

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
- Application Review 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.
- Since 1946, the Fulbright Program has provided international exchange opportunities to more than 400,000 participants across 160 countries! Learn more about Fulbright at www.fulbrightprogram.org.



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Diversity & Inclusion

- The Fulbright Program strives to ensure that it reflects the diversity of U.S. society and societies abroad. We encourage the involvement of people from traditionally underrepresented audiences in all our grants, programs, and other initiatives
- Fulbright Program opportunities are open to people regardless of their race, color, national origin, sex, age, religion, geographic location, socioeconomic status, disability, sexual orientation or gender identity.

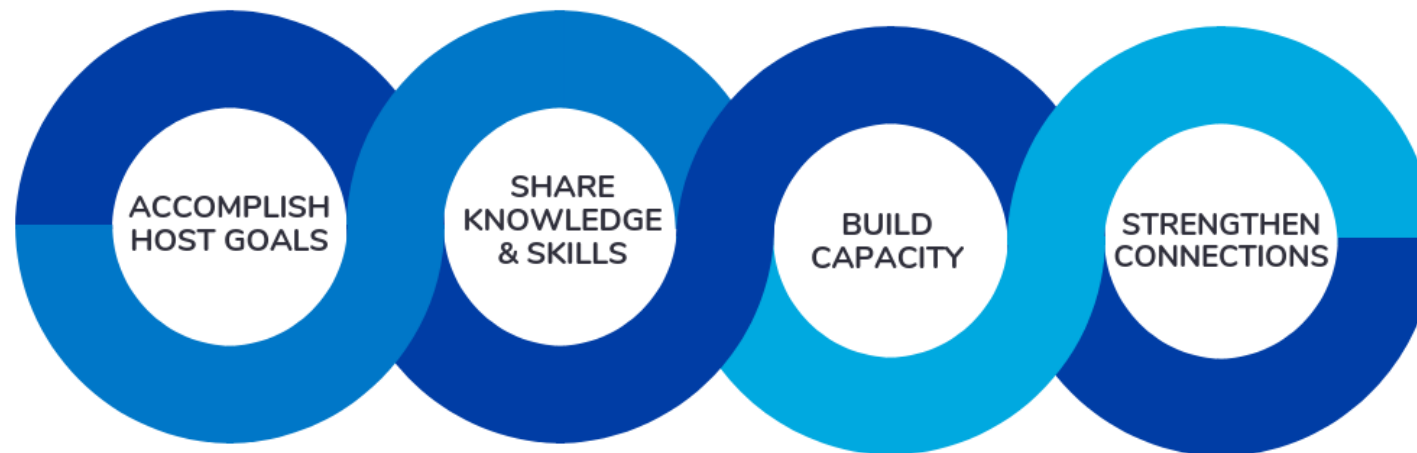


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Fulbright Specialist Program Overview

- 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



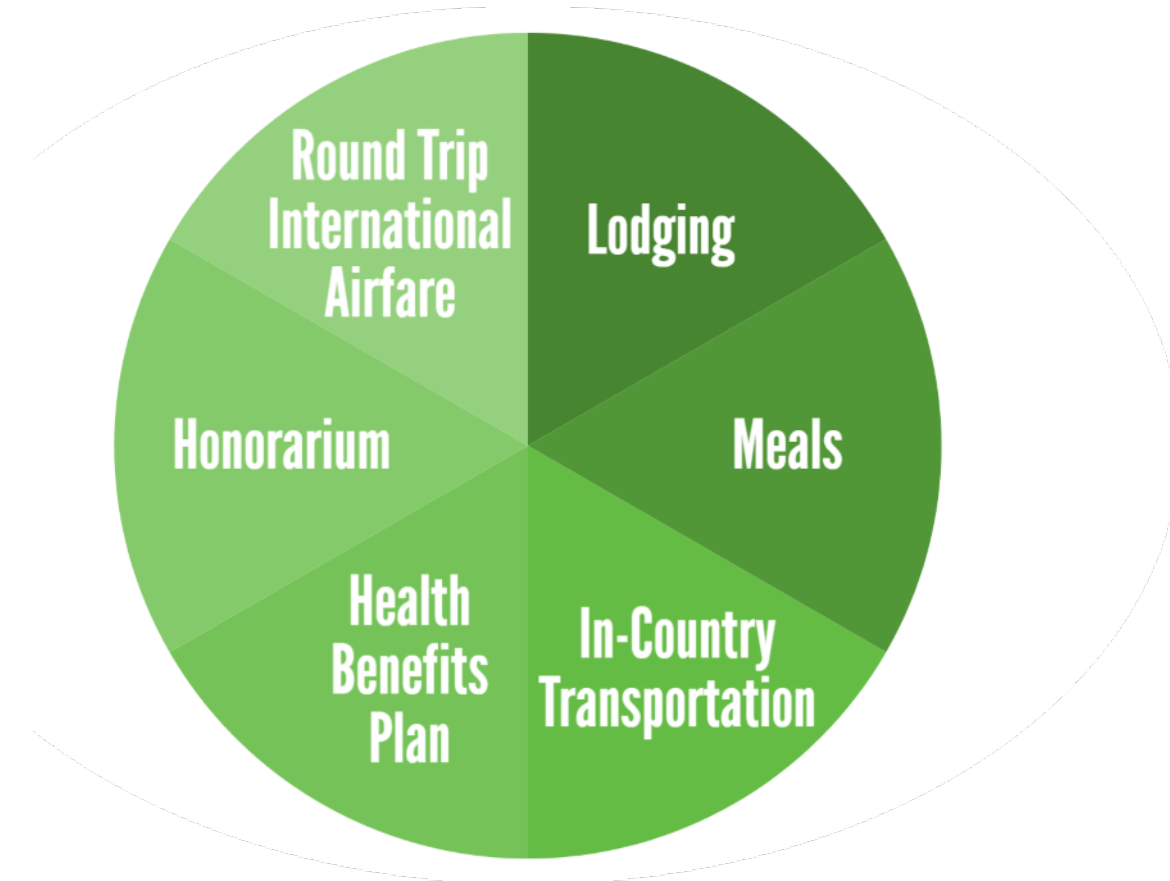
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Benefits for Participating Specialists

The U.S. Department of State provides funding for round-trip economy class international airfare, a transit allowance (\$100), daily honorarium (\$200), applicable visa fees, 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



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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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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Application 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
JANUARY 11, 2023	FEBRUARY 10, 2023
MARCH 8, 2023	APRIL 7, 2023
MAY 5, 2023	JUNE 9, 2023
JUNE 30, 2023	AUGUST 4, 2023
SEPTEMBER 1, 2023	OCTOBER 6, 2023
NOVEMBER 3, 2023	DECEMBER 8, 2023



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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