansas. It is sponsored and administered by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the U.S. Department of State, which works with private non-profit organizations in the United States and with U.S. embassies and binational Fulbright Commissions abroad. Policy guidelines are established by the Presidentially-appointed J. William Fulbright Scholarship Board, which also selects the recipients of Fulbright awards.

Grant Categories and Programs

The Fulbright U.S. Student Program offers fellowships for U.S. graduating college seniors, graduate students, young professionals and artists to study abroad for one academic year, and includes an important English Teaching Assistants Component.

The Fulbright Foreign Student Program enables graduate students, young professionals and artists from abroad to study in the United States in virtually any field for a year or longer.

The Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant Program provides opportunities for young English teachers from overseas to refine their teaching skills and broaden their knowledge of American culture and society while assisting U.S. institutions in developing foreign language programs and capacity building for U.S. citizens.

The Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program sends American scholars abroad to lecture and/or conduct research for up to a year.

The Fulbright Visiting Scholar Program and Fulbright Scholar-in-Resident Program bring foreign scholars to lecture and/or conduct post-doctoral research for up to a year at U.S. colleges and universities.

The Fulbright Senior Specialists Program sends U.S. faculty and professionals to serve as expert consultants on curriculum, faculty development, institutional planning and related subjects at overseas academic institutions. U.S. Fulbright scholar programs also provide opportunities for alumni to strengthen linkages in

priority fields between their home and host institutions, thereby extending their legacy of leadership to the institutional level and increasing the impact of the exchange.

The Fulbright New Century Scholar Program supports collaboration by outstanding American and foreign scholars and professionals on interdisciplinary research covering topics of global importance.

The Fulbright Teacher and Administrator Exchange Program supports the direct exchange of pairs of U.S. and foreign teachers and administrators, primarily at the pre-collegiate level.

The Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program brings outstanding mid-career professionals from the developing world to the U.S. for a year of academic study and professional experience.

Educational and Cultural Affairs

Fulbright Program participants are among the more than 30,000 academic and professional exchange program participants that are overseen annually by the Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. Other programs the Bureau manages include the International Visitors Leadership Program and the new Partnerships for Learning Initiative.

FULBRIGHT SNAPSHOT

- Approximately 1100 U.S. students and 2400 foreign students (new and renewed grants) receive Fulbright scholarships each year.
- 700 foreign Fulbright scholars, 1000 U.S. Fulbright scholars and 475 Fulbright Specialists also receive awards.
- Fulbright alumni serve in leadership positions in government, academia, business, the arts, science, media, and other professional fields. Thirty-four Fulbright alumni have received the Nobel Prize.
- The State Department successfully reestablished the Afghanistan and Iraq Fulbright programs in 2004, after suspensions of many years.
- New Fulbright initiatives for the trans-Sahel region of Africa and Pakistan, and Turkey will be launched in 2005 to strengthen education, democracy and economic opportunity.

