

Fulbright Specialist Program

Information Session for U.S. Applicants

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Today's Presentation

- Overview of the Fulbright Specialist Program
- Benefits for Participating Specialists
- Eligible Disciplines and Host Institutions
- Sample Project Activities
- Applicant Eligibility Criteria
- Program Application and Matching Process
- Q&A



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About the Fulbright Program



- A program of the U.S. Department of State with funding provided by the U.S. Government
- Led by the United States government in partnership with more than 160 countries worldwide, the Fulbright Program offers international educational and cultural exchange programs for passionate and accomplished students, scholars, artists, teachers, and professionals of all backgrounds to study, teach, or pursue important research and professional projects.
- In 2021, we're celebrating the Fulbright Program's history of positive impact on the lives of individuals as well as on global and local communities. Over the last 75 years, the Fulbright Program has provided international exchange opportunities to more than 400,000 participants across 160 countries! Join the virtual celebration at fulbright75.org.

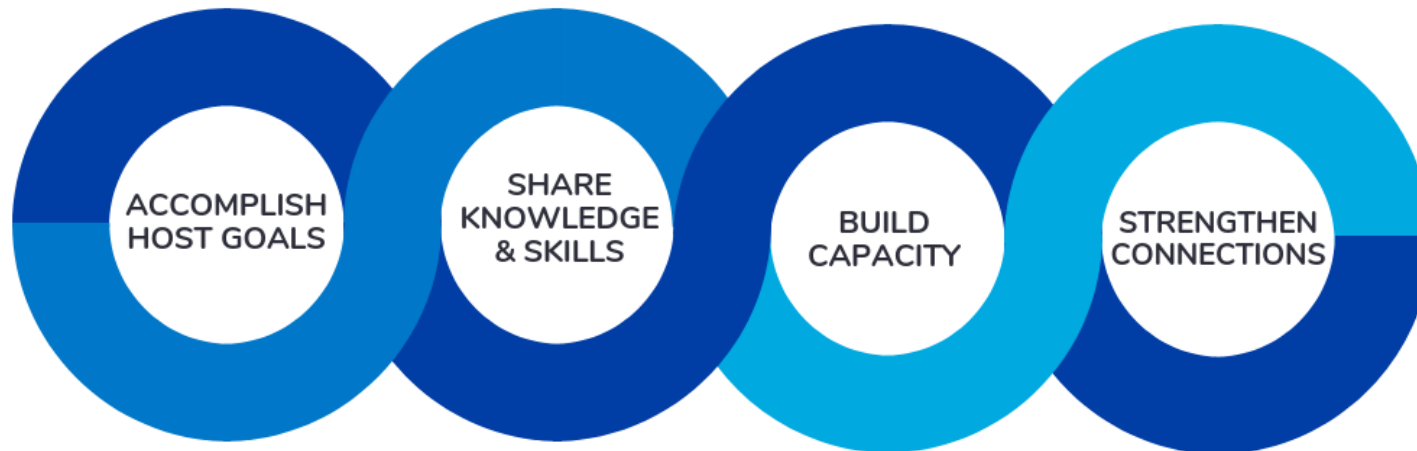


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Fulbright Specialist Program Overview

- Established in 2001; World Learning serves as the program's implementing partner
- Experienced U.S. academics and established professionals complete short-term (2-6 weeks) projects designed by institutions in 160 eligible countries and other areas
- 400+ projects are implemented annually; projects take place year-round



