



FELLOWSHIPS for Indian Citizens

2016-2017





President Obama and Prime Minister Modi in New Delhi during the President's visit to India in January 2015
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USIEF Executive Director's Message



The United States-India Educational Foundation (USIEF), the Fulbright Commission in India, is pleased to announce a new round of fellowship competitions open to Indian citizens for 2016-2017. In addition to providing opportunities for personal, academic and professional growth, Fulbright-Nehru and other exchanges promote mutual understanding between the people of the U.S. and India.

Fulbright-Nehru and other fellowships have, over the years, helped bring people of India and the United States closer through educational exchanges. USIEF has administered over 18,500 grants for Indians and the U.S. citizens. USIEF alumni have demonstrated strong leadership in all walks of life, including agriculture, arts, business, education, environment, humanities and social sciences, public health, and science and technology.

This e-brochure describes the fellowships, eligibility criteria, and procedures for applying. Once you find a fellowship of interest, I suggest that you visit the “Current Fellows” page on USIEF’s website to learn about recent proposals that have been successful. Please view the video “Indian Fulbrighters: Ambassadors of Change” on YouTube, where alumni share their Fulbright-Nehru experience. I also encourage you to talk with Fulbright and other alumni about their experiences in the United States. USIEF staff can help you get in touch with people in your field who will be glad to answer questions. When you are ready to apply, you can download the application material from the USIEF website.

Screening experts and selection committees look for talented individuals whose projects are important to India and the U.S. and who have the ability to be good “cultural ambassadors.” The ideal exchange fellow is one who both contributes important work in his/her field and encourages Indo-U.S. networking during and after the fellowship.

Please share this e-brochure with those who may be interested. Best wishes to all of you as you explore these exciting opportunities.

Adam J. Grotsky
Executive Director

March 5, 2015

FELLOWSHIPS FOR INDIAN CITIZENS 2016-2017

The United States-India Educational Foundation (USIEF) promotes mutual understanding between the people of the United States and India through academic and cultural exchange. Since 1950, the Fulbright Program has sponsored Indians from all walks of life to gain a greater understanding of U.S. society, culture, and values, and to foster a deeper appreciation of India amongst their American colleagues. USIEF is pleased to announce Fulbright-Nehru Fellowships and other opportunities for the academic year 2016-2017.

Fulbright House, New Delhi



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Additional opportunities are announced throughout the year.
Please visit USIEF's website www.usief.org.in.

IMPORTANT

You can apply for only ONE Fulbright-Nehru fellowship category during a competition cycle.
Plagiarism in the application will lead to disqualification.
Unless otherwise specified, Fulbright-Nehru applications are to be submitted online.
Application deadlines vary. Applications received after the deadlines will NOT be considered.
Extensions and transfer of visa sponsorship will not be permitted.

Fulbright-Nehru Fellowships

a. Fulbright-Nehru Master's Fellowships

The Fulbright-Nehru Master's Fellowships are designed for outstanding Indians residing in India to pursue a master's degree program at selected U.S. colleges and universities in the areas of **Arts and Culture Management including Heritage Conservation and Museum Studies; Environmental Science/Studies; Higher Education Administration; Public Health; Urban and Regional Planning; and Women's Studies/Gender Studies.**

These fellowships are for highly motivated individuals who demonstrate leadership qualities, have completed the equivalent of a U.S. bachelor's degree, have at least three years professional work experience, and are committed to return and contribute to their communities. The fellowships are for one to two years.

Grant Benefits

The fellowship will provide the following benefits:

- J-1 visa support;
- Round-trip economy class air travel from fellow's home city to the host institution in the U.S.;
- Funding for tuition and fees*, living and related costs; and
- Accident and sickness coverage per U.S. Government guidelines.

* USIEF funding may not cover all costs and the scholar may need to supplement grant benefits with other resources.

The Fulbright-Nehru Master's Fellowships provide no financial support for dependents.

