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International Exchange
Opportunities through
the Bureau of Educational
and Cultural Affairs

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Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA)

• **Mission:** To increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries through educational and cultural exchanges that support the development of peaceful relations.

• **Congressional appropriation:** more than $630 million in FY 2017

http://exchanges.state.gov/
The Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the United States Department of State strives to ensure that its efforts reflect the diversity of U.S. society and societies abroad. The Bureau seeks and encourages the involvement of people from traditionally underrepresented audiences in all its grants, programs and other activities and in its workforce and workplace. Opportunities are open to people regardless of their race, color, national origin, sex, age, religion, geographic location, socio-economic status, disability, sexual orientation or gender identity. The Bureau is committed to fairness, equity and inclusion.
Exchange Programs and Activities

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The Fulbright Program

- The U.S. Government’s flagship international academic exchange program
- Legislation created by Senator Fulbright signed in 1946
- Aims to foster mutual understanding between peoples through educational exchange
- More than 360,000 alumni from the United States and 160 countries worldwide

http://eca.state.gov/fulbright
Fulbright U.S. Student Program

TWO TYPES OF GRANTS

Grants to U.S. college graduates and graduate students to study, or conduct research abroad or serve as an English Teaching Assistant overseas in over a 130 countries worldwide

RESEARCH/STUDY GRANT

- 925 awards
- 8-12 months in country
- ~ 140 countries
- Independent research, study, creative or performing arts projects abroad

ENGLISH TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIP (ETA)

- 1100 awards
- 8-12 months
- ~ 70 countries
- Help teach English and U.S. culture in the classroom

http://us.fulbrightonline.org/home.html
Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program

- Provides grants to U.S. faculty and professionals to lecture and research abroad in a variety of academic and professional fields
- 2 months to one academic year in more than 125 countries
- Over 800 awards each year, for lecturing and/or research

www.cies.org
Fulbright International education administrators Program

- Short-term seminars abroad for U.S. international education professionals and senior higher education officers
- Grantees establish networks with U.S. and international colleagues
- France, Germany, India, Japan, Korea, Russia

http://www.cies.org/IEA/
Fulbright Specialists Program

- Grants to U.S. faculty and professionals to serve as expert consultants for educational institutions worldwide.
- Grants are available for two to six weeks.
- Approximately 300 awards available each year worldwide.
- Fulbright Specialists:
  - Develop and/or assess academic curricula or educational materials.
  - Conduct needs assessment and surveys.
  - Take part in specialized academic programs and conferences.
  - Present lectures and seminars.
  - Contribute to faculty development.

www.worldlearning.org/projects/fulbright-specialist-program
For U.S. Colleges and Universities: Fulbright Scholar-In-Residence Program (S-I-R)

- Brings visiting scholars from abroad to lecture at U.S. colleges and universities.

- Grants are for one semester or an academic year for teaching, primarily at the undergraduate level.

- Other Activities
  - Contributing to curriculum development
  - Initiating international programs
  - Giving campus wide and community lecture

- Preference is given to Minority Serving Institutions (MSIs), small liberal arts colleges and community colleges. Rural institutions are also encouraged to apply.

www.cies.org/sir
For U.S. Colleges and Universities: Fulbright Outreach Lecturing Fund

• Enables Fulbright Visiting Scholars already in the U.S. to visit other campuses

• Grants are for a 2-5 day period on the host campuses and cover travel costs while the host institutions provide accommodations

• Outreach Lecturers:
  – Lecture to classes
  – Offer department or campus-wide lectures
  – Address community organizations and schools
  – Promote Fulbright Program opportunities to the host campus

• Preference is given to Minority Serving Institutions (MSIs), small liberal arts colleges, community colleges, rural colleges and universities and other underserved institutions

www.cies.org/olf
For U.S. Institutions:

Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant Program

- Grants to young, foreign teachers of English to teach their native languages on U.S. campuses
- Grants are for one academic year
- Over 400 awards annually
- Teaching Assistants:
  - Teach two classes per semester
  - Enroll in courses related to U.S. studies and teaching methodologies
  - Strengthen U.S. institutions’ foreign language instruction.
  - Refine personal teaching methodologies

- Arabic
- Bengali
- Chinese
- Dari
- Dutch
- Gujarati
- Hausa
- Hindi
- Indonesian
- Japanese
- Kazakh
- Kiswahili
- Korean
- Kyrgyz
- Malay
- Mongolian
- Pashto
- Persian
- Portuguese
- Punjabi
- Russian
- Tagalog
- Tajik
- Thai
- Turkish
- Uzbek
- Yoruba
- Wolof
- Finnish
- French
- Gaelic (Irish)
- German
- Italian
- Spanish

www.iie.org/fulbright/flta
Does your institution have a Fulbright representative on campus?
U.S. Study Abroad Branch

• Established 2015

• Promoting diversity and participation in study abroad by:
  – Managing existing study abroad programs
  – Building higher education institutional capacity for study abroad; and
  – Advocating for the value of study abroad
Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program