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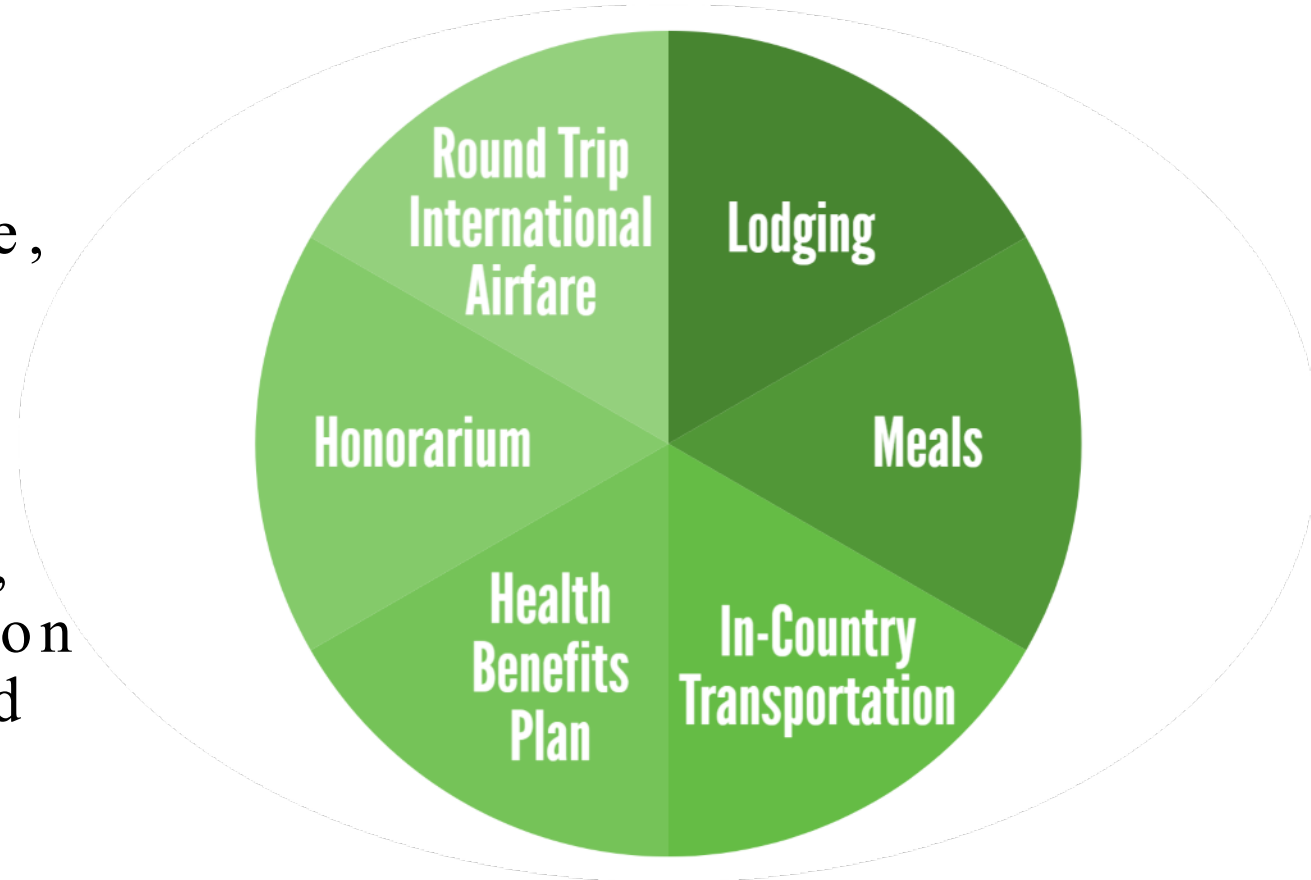


Benefits for Participating Specialists

The U.S. Department of State

provides funding for round-trip economy class international airfare, a transit allowance (\$100), daily honorarium (\$200), and a limited health benefits plan

Host institutions provide lodging, meals, and in-country transportation for the duration of the grant period



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Eligible Project Fields

- Agriculture
- American (U.S.) Studies
 - Includes topics in the arts and humanities
- Anthropology
- Archaeology
- Biology Education
- Business Administration
- Chemistry Education
- Communications & Journalism
- Computer Science & Information Technology
- Economics
- Education
- Engineering Education
- Environmental Science
- Law
- Library Science
- Math Education
- Peace & Conflict Resolution Studies
- Physics Education
- Political Science
- Public Administration
- Public/Global Health
- Social Work
- Sociology
- Urban Planning



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Eligible Host Institutions

INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION

- Public or private universities
- Community colleges

GOVERNMENT INSTITUTIONS

- Ministries/agencies
- Courts
- Parliamentary or congressional bodies

CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS

- Conservatories
- Museums
- Libraries

NON - GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Non-partisan, issue centered organizations and think tanks

MEDICAL INSTITUTIONS

- Public health organizations
- Teaching hospitals



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Sample Project Activities



- Delivering **seminars, training or workshops**
- Consulting on **faculty or workforce development**
- Developing **academic or training curricula and materials**
- Giving **lectures** at the graduate or undergraduate level
- Conducting **needs assessments or evaluations** for a program or institution
- Supporting **accreditation** process for a university program
- Engaging in **strategic planning** activities



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Sample Project: Dalat University (Vietnam)

Need: Curriculum review and advising on the accreditation application development process for a new undergraduate international business program.

