

The Fulbright Program has many grant variations in its portfolio that accommodate a wide range of interest, abilities, and availability.

The **Traditional Fulbright Scholar** program annually sends 800 U.S. faculty and professionals to teach or conduct research in many countries around the world. Visit the CIES Web site at www.cies.org/us_scholars/us_awards/ for detailed information.

- Grants cover periods of two months to an academic year.
- Approximately 75 percent are lecturing or lecturing/research grants; 25 percent are pure research grants.
- Outside francophone Africa and Latin America, English language skills are usually sufficient.
- Fulbright grants may be combined with sabbatical leave which gives the advantages of preparing a single project proposal and of retaining University health and retirement benefits.
- Grants may be taken on unpaid study leave, but it is important to discuss this with your department head before applying.
- While grants are administered by the Washington-based Council for International Exchange of Scholars (CIES), the Fulbright office at Penn State provides application and editing assistance, beginning with this workshop.
- A very limited number of postdoctoral or “junior” grants are available.

The deadline to apply for traditional grants for the academic year 2010-11 is August 1, 2009.

The **Distinguished Chair Awards** offers 39 lecturing and lecturing/research awards in 18 countries. This program is designed for eminent scholars with substantial experience and publications in their respective fields; it is important for applicants to review award descriptions carefully in order to identify expectations for particular awards. Stipends for Distinguished Chairs Program awards vary by country and are generally higher than those offered for the traditional program. More information about this program may be found on the CIES Web site at www.cies.org/Chars/. **The deadline for this program is August 1, 2009.**

The **Senior Specialist** program provides short-term opportunities (two to six weeks, with possible serial grants) for grantees to undertake activities such as teacher training, developing and/or assessing curricula or educational materials, leading seminars or workshops, taking part in specialized academic programs, conducting needs assessments/surveys/research, or providing other assistance to an overseas host institution. Found on the CIES Web site at www.cies.org/specialists/, you may apply for this program at any time.

The **New Century Scholars** program brings together an international group of top academics and professionals under the Fulbright banner to examine a major transnational theme and to work collaboratively on that issues of global significance. Approximately 30 New Century Scholars are selected for each session.

A mid-term virtual seminar is led by a distinguished Fulbright Scholar in the subject area, and the year culminates with a plenary conference with proceedings published and shared with appropriate national and international organizations. The theme for 2009-10 was "The University as Innovation Driver and Knowledge Center." Visit the CIES Web site at www.cies.org/ncs/ for more information and deadlines for this program.

The **German Studies Seminar** is designed for U.S. scholars of German studies and of disciplines related to a specific thematic focus. Participants in this seminar gain a firsthand look into how Germany (and Europe) deal with contemporary issues. They will examine the political, social, and economic institutions of German. The seminar's perspective is interdisciplinary; applications are invited from scholars of German language and literature, German history, political science, and other humanities and social science related to the seminar topic.

Seminars or International Education Administrators are designed especially for those who work in international education. These two- to three-week sessions in Germany, Japan, or Korea are designed to introduce participants to the society, culture, and higher education systems of these countries through campus visits, meetings with foreign colleagues and government officials, attendance at cultural events, and briefings on education. This program does not require a Ph.D.

Deadline for Japan and Korea programs is November 1, 2009; Germany is February 1, 2010.

Is this the year you host a visiting Fulbright?

There are a number of ways to bring international scholars to your department.

Through the traditional **Visiting Fulbright Scholar** program, each year some 800 faculty and professionals from around the world receive grants for advanced research and university lecturing in the United States. Individual grants are available to scholars from over 150 countries. The first step is to invite an international colleague to come to your university: scholars are expected to submit evidence that they have identified a host affiliation in the United States as part of the applications process, well before an actual grant is awarded. The scholar includes the letter of invitation from the host institution along with application materials submitted to his/her country's Fulbright Commission or U.S. Embassy. The CIES Web site has more information, including a listing of commissions and embassies at www.cies.org/vs_scholars/vs_awards/.

Fulbright Visiting Specialists Program: Direct Access to the Muslim World is specifically for institutions with few or no programs/ courses related to Islam or the Muslim world. Community colleges and minority-serving institutions, such as Historically Black Colleges or Universities, Hispanic Serving Institutions, and Tribal Colleges or Universities, are encouraged to apply and will receive preference for an

award. Visit [www.cies.org/Visiting Specialists/us institutions.htm](http://www.cies.org/Visiting_Specialists/us_institutions.htm) to view the diverse representation of previous U.S. host institutions.

The **Scholar-in-Residence** program brings scholars and professionals from abroad to lecture at U.S. colleges and universities for one semester or one academic year. The program is especially appropriate for small liberal arts colleges, minority-serving institutions, and community colleges, many of which do not often have the opportunity to host visiting scholars. Proposals are welcome from individual institutions, as well as from consortia of two or more institutions. For more info, visit www.cies.org/sir/.

A separate program, **European Union SIR**, exists for universities to host experts as resident fellows for one term. All institutions with appropriate programs and activities relating to EU affairs are encouraged to submit proposals under this program. For more information on both SIR programs, visit www.cies.org/eusir/.

The **Occasional Lecturer Program** provides travel awards that enable Fulbright Visiting Scholars currently in the U.S. to accept guest lecturing invitations at colleges and universities other than the host institution. The program enables Visiting Scholars to share their specific research interests, speak on the history and culture of their countries, exchange ideas with U.S. students, faculty and community organizations; become better acquainted with U.S. higher education; and create linkages between their home and host institutions. For more information, visit www.cies.org/sir/olp.