- Provides awards to U.S. undergraduate students for their participation in study or internships abroad
- Awards up to $8,000
- Nearly 3,000 awards annually; 3 weeks to a year in length (minimum of 2 weeks for community colleges)
- Recipients must:
  - Be a U.S. citizen
  - Be enrolled at a 2-year or 4-year undergraduate college or university
  - Be receiving Federal Pell Grant funding

www.iie.org/gilman
Critical Language Scholarship Program

- Begun in 2006
- Awards grants for U.S. undergraduate and graduate students to learn critical foreign languages
- More than 500 scholarships for intensive overseas summer study
- Beginning, intermediate, and advanced level programs
- Languages include: Azerbaijani, Arabic, Bangla, Chinese, Hindi, Indonesian, Japanese, Korean, Persian, Punjabi, Russian, Swahili, Turkish and Urdu.
- Programs range from 8 to 10 weeks
- 20 hours of language instruction per week and cultural enhancement activities

www.clscholarship.org
Building Institutional Capacity:
MOOC for U.S. Higher Education Institutions and Capacity Building Grants

- **MOOC (Massive Online Open Course) for higher education institutions:** Upon completion of the course, institution representatives will better understand best practices of managing all aspects of study abroad programs, including planning, credit, funding, health and safety, and student reintegration after post-study abroad.

  [www.studyabroadtoolbox.org](http://www.studyabroadtoolbox.org)

- **Overseas Capacity Building Workshops:** Through one-time grants, Fulbright Commissions in 14 countries will hold trainings for foreign higher education institutions aimed at building their capacity to host U.S. graduate and undergraduate students for credit-bearing academic exchange programs.
Global Undergraduate Exchange Program (UGRAD)

For one year of non-degree studies in the United States

Provides scholarships to students from Eurasia, the Near East, South Asia, Central Asia, Africa, East Asia and the Pacific and the Western Hemisphere to pursue non-degree studies in the U.S.

http://exchanges.state.gov/non-us/program/global-undergraduate-exchange-program-global-ugrad
Study of the U.S. Institutes (SUSIs)

- **GOAL:** promote a better understanding of American people and institutions; explore the diversity and culture of the United States; and develop or expand curricula on U.S. studies in colleges and universities overseas;
- Five-to-six week academic programs for small groups of foreign undergraduate students, scholars, and teachers;
- Hosted by universities and colleges throughout the United States;
- SUSIs include academic sessions, site and cultural visits, an educational study tour, community service, and opportunities to engage with American peers;
- SUSIs are thematically based and include Civic Engagement, Global Environmental Issues, Journalism and Media, Religious Pluralism, Social Entrepreneurship, and Women’s Leadership, among others.
- FY 2015 SUSI by the Numbers: 386 students and 164 scholars and teachers
Colleges and Universities
Opportunities to host

• Mandela Washington Fellowship for Young African Leaders
  – Six weeks of study at a U.S. university in one of three tracks: Business & Entrepreneurship; Civic Leadership; or Public Management
  
https://yali.state.gov

• Young Southeast Asian Leadership Initiative (YSEALI)
  – Five week academic fellowships in three thematic areas:
    • Environmental Issues
    • Civic Engagement
    • Social Entrepreneurship and Economic Development
  
https://youngsoutheastasianleaders.state.gov/
EducationUSA Advising Centers

• EducationUSA provides info on:
  – U.S. colleges and universities
  – Financial aid
  – Standardized testing
  – Application procedures
  – Living in the United States

• 400 centers worldwide

• Offers a wide range of accurate, comprehensive and current guidance for prospective international students regarding opportunities for study in the United States.

• Works with U.S. educational professionals on international student recruitment efforts.

www.educationusa.info
**English as a Second Language Programs**

- **English Language Fellow Program**
  - Provides grants to qualified EFL/ESL professionals to undertake projects with universities, teacher-training institutions, and bi-national centers worldwide.

- **English Language Specialist Program**
  - Provides grants to U.S. academics in fields of TEFL/TESL to undertake projects dealing with curriculum and teaching development.

[www.elprograms.org](http://www.elprograms.org)
U.S. Campuses as Hosts: International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP)

- International Visitors traveling to the U.S. to meet and confer with their professional counterparts.
- International Visitors:
  - Are established or potential foreign leaders in government, public policy, media, education, labor, the arts, and other key fields.
  - Participate in professional meetings and cultural activities.
  - Contact the local community-based organization near you.

www.globaltiesus.org
Office of Citizen Exchanges

- Promotes professional interaction on a global scale through a variety of exchange programs:
  - Cultural Programs
  - Professional Exchanges
  - Sports Programs
  - Youth Programs
- Provides foreign participants with the opportunity to enhance their knowledge so they can better address the challenges facing their countries
- Offers Americans the opportunity to share their experience with foreign counterparts.
- Offers individual and institutional grants

http://exchanges.state.gov/citizens/index.html
National Clearinghouse on Disability and Exchange

- Provides resources to promote the participation in international exchange programs by people with disabilities
  - Information about the range of international opportunities available to people with disabilities
  - Guidance and assistance to secondary and postsecondary educational institutions and exchange organizations about the ways to increase participation of people with disabilities in their exchange programs

http://www.miusa.org/ncde
International Education Week: November 13-17, 2017

• **Purpose:** To promote and celebrate the value and relevance of international education

• During International Education Week, campuses are encouraged to hold activities celebrating international education

• In its 18th year, International Education Week is a joint effort between the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education

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