

# About The Institute

## Why is International Education Needed?

*Broadening the outlook of future leaders through academic and professional exchange strengthens their ability to think and act on a cooperative basis. Academic and professional exchange is also a critical means for transferring knowledge and skills across borders and preparing a new generation of global citizens. In the century ahead, these activities will be more important than ever, since many of the world's problems can be solved only on a regional and transnational basis.*

## WHAT IS IIE?

- The world's most experienced global higher education and professional exchange agency
- Administrator of the Fulbright Program, the US Government's premier public diplomacy initiative
- Provider of training and leadership development programs for public and private sector professionals around the world
- Organizer of democracy-building, civil society and human rights training initiatives in transitional societies
- Initiator of projects that help students and scholars worldwide, including testing and advising, scholarships, and emergency financial assistance
- Provider of international affairs programs and visitor and protocol services that enrich our communities and regions

## IIE'S MISSION

An independent, nonprofit organization, the Institute is a resource for educators and institutions worldwide. Our goals are:

- to promote closer educational relations between the people of the United States and other countries
- to increase the number of students, scholars and professionals who have the opportunity to study, teach and conduct research outside of their own countries
- to strengthen and internationalize institutions of higher learning in the US and throughout the world
- to foster sustainable development through professional development and training programs in fields such as energy, environment, business management, and leadership
- to partner with corporations, foundations, and governments in finding and developing people able to think and work on a global basis

## VOLUNTEERS AT IIE

IIE's network of volunteers augments the work of our professional staff in our New York and Washington offices and Regional Centers. In New York, the Cultural Events Desk provides tickets free of charge to Fulbright grantees for performances ranging from Lincoln Center events to Broadway shows. Stephanie Rosenblatt has headed-up the Cultural Events Desk for 14 years, and is seen here discussing operations with fellow volunteers, Don Harris and Gloria Lazarus. The service distributes over 6,000 tickets each year, a total of 100,000 since the program began.

