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Fulbright Program

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

The Fulbright Program operates in more than 150 countries worldwide and has provided approximately 275,000 participants – chosen for their academic merit and 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 6,000 grants are awarded annually.

The Program was established by 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. The Program also 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 strengthening the instruction of foreign

FULBRIGHT SNAPSHOT

- Approximately 1,200 U.S. students and 2,600 foreign students (new and renewed grants) receive Fulbright scholarships each year.
- Approximately 1,100 U.S. Fulbright scholars and 750 Fulbright scholars also receive awards.
- Fulbright alumni serve in leadership positions in government, academia, business, the arts, science, media, and other professional fields. Fulbright alumni are the recipients of 35 Nobel Prizes, 65 Pulitzer Prizes, 22 MacArthur Foundation "Genius" Awards, and 15 U.S. Presidential Medals of Freedom.
- The State Department successfully reestablished the Afghanistan and Iraq Fulbright Programs in 2003.
- New Fulbright initiatives for the trans-Sahara region of Africa, Pakistan, and Turkey were launched in 2005 to strengthen education, democracy and economic opportunity.

languages at colleges and universities within the United States.

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

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.

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

Fulbright Alumni Initiative Awards provide opportunities for alumni of Fulbright U.S. Scholar Programs to strengthen linkages in priority fields between their home and host institutions, thereby extending their legacy of leadership to the institutional level and the impact of the exchange.

The Fulbright New Century Scholar Program is a forum for international, interdisciplinary collaboration among the world's outstanding research scholars and professionals. Annually, the Fulbright Program assembles approximately 30 leading minds to collaborate on issues of global significance.

The Fulbright Teacher and Administrator Exchange Program involves one-on-one exchanges of administrators and teachers from K-12 schools, community colleges and four-year institutions.

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 Programs

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 Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program.

