

2017-2018 PROGRAM OVERVIEW FOR U.S. TEACHERS

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The Fulbright Distinguished Awards in Teaching Program is sponsored by the United States Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. It is one of numerous Fulbright programs established in 1946 under legislation introduced by former United States Senator J. William Fulbright of Arkansas. Fulbright grants are awarded to students, researchers, scholars, and teachers from the United States and to foreign nationals to study, teach, or conduct research. Since its inception in 1946, more than 370,000 “Fulbrighters” have participated in the program since it began. The 2017-2018 program will mark the ninth year of the Fulbright Distinguished Awards in Teaching Program. Participating countries in 2017-2018 for U.S. teachers are Botswana, Finland, Greece, India, Israel, Mexico, Morocco, Netherlands, New Zealand, the Palestinian Territories, Singapore, Taiwan, the United Kingdom, and Vietnam.

The Fulbright Distinguished Awards in Teaching (DA) Program is administered by the Institute of International Education (IIE) on behalf of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) of the United States Department of State. IIE is responsible for day-to-day management of the DA program. IIE also works closely with international colleagues at Fulbright Commissions and U.S. embassies or consulates abroad to recruit, interview, recommend for selection, place, orient and monitor teachers from participating countries. Working together, ECA, IIE, Fulbright Commissions and U.S. embassies and consulates select teachers from the United States and other countries who will be provisionally recommended to participate in the DA Program based on their teaching experience, academic training, inquiry project proposal, and professional experience. Final selection of Fulbright grantees is made by the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board (FSB) upon recommendation by review panels in the United States and at binational Fulbright Commissions or U.S. embassies and consulates abroad. The FSB is an independent, presidentially appointed board that has oversight responsibility for all Fulbright academic exchange programs and that makes final selections of all persons who participate in Fulbright programs.

PROGRAM COMPONENTS

Grantees who are selected to participate in the Fulbright Distinguished Awards in Teaching Program will:

- 1) Enroll in up to two advanced undergraduate or graduate level classes at a host university or teacher training institution abroad. Each U.S. grantees is placed at a host institution based on his/her proposed program and project goals;
- 2) Observe classes, team-teach and/or conduct seminars or workshops in local schools for host country teachers and students;
- 3) Design and complete an inquiry project;
- 4) Participate in an online professional learning community with other participants to share best practices and other elements of host and home country educational systems; and
- 5) Engage in other teaching related activities.

Upon returning home, grantees will be expected to share the knowledge and experience gained on the program with teachers and students in their U.S. schools and within their communities.



Program Details:

Coursework: Each U.S. grantee will audit up to two courses at their host institution. Fulbright Program staff and an assigned faculty advisor will recommend courses that best meet each grantee's goals, align with his/her inquiry project, and support the enhancement of his/her professional educational practice.

Faculty Advisor: Each U.S. grantee will work closely with a faculty advisor. The advisor will be a faculty member or another individual who is able to provide feedback and guidance throughout the development of the inquiry project. U.S. grantees will also be paired with one or more mentor teachers in a local primary or secondary host school.

Inquiry Project: Throughout his/her Fulbright experience abroad, U.S. grantees will participate in professional development activities that support the completion of their inquiry project. Program staff and the assigned faculty advisor at the host institution will assist the grantee throughout the program to refine and complete the inquiry project.

Local School Placements: While abroad each U.S. grantee will observe classes, team-teach, lead workshops or master classes, and/or give presentations for teachers and students in local schools on varied topics (e.g., their content area, the U.S. educational system). Program staff at the host institution and/or partner organization abroad will identify schools that are appropriate to each grantee's interests and area of expertise.

Online Professional Learning Community: Each U.S. grantee will participate in a virtual community with other U.S. and international participants to collaborate and share best practices about education in the participating countries.

Professional Development Grant (PDG): Each grantee is eligible to apply directly to IIE for additional funding for professional development activities that support their program while they are abroad. This funding is in addition to other grant funding. PDG funding is intended to enhance the program experience through attendance at a professional conference or workshop, traveling to conduct research at schools outside of the host community area, or by pursuing professional activities relevant to their project. The proposed activity should enhance the inquiry project and/or teaching area knowledge. More information about how to apply for PDG funding will be shared during the program orientation workshop in August.

IMPORTANT DATES

August 2017 Fulbright Program Orientation Workshop in Washington, D.C.

This mandatory orientation workshop provides essential information about the program and will include sessions related to cross-cultural adaptation, inquiry project development, program logistics, and administrative details. U.S. grantees will have the opportunity to meet other U.S. grantees as well as to establish connections with the international grantees. Orientation workshop participants will be housed at a Washington, D.C. hotel. All costs associated with attendance are paid by the Fulbright Program.

ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Travel: Roundtrip travel (airfare, train or car mileage) costs to and from the U.S. grantee's home to Washington, D.C. for the orientation workshop, as well as roundtrip international flight costs from the nearest international airport in the U.S. to the host country, are paid for by the Fulbright Program. IIE Fulbright Program staff will work with U.S. grantees to make flight arrangements.



Housing: Living arrangements abroad for each U.S. grantee will be determined by the U.S. grantee with assistance from the Fulbright Commission, U.S. embassy or consulate in the host country and from others such as Fulbright Program alumni. When possible, selection of housing will be based on proximity to the host campus and access to area resources, such as grocery stores and public transportation.

Note about Dependents:

- Participants may take family members with them abroad for part, or all, of their time during their Fulbright Program in most countries. Please note that while in the host country, U.S. participants will spend the majority of their time participating in Fulbright Program activities and fulfilling the requirements of their Fulbright grant and should take this into consideration when making decisions about whether or not to take family members with them abroad.
- Limited funding to offset the costs of dependents may be available. Should a grantee decide to take his/her family with them, most costs associated with the family members' stay in the host country (airfare, living expenses, housing, health insurance, etc.) will be the sole responsibility of the grantee. Please note that dependents must live with the grantee in the host country for at least 80% of the grant period to receive any available dependent funding.

Finances: The Fulbright grant will pay program costs for the U.S. grantee, except for incidental expenses. Each grantee will receive a Maintenance Allowance (MA) and other funds to cover expenses such as food, transportation, supplies for classes, household items, personal items, and cultural and other activities. Costs associated with housing and other program-related expenses are to be paid directly by U.S. grantees out of the provided grant funds.

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International Partner Organizations

IIE partners with the following organizations abroad to administer the Fulbright Distinguished Awards in Teaching Program. For more information about each organization, visit the program website at www.fulbrightteacherexchange.org.

<u>Botswana</u>	U.S. Embassy, Gaborone
<u>Finland</u>	Finland-U.S. Educational Exchange Commission
<u>Greece</u>	Fulbright Foundation in Greece
<u>India</u>	United States-India Educational Foundation
<u>Israel</u>	United States-Israel Educational Foundation
<u>Mexico</u>	United States-Mexico Commission for Educational and Cultural Exchange
<u>Morocco</u>	Moroccan-American Commission for Educational and Cultural Exchange
<u>Netherlands</u>	Fulbright Center Netherlands
<u>New Zealand</u>	Fulbright New Zealand Te Tüäpapa Mätauranga o Aotearoa me Amerika
<u>Palestinian Territories</u>	Consulate General of the United States
<u>Singapore</u>	U.S. Embassy, Singapore, in cooperation with the Singapore Ministry of Education
<u>Taiwan</u>	Fulbright Taiwan, Foundation for Scholarly Exchange
<u>United Kingdom</u>	United States-United Kingdom Fulbright Commission
<u>Vietnam</u>	U.S. Embassy, Hanoi

