

highlights 2001

Gilman Scholarships

A year ago, Congress created the Gilman Scholarship Program to provide an opportunity for American undergraduate students with demonstrable financial need to include serious international study in their college careers. Gilman Scholars, all of whom qualify for federal financial assistance (most under the Pell Grant program), are eligible to receive up to \$5,000 to cover the additional costs of overseas study. IIE was selected by the U.S. Department of State to administer the Gilman Scholarship Program. In its initial phase, nearly 3000 students from all 50 states, the District of Columbia and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico applied and 261 Gilman Scholars were selected. An additional 29 Gilman applicants received Freeman Awards for Study in Asia, as part of the first cohort of 800 U.S. undergraduate winners in IIE's Freeman-ASIA program. Gilman Scholars will be studying in 46 different countries in the 2001-2002 academic year.

In addition to the Gilman Scholars program, the Institute designs or administers the Boren Scholarship Program funded by the National Security Education Program, the Freeman Awards and IIE's Regional Center Scholarships for overseas study, making it the leader in creating and administering undergraduate scholarships for international study.



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At its annual International Awards Dinner, IIE presented the Stephen P. Duggan Award for International Understanding to United Nations Secretary General Kofi Annan, a former international exchange student who became the world's leading public servant and peacemaker. The Secretary General's initial study in the U.S. was supported by the Ford Foundation. Here, Susan Berresford, President of the Ford Foundation, introduces the Secretary General at the dinner.



Training for Results in Egypt

The Development Training (DT2) project IIE is undertaking on behalf of the USAID Mission in Egypt is one of the largest coordinated development training programs in the history of the U.S. Agency for International Development. Since 1997 the Institute has arranged for over 34,000 Egyptian officials to participate. The aim is to link their training to specific development objectives that will help the Government of Egypt strengthen democratic institutions, attract new private investment, improve education and public health services and expand trade.

In October, some 800 DT2 alumni participated in a reunion and ceremony honoring leading graduates for their work in addressing critical development problems, including increasing crop production, improving drinking water access, building a government computer network, drafting a new foreign direct investment law, reducing infant mortality, and transforming teacher training.

Nobel Laureates

On November 27, 2001, two alumni of the Fulbright Program, Joseph E. Stiglitz of Columbia University and George A. Akerlof of the University of California at Berkeley, were honored at a White House Reception celebrating their 2001 Nobel Prize in Economics. Both earned doctorates in economics from MIT in 1966 and were awarded Fulbright fellowships at the beginning of their careers. Stiglitz at Cambridge University and Akerlof at the Indian Statistical Institute in New Delhi. This brings to 30 the number of Fulbright Program alumni from seven countries who have been awarded the Nobel Prize for their contributions to humanity in the fields of chemistry, economics, medicine and physics. On November 27th, IIE was deeply honored to present its Stephen P. Duggan Award for International Understanding, to this year's Nobel Peace Laureate, United Nations Secretary General Kofi Annan.

The Goldman Sachs Global Leaders Program

IIE helps leading multinational firms and corporate foundations to design programs to identify and develop future leaders. One example is the Goldman Sachs Global Leaders Program, launched in 2001 by the Goldman Sachs Foundation in partnership with IIE. This innovative program identifies talented undergraduates from all disciplines and many countries and offers them support, global networks, and leadership training to prepare them for distinctive service to society and their future professions.

Fifty of the program's "Top Honors" recipients gathered in New York City in July to participate in the weeklong Summer Leadership Institute, which was highlighted by a visit with UN Secretary General Kofi Annan.



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Ford Foundation International Fellowships Program

The Ford Foundation, in partnership with the Institute of International Education and 13 other organizations around the globe, has created a 10-year, \$280 million initiative to provide fellowships for post-baccalaureate study to a new generation of developing country leaders who have previously been denied access to graduate education. This is the Foundation's largest international grant and the most significant investment in global graduate education and leadership development that has been made by any private agency.

The Program began in four pilot sites – Russia, Vietnam, West Africa (Ghana, Nigeria and Senegal), the Andean Southern Cone (Chile and Peru). Another five sites joined the program in November 2001 – China, India, the Philippines, East Africa (Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda) and Mexico/Guatemala. This will be followed by four more in June 2002 – Brazil, Indonesia, Southern Africa (Mozambique and South Africa), Middle East and North Africa (Egypt and Palestine).

IIE NETWORK

IIE Network – IIE's Interactive Membership Association

IIE Network is a membership association of over 700 higher educational institutions and the first global professional association for international education policy makers, administrators, and researchers.

IIE Network provides educators with a forum for discussion and networking and a source of expert analytical information. The IIE Network community is mediated by an interactive website, managed by topic and regional experts. Other features of the site include a partner board for networking of academic institutions around the globe, an academic job service, a searchable database of grants, and events in international education, and online discussion groups.