Eligibility Requirements

In addition to the General Prerequisites (page 19), the applicants should:

- have completed an equivalent of a U.S. bachelor's degree from a recognized Indian university with at least 55% marks. Applicants should either possess a four-year bachelor's degree or a completed master's degree, if the bachelor's degree is of less than four years' duration;
- have at least three years' full-time (paid or voluntary) professional work experience relevant to your proposed field of study;
- demonstrate experience in leadership and community service;
- must not have another degree from a U.S. university or be enrolled in a U.S. degree program; and
- If you are employed, please follow the instructions carefully regarding employer's endorsement. If applicable, please obtain the endorsement from

Fulbright-Nehru Master's Fellow Mohammad Aatish Khan examining a forest navigation instrument at the Great Mountain Forest, Norfolk, Connecticut





Fulbright-Nehru Master's Fellow Rohit Tak making a presentation at the University of California, Berkeley, California

the appropriate administrative authority on the FNMasters Employer's Endorsement Form. The employer must indicate that leave will be granted for the fellowship period. You can download the FNMasters Employer's Endorsement Form from the USIEF website.

Important Note: Business Administration and Public Administration are not eligible fields for 2016-2017 Fulbright-Nehru Master's Fellowships. USIEF will not fund master's degrees in Business Administration (MBA), Public Administration or Public Policy (such as MPA/MPP or MA/MS in Public Administration or Public Policy) or dual/joint degrees such as MA/MBA or MA/MPA or MA/MPP.

Eligible Fields of Study

Each applicant should choose one field of study that matches his/her chief area of interest. The following field descriptions are illustrative and applicants should note that individual academic host institution programs of study may differ in course offerings, subspecialties, and academic requirements.

- **Arts and Culture Management including Heritage Conservation and Museum Studies:** The study of all aspects of art and culture management, including arts administration, heritage conservation and museum studies, management of profit and not-for-profit art institutions, among others. These fellowships are **not** for pursuing graduate degrees in fine or applied art and design or art history, but for the management of the arts.
- **Environmental Science/Studies:** The study of the environment in all its complexities. Subspecialties

include: environmental toxicology, natural resource management, pollution prevention, environmental law, environmental engineering and environmental policy analysis, among others.

- **Higher Education Administration:** The study of all aspects of higher education administration including policy planning and management, student affairs, academic affairs, admissions and enrollment management, curriculum design, learning assessment, financial management, alumni and community relations, internationalization of higher education, quality assurance, use of technology in higher education, among others.
- **Public Health:** The study of all aspects of public health including biostatistics, environmental and occupational health, epidemiology, health law, bioethics and human rights, health policy and management, public health delivery systems, international health, and reproductive, maternal and child health, among others.
- **Urban and Regional Planning:** The study of all aspects of urban and regional planning, including infrastructure, transportation policy and planning, water and sanitation, town and rural planning, land use, housing and real estate development, and waste management, among others.
- **Women's Studies/Gender Studies:** The study of issues relevant to women, feminism, and gender including development, health, history, education, sexuality, law, and policy, among others.

How to Apply

Applications must be submitted online. Please refer to Application Procedure and Guidelines (page 19).

Please visit the Fulbright-Nehru Master's Fellowships webpage at www.usief.org.in for fellowship details and Application Instructions.

Application Due Date: July 1, 2015

Timeline and Placement Process

July 1, 2015

Application due date for 2016-2017 awards

July-August 2015

Field-specific experts review applications to short-list candidates

Late August 2015

National interviews of short-listed candidates in Delhi

Early September 2015

USIEF notifies principal and alternate nominees that they are recommended. Nominees take tests (such as TOEFL and GRE)

October 2015

USIEF forwards applications of recommended candidates to the U.S. for J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board (FFSB) approval and placement

March-April 2016

USIEF notifies finalists

May-June 2016

Pre-Departure Orientation

July-August 2016

Pre-academic training in the U.S. (if required)

