Outreach Lecturing Fund

The Outreach Lecturing Fund (OLF) provides funding for campuses to host Fulbright Visiting Scholars, who are already in the United States, for short-term speaking engagements.

To participate, Fulbright Visiting Scholars must first be invited by a U.S. college or university.

Institutions interested in hosting an Outreach Lecturer are encouraged to use the Fulbright Visiting Scholar directory at www.cies.org/fulbright-scholars to identify a scholar of interest. The OLF award will cover the cost of a roundtrip ticket from the scholar’s host institution. OLF host institutions are expected to provide local transportation, lodging and meals for the invited Fulbright Visiting Scholar. Supplemental funding for local transportation and lodging may be available upon request.

Special consideration will be given to campuses that have not previously participated in the Fulbright Scholar Program. Institutions underrepresented in the Fulbright Program are especially encouraged to participate, as are Minority Serving Institutions and community colleges.

How U.S. institutions utilize Outreach Lecturing Fund (OLF) visits

Winthrop University in South Carolina hosted a Fulbright Visiting Scholar from India whose primary host institution was Mary Baldwin College in Virginia. The scholar spoke on professionalism and media ethics in India during one lecture and on Indian culture and advertising in contemporary India for her second.

Howard University in Washington, DC, hosted a Fulbright Visiting Scholar from South Africa to lecture on the topic: “Has the faculty lost the art of humanity?” The scholar’s primary host institution was UCLA.

The University of Arizona in Tucson hosted a Fulbright Visiting Scholar from Bulgaria. The scholar lectured on linguistics from a southern European point of view. His primary host institution was the University of Washington in Seattle.

Hostos Community College in New York hosted a Romanian Fulbright Visiting Scholar from the University of Colorado – Denver, CO. He spoke to faculty and students about Romania’s higher education and culture and presented a slide show of Romanian cities and landscapes.
Scholar-in-Residence Program

Overview and Purpose

Through the Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence (S-I-R) Program, U.S. colleges and universities collaborate with scholars from other countries to assist in internationalizing U.S. campuses, curriculum and communities.

Fulbright S-I-Rs teach primarily on the undergraduate level in their areas of expertise and provide a cross-cultural or international perspective to promote curricula and program development. Their activities enhance the institution’s international/global studies programs, assist in the development of interdisciplinary course/program offerings and broaden international cooperation. In addition, Fulbright S-I-Rs are expected to engage in both on-campus and community activities throughout the program’s duration.

U.S. colleges and universities apply to the Council for International Exchange of Scholars to host a Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence for either one semester or an academic year. S-I-R grants are for either one semester or an academic year. The Scholar can be in most academic disciplines provided that the courses taught offer an international perspective. Institutions can propose a specific candidate by name, or CIES can work with U.S. Embassies and Fulbright Commissions abroad to recruit a scholar whose background is appropriate for the proposed activities.

Eligibility:

Any accredited U.S. institution of higher learning is eligible to apply, but preference is given to Minority Serving Institutions, small liberal arts colleges and community colleges.

Financial Support:

Grant benefits for the Fulbright S-I-R include: roundtrip international air travel, a monthly stipend, an allowance for up to two dependents, and initial settling in and professional allowances. Host institutions are encouraged to provide some cost-sharing, such as a salary supplement for the Scholar and/or in-kind support, such as housing, meals and travel.

Application Deadline:

The application deadline for U.S. institutions to submit proposals for the next cohort of Fulbright Scholars-in-Residence is October 15.

Proposal guidelines and application materials are available at: www.cies.org/sir.