Fulbright Specialist

• International Projects with short term travel (6 weeks or fewer)
• Projects involve higher education curricular or instructional improvement (not research).
• Preference for projects that have promise of leading to long term institutional collaborations (e.g. collaboration agreements between universities).
Eligible Project Activities

Fulbright Specialist projects must address the needs of universities and education-focused institutions.

• Eligible activities include:
  – institutional or faculty development
  – lecturing,
  – teacher-training
  – leading special conferences or workshops
  – curriculum development.

• Projects are encouraged that:
  – contribute to the creation of new academic programs or fields of study at host country institutions of higher education
  – building of institutional relationships with U.S. academia
  – strengthening of newly established or developing host country universities.

• Personal research and clinical medical research are not eligible.
Applicant Eligibility

- U.S. citizenship at the time of application
- A Ph.D. or other terminal degree
- Substantial post-doctoral teaching and professional experience in the discipline
Terms

• Fulbright pays for airfare
• Fulbright reimburses $200 per diem while in residence (maximum 42 days)
• Host institution pays for housing and local transportation.
Overall Specialist Grant Process

**Official**
- US Academic applies to Specialist Roster
- Peer Review of Roster Application
- Host University consults Roster and identifies needed expertise.
- Host University develops proposal
- Project Proposal is approved by local Fulbright Commission
- Project Proposal is approved by US State Department.

**Actual**
- US Academic applies to Specialist Poster
- Peer Review of Roster Application
- US Academic contacts potential collaborators at Host Universities.
- US Academic and Collaborator develop proposal.
- Project Proposal is approved by local Fulbright Commission
- Project Proposal is approved by US State Department.
Our Process

• 1) Apply to Specialist Roster
   – Open Online Application
   – CV
   – Questions
   – References

• 2) Identify Potential Collaborators

• 3) Develop Proposal
Apply to Specialist Roster

• Online Application
• CV
• 4 Questions
• 2 References
Roster Application: CV (no more than 25000 characters including spaces)

• 1. EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND; PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE; WORK EXPERIENCE
• 2. PUBLICATIONS
• 3. TEACHING; PRESENTATIONS; RESEARCH; CONSULTANCIES
• 4. PROFESSIONAL TRAVEL; COMMUNITY SERVICE
• 5. AWARDS; AFFILIATIONS; APPOINTMENTS
Roster Application: Questions

• **Summary of Professional Achievements:** Describe, in 1,000 characters (including spaces) or less, your five most significant professional accomplishments, including items such as major publications, honors, teaching and research awards, compositions and exhibitions.

• **Motivational Statement:** Describe, in 2,500 characters (including spaces) or less, your motivation for applying to, and interest in participating in, the Fulbright Specialists Program. Keep in mind you are applying for admission to the FSP Roster as an expert in your field, not for a specific project or country (though you may briefly mention interest in a country). Your statement should include a brief explanation of the potential value of your participation relative to the goals of the Specialist program.

• **Preparation for Participation:** Describe, in 2,500 characters (including spaces) or less, the potential value of your participation to overseas universities, your home institution and professional networks.

• **Potential Contributions:** Describe, in 2,500 characters (including spaces) or less, examples of potential contributions given the eligible activities for this program.
Roster Application: 2 References

• Internal referee - A supervisor or colleague at your current institution or organization (e.g. department chair)

• External referee - A colleague outside your current institution or organization.
Peer Review of Applications

• Rolling Review (every other month) with Fast Turn Around
• Review by Specialist Roster Members
• Multiple Criteria
Roster Review Criteria 1

*Professional Qualifications*

- Education, training, professional standing, and position
- International, national, and/or regional reputation as a scholar, artist, or professional.
- Quality of professional accomplishments, as evidenced through publications, research grants, awards, work experience, exhibition records, and papers delivered at conferences, seminars, and workshops.
- Teaching ability, as evidenced by references, teaching awards, courses taught, pedagogical approach, participation in innovative teaching, professional training, or curriculum projects.
- Demonstrated currency in the selected field of expertise.
- Administrative/leadership experience.
Roster Review Criteria 2

Suitability for Specialist Grant Activity

• Match of academic, professional, or artistic expertise to the Specialist program.
• Quality of the motivational statement
• Feasibility to successfully engage in eligible grant activities, at post-secondary, degree granting institutions overseas, based on credentials presented.
Previous International/Intercultural experience

- The short-term nature of the Specialist activities internationally requires demonstrated cultural sensitivity and adaptability.
- Evidence of strong international experience and cultural adaptability is, therefore, preferred.
- In the absence of international experience, consideration may be given to applicants who demonstrate significant evidence of cultural adaptability through their regional and national experiences.
Roster Review Criteria 4

Expected benefit to scholarly and professional networks

• Applicant's potential to contribute to a host institution abroad.

• Applicant's potential to contribute to the home institution, or to other U.S. scholarly and professional networks, upon return.
Roster Review Criteria 5

Personal Qualities
• Collegiality, adaptability, cultural sensitivity and ability to serve as a cultural ambassador.

Geographic Distribution
• Other factors being equal, and to the extent possible, applicants are chosen to represent a broad U.S. geographic distribution, by both home state and type of institution.
Homework

• Open Online Application
• Draft Specialist CV
• Draft Responses to the 5 questions
• Identify References
Future Work and Timeline

• “Buddy System” review of applications
• JCC available to review applications and provide feedback
• Meet to Discuss Locating Potential Collaborators (early July) (all have applied)
• Meet to Discuss Developing a Proposal (September)
Essential Websites

• Fulbright Specialist Program Home page
  http://www.cies.org/program/fulbright-specialist-program

• Apply for Specialist Roster
  http://www.cies.org/programs-us-scholars-specialist/apply-join-specialist-roster

• Fulbright Specialists (Grantees)
  http://www.cies.org/fulbright-scholars