As a complement to the network website, in September IIE launched a new magazine for our membership, the IIE Networker. The initial issue included articles by experts in the field addressing such issues as ways to strengthen international education on campus and the financing of international education.

Heiskell Prize

This is the first international prize to recognize best practices in international education. The program was created in honor of long-time IIE Trustee, Andrew Heiskell, formerly Chairman of Time, Inc.

Colleges and universities that are IIE member institutions have been invited to nominate programs they have initiated to promote international education on their campus, to encourage study abroad, and to deepen faculty involvement in international activities through collaborative research, teaching and curriculum development. By publicizing these outstanding programs, IIE plans to stimulate adoption of best practices.

New Leaders in Reproductive Health

Thanks to the David and Lucile Packard Foundation, the Institute's West Coast Regional Center is implementing a new "Leadership Development Mechanism" for reproductive health and population issues. This unique leadership program, part of the growing health/education portfolio of IIE's Center for Global Development, and is being implemented in eight developing countries with some of the highest population growth rates in the world, as well as growing HIV/AIDS prevalence: Ethiopia, India, Mexico, Myanmar, Nigeria, Pakistan, Philippines and the Sudan. The Packard/IIE initiative is identifying, training and strengthening leaders who are working in the reproductive health and population fields to improve and expand reproductive health services and choices.



Assistant Secretary of State for Educational and Cultural Affairs, Patricia deS. Harrison, addressed the Open Doors press conference on the importance of international educational exchange, especially following the September 11th attacks.

Open Doors 2001

In November, IIE and the U.S. Department of State helped launch International Education Week with the release of the 2001 Open Doors data on student mobility at the National Press Club in Washington, DC. Assistant Secretary of State for Educational and Cultural Affairs, Patricia deS. Harrison, gave the keynote address, observing that:

"Exchange programs are founded on the belief that a more profound knowledge of other societies and cultures, and active cooperation in the search for solutions to common problems, help to build stronger relationships between countries, governments and peoples.... In the wake of the September 11 attacks on the United States, and the ongoing challenges facing our nation, we reaffirm our commitment to the ideals of international exchange as a force for understanding."

Fulbright Scholar Program New Initiatives

New Century Scholars — Thirty outstanding research scholars and professionals from the United States and 18 other countries have been designated New Century Scholars in a program designed to provide a forum for international, interdisciplinary collaboration. Those selected this year will be focusing their research on "Challenges of Health in a Borderless World." Their work will promote a deeper understanding of the social context within which societies and the global community shape their response to disease in a period of increased global interdependence and rapid socio-economic change.

Fulbright Senior Specialists Program — Created to complement the traditional Fulbright Program, the new Specialists Program offers short-term grants of two to six weeks for U.S. faculty and professionals. Senior Specialists collaborate with their overseas counterparts on curriculum, faculty development and institutional planning.

Fulbright Student Enrichment Seminars

During the year, more than 900 Fulbright graduate students from 120 countries and recently returned Fulbright Fellows participated in a series of enrichment seminars designed to provide breadth and context to their Fulbright educational experience here in the United States. This year, the seven, three-day seminars arranged and conducted by IIE offices around the country, were designed to explain the 2000 U.S. Census, the immigration experience and related economic, political and demographic developments. IIE engaged urban mayors, members of Congress, state and federal government officials, business and professional leaders, public policy speakers from think tanks and interest groups representing a broad range of views, and citizens in all parts of the country to discuss the census process and findings with the Fulbright students.

Global Energy Sector Reform

Through a new USAID supported project, IIE is now assisting the Government of Indonesia in implementing a broad regulatory reform of the electricity sector. IIE is working in the "nuts and bolts" of restructuring, supporting Indonesia's regulatory agencies in their efforts to develop new regulations, institute rational pricing policies, improve the efficiency of energy markets, and improve the planning and management of electricity generation, transmission and distribution. Other countries where IIE is assisting energy sector reform include India, Bangladesh, Ukraine, Brazil, and Zambia.

EcoLinks in Eastern Europe and Eurasia

In a cooperative activity with USAID, IIE provides Partnership Grants to organizations in Central and Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union. These grants enable businesses and local governments to develop market-based solutions to high priority environmental problems. During 2001, over 170 grants, totaling \$3.4 million, were awarded to link these organizations with partners in the United States or in other countries in the region to tackle problems related to air pollution, water and wastewater management, solid waste management and energy efficiency.