Activities :

- Dr. Quan Vu Le, Associate Professor of Economics and Director of the International Business Program at Seattle University **reviewed the Faculty of Business Administration's curriculum** and **conducted a series of workshops** on pedagogical techniques and program development in English to help prepare faculty for accreditation.
- Dr. Le also advised on the launch of a new Entrepreneurship Facilitator Center (EFC).

Continued Collaboration:

- Dr. Le relationship with Dalat University enabled him to bring six students to Vietnam. They worked closely with the EFC to launch a student-driven partnership that sells sustainably-farmed Vietnamese coffee on Seattle University's campus.

"I was able to bring what I learned as a Fulbright Specialist back to my current job and help my students in Seattle get real -world entrepreneurial experience."

Fulbright Specialist Alumni at Syracuse

Name	Grant Year	Host Institution	Host Country	Project Discipline
Shubha Ghosh	2019	Baku State University	Azerbaijan	Law
Diana (Dee) Katovitch	2018	University of Iceland	Iceland	Education
Danita Emma	2017	Nikiforov Art	Bulgaria	Education
Mara Sapon-Shevin	2017	University of Waikato/University of Auckland	New Zealand	Education
Tom Brutsaert	2013	North-Eastern Hill University	India	Anthropology
Don Mitchell (Emeritus)	2013	University of Chile	Chile	Urban Planning

A complete directory of program alumni is available at fulbrightspecialist.worldlearning.org/directory



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Fulbright Specialist Roster

The Fulbright Specialist Roster is a pre-vetted group of individuals who are eligible to be matched to Specialist projects designed by host institutions abroad



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Key Eligibility Criteria

- Must be a U.S. citizen
- Have significant experience in your respective field, as demonstrated by professional, academic, or artistic achievements
- U.S. Alumni of other Fulbright programs are eligible to apply; 24-month waiting period applies to anyone previously admitted to the Fulbright Specialist Roster

Online Application Components

Required:

- Personal Information
- Education
- Employment
- Resume/CV
- Essays (2)
- Reference Contacts (3)

Optional:

- Geographic Preferences
- Language Skills



Roster Application Essay Prompts

Maximum of 1500 words each

Essay One: Please describe why you are interested in serving as a Fulbright Specialist and how your participation would benefit a host institution abroad as well as your institution or employer in the U.S.

Please include specific examples of activities that you may be interested in leading or completing at your host institution abroad as part of your program.

Essay Two: Please describe any previous experience working in an international environment and why you believe that you would be effective serving as a Fulbright Specialist at a host institution abroad.

If you do not have prior experience in an international setting, please describe what strategies you would employ in order to be successful while serving as a Fulbright Specialist in a cross-cultural context.



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The Peer Review Process

- Applications are accepted year-round and peer review panels are convened six times per year
- Peer review panels are comprised of three individuals from the same general field as the applicant
- Panels assess professional qualifications, cross-cultural skills and adaptability, potential for overall benefit to stakeholders, etc.

Visit fulbrightspecialist.worldlearning.org for a full list of peer review panel criteria

SPECIALIST APPLICATION DEADLINE (COMPLETED APPLICATION AND AT LEAST TWO COMPLETED REFERENCE FORMS)	SPECIALIST NOTIFICATION
SEPTEMBER 9, 2020	OCTOBER 9, 2020
NOVEMBER 11, 2020	DECEMBER 11, 2020
JANUARY 13, 2021	FEBRUARY 12, 2021
MARCH 10, 2021	APRIL 9, 2021
MAY 12, 2021	JUNE 11, 2021
JULY 7, 2021	AUGUST 6, 2021
SEPTEMBER 8, 2021	OCTOBER 8, 2021
NOVEMBER 10, 2021	DECEMBER 10, 2021
JANUARY 12, 2022	FEBRUARY 11, 2022



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The Matching Process



- Individuals accepted to the Roster receive access to an online Portal for the duration of their tenure
- Through the Portal, users can view and express interest in any available open projects by a set deadline
- A list of qualified candidates is then sent to the host institution to review and select a finalist
- Please note that host institutions may opt to request an individual to serve as the Specialist for a particular project, if they have a prior affiliation with the candidate or a candidate was recommended to them



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Grant Implementation

Once an individual on the Roster has been successfully matched to a project, World Learning staff will begin grant implementation including:

- Distributing and collecting program forms
- Arranging international travel
- Disbursing honorarium payment
- Conducting a mid-program call
- Serving as primary point of contact



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