August-September 2016

Degree program begins

Placement of successful candidates is done by the Institute of International Education (IIE), New York. Recommended applicants do not need to apply to U.S. institutions on their own. IIE/Fulbright Program will apply to four different institutions on their behalf, taking into consideration the candidates' preferred institutions and the candidates' competitiveness. If a recommended candidate has previously applied to U.S. institutions and has requested a deferral from the institution, the candidate must notify USIEF immediately.

b. Fulbright-Nehru Doctoral Research Fellowships

The Fulbright-Nehru Doctoral Research Fellowships are designed for Indian scholars who are registered for a Ph.D. at an Indian institution. These fellowships are for six to nine months.

Applications are invited in the following fields only: Agricultural Sciences; Applied Economics; Education Policy and Planning; Energy Studies; International Security and Strategic Studies; Public Health Policy and Management; Public Policy (limited to Science and Technology Policy); Science and Technology (limited to bioengineering, climate change sciences, computer and mathematical sciences, and neurosciences); Study of India (limited to language/literature/linguistics, history, and visual and performing arts); Study of the United States (limited to language/literature/linguistics, history, and visual and performing arts); Urban and Regional Planning; and Women's and Gender Studies.

Affiliation

You will be affiliated to **one** U.S. host institution for your grant. USIEF **strongly** recommends all applicants to identify institutions with which they wish to be affiliated and to correspond, in advance, with potential host institutions. If you have secured a letter of invitation from a U.S. institution, please include it as a part of your online application.

Grant Benefits

The fellowships provide a monthly stipend, Accident and Sickness Program for Exchanges per U.S. Government guidelines, round-trip economy class air travel, applicable allowances and modest affiliation fees, if any. Selected scholars will have opportunities to audit non-degree courses, conduct research and gain practical work experience in suitable settings in the U.S. No allowances are provided for dependents. The grant is not sufficient to support family members.

Fulbright-Nehru Doctoral Research Fellow Saakshi Joshi helping with story writing at an elementary school in Lexington, Kentucky



Eligibility Requirements

In addition to the General Prerequisites (page 19):

- You should have done adequate research in the relevant field, especially in the identification of resources in India and the U.S. You should be registered for your Ph.D. at an Indian institution at least one year prior to the date of application. In your online application form, you should upload a letter from your Ph.D. supervisor that comments on your research work and the usefulness of the fellowship, and indicates the Ph.D. registration date and topic;
- This grant is intended for Ph.D. students to conduct research essential to their dissertations/thesis. Therefore, your expected Ph.D. thesis submission date should not be earlier than three months after your Fulbright-Nehru grant end date. For example, if May 2017 is your grant end date, you cannot submit your thesis before August 2017. Please indicate the Ph.D. registration date and the expected Ph.D. thesis submission date in the Applicant Annexure. You can download the Applicant Annexure from the USIEF website;
- If you are employed, please follow the instructions carefully regarding employer's endorsement. If applicable, please obtain the endorsement from the

appropriate administrative authority on the FNDR Employer's Endorsement Form. The employer must indicate that leave will be granted for the fellowship period. You can download the FNDR Employer's Endorsement Form from the USIEF website; and

- You should upload a 'writing sample' such as a copy of an article or paper published/presented or extracts from the M.Phil. thesis in your online application form.

Note: These fellowships are for pre-doctoral level research. Applicants with Ph.D. degrees or those at the final stage of Ph.D. thesis submission will **not** be considered.

How to Apply

Applications must be submitted online. Please refer to Application Procedure and Guidelines (page 19). Please visit the Fulbright-Nehru Doctoral Research Fellowships webpage at www.usief.org.in for fellowship details and Application Instructions.