Volunteers at IIE

Thousands of Houston-area school children learn about the wider world through IIE/Southern's Educational Outreach Programs. These include an International Speakers Bureau, which sends volunteer speakers to a classroom to discuss various regions of the world. Some delegates in the International Visitor Program and local international graduate students also participate in this program. IIE also provides teacher development opportunities, such as a teaching workshop on Islam and the Arab world. It has also developed a "cultural navigators" program on the Middle East, working with a consortium of world-culture teachers and creating educational materials focusing on Israel, Egypt, Jordan, Syria, and Lebanon. While students learn about the geography, culture, and religions of the Middle East, they also learn tolerance and intercultural understanding.

Environmental Exchange Program

In September of 2001, IIE was selected to manage USAID's US-Asia Environmental Partnership (US-AEP) exchange program. Under this five-year contract, IIE will implement 3,500 technical exchanges for environmental professionals in 11 Asian countries and the United States. This allows IIE to continue its six-year history of implementing business and technically-focused exchanges which have engaged more than 4,800 professionals in addressing critical environmental issues, including the availability of potable water, global warming, the need for clean industrial manufacturing technologies, and reducing air emissions from automobiles.



Volunteers are an essential part of IIE's success. Here, two volunteers from Brazil participate in the Southern Regional Center's Educational Outreach Program which brings them into Houston classrooms to discuss different geographic regions as well as the cultures found there.

IIE and Congress

The IIE Board of Trustees held its April meeting in Washington, DC, and conferred the Stephen P. Duggan Award for International Understanding on Senator Ted Stevens, then Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, and Senator John F. Kerry, a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Senator Stevens was recognized for his lifetime of public service and for his commitment to assuring that the next generation of leaders around the world will have an opportunity to experience the world in a way that only educational exchange makes possible.

Senator Kerry was recognized for his vision in assuring that educational contacts, most notably, the Fulbright Program, would be extended to the people of Vietnam. He, having served there and been decorated for his action in combat, better than most, has a sense of how that country has been cut off from so much of the world as a result of the outcome of the Vietnam War and of the hardship that has caused.

In addition, at its annual dinner in November, IIE presented the Duggan Award to Senator Charles Schumer.

Humphrey Alumni Conference

IIE and the State Department continued their partnership in supporting Humphrey Fellowship Program alumni to gather together regionally, discuss issues and network. The Fourth East Asia/Pacific Regional Conference of Humphrey alumni, took place in Seoul, South Korea in September. The conference was jointly funded by the Ministry of Government Administration and Home Affairs of the Republic of Korea and the U.S. Department of State. Forty-two alumni from 12 countries in East/Southeast and South Asia participated.

IIE's South Africa Education Program Concludes

September 30, 2001 marked the end of IIE's highly successful South Africa Education Program. IIE began this program in 1979 entirely with privately raised funds, and it later became a cooperative effort with U.S. universities, corporations, foundations and the U.S. Government. The total private-public investment amounted to \$58 million. Over 1,600 black South Africans studied in American colleges and universities, most of them at the Masters and Ph.D. level. The Program created the cadre of black South Africans in leadership today.

Creating an Alumni Database

Through its new alumni research project, IIE has compiled a database of 120,000 past IIE related grantees and participants. The alumni records, which IIE has been keeping for more than 80 years, are, for the first time in the Institute's history, computer searchable by decade, field of study, country, and institution attended. The database advances the main purpose of the alumni research project, which is to get a better idea of the impact of IIE's work over the years and its role in promoting mutual understanding among the peoples of the world.

Beijing Office

After several years of managing scholarship programs in China through our office in Hong Kong and a part-time representative in Beijing, IIE formally opened an office in Beijing in September with The Chinese Academy of Sciences serving as our formal institutional host. Programs currently managed by IIE/Beijing for Ford Foundation include an Individual Grants Program that assists Chinese scholars and professionals participating in conferences and study tours abroad, and the China component of the Asian Fellows Program, which provides opportunities for Asian scholars to pursue research in another country in the region. IIE/Beijing also provides in-country support for the American research Fulbrighters in China, working closely with the U.S. Embassy and with funding from the U.S. Department of State.

IIE's Center for Global Development

The Institute's Center for Global Development houses IIE's training, development and technical assistance staff, most of whom carry out projects on behalf of the U.S. Agency for International Development and other international development donors.

TOP W. Stacy Rhodes, Vice President and Director of the IIE Center for Global Development; William Nance, Director, Global Training for Development Information Technology; Marjan Zanganeh, Training Director; Development Training II; and, Ahmad Ghamarian, Director, The Energy Group.

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THIRD Global Development Training staff, Lara Panomareff, Connie Lina-Carr and William Nance, Director

FOURTH The Energy Group, to include Masood Malik, Francine Steinger, Ahmad Ghamarian, Director, Patricia Klein, and Peter Resetar

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