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Fulbright-Nehru Doctoral Research Fellow Vidya Ramkumar participating in an anti-sexual violence campaign clothline project at Kent State University, Kent, Ohio



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May-June 2016

Pre-Departure Orientation

July-August 2016

Pre-academic training in the U.S. (if required)

August-September 2016

Program begins

c. Fulbright-Nehru Postdoctoral Research Fellowships

These fellowships are designed for Indian faculty and researchers who are in the early stages of their research careers in India. The Postdoctoral Research Fellowships will provide opportunities to talented faculty and researchers to strengthen their research capacities. Postdoctoral fellows will have access to some of the finest resources in their areas of interest and will help build long-term collaborative relationships with U.S. faculty and institutions. These fellowships are for eight to twenty-four months.

Applications are invited in the following fields only:

Agricultural Sciences; Applied Economics; Education Policy and Planning; Energy Studies; International Security and Strategic Studies; Public Health Policy and Management; Public Policy (limited to Science and Technology Policy); Science and Technology (limited to bioengineering, climate change sciences, computer and mathematical sciences, and neurosciences); Study of India (limited to language/literature/linguistics, history, and visual and performing arts); Study of the United States (limited to language/literature/linguistics, history,



Fulbright-Nehru Postdoc Fellow Sethuraman Sivakumar Paramasivan with first grade school students at Magnolia School, Tallahassee, Florida

and visual and performing arts); Urban and Regional Planning; and Women's and Gender Studies.

Affiliation

You will be affiliated to **one** U.S. host institution for your grant. USIEF **strongly** recommends all applicants to identify institutions with which they wish to be affiliated and to correspond, in advance, with potential host institutions. The letter of invitation should indicate the duration of your visit, preferably with dates. If you have secured a letter of invitation from a U.S. institution, please include it as a part of your online application.

Grant Benefits

These fellowships provide round-trip economy class air travel from India to the U.S., a monthly stipend, Accident and Sickness Program for Exchanges per U.S. Government guidelines, a modest settling-in allowance, and a professional allowance. Subject to availability of funds, a dependent allowance and international travel may be provided for one accompanying eligible dependent provided the dependent is with the grantee in the U.S. for at least 80% of the grant period.

Eligibility Requirements

In addition to the General Prerequisites (page 19):

- You should have a Ph.D. degree within the past four years. You must have obtained your Ph.D. degree between July 2011 and June 2015. You are required to upload your Ph.D. degree certificate/



Fulbright-Nehru Postdoc Fellow Ramu S. Vemanna inspecting plants in a Green House at Samuel Roberts Noble Foundation in Oklahoma

provisional Ph.D. certificate in your online application;

- You must be published in reputed journals and demonstrate evidence of superior academic and professional achievement. Please upload a recent significant publication (copy of paper/article) in your online application; and
- If you are employed, please follow the instructions carefully regarding employer's endorsement. If applicable, please obtain the endorsement from the appropriate administrative authority on the FNPostdoc Employer's Endorsement Form. The employer must indicate that leave will be granted for the fellowship period. You can download the FNPostdoc Employer's Endorsement Form from the USIEF website.

Note: In your application, you are required to indicate the period in which you can complete your proposed project in the United States. Please determine your grant duration carefully. Should you be selected for a grant, it will be for the period you specified in your application. The duration cannot be changed.

How to Apply

Applications must be submitted online. Please refer to Application Procedure and Guidelines (page 19). Please visit the Fulbright-Nehru Postdoctoral Research Fellowships webpage at www.usief.org.in for fellowship details and application instructions.

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Timeline and Placement Process

July 1, 2015

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August-September 2015

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Mid-October 2015

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December 2015

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March-April 2016

USIEF notifies finalists

May-June 2016

Pre-Departure Orientation

August-September 2016

Program begins

d. Fulbright-Nehru Academic and Professional Excellence Fellowships

The Fulbright-Nehru Academic and Professional Excellence Fellowships aim to provide Indian faculty, researchers, and professionals residing in India the opportunity to teach, conduct research, or carry out a combination of lecturing and research at a U.S. institution. Depending on the U.S. host institution, it is likely that the grantee may contribute towards developing curriculum and conducting workshops and seminars. These fellowships are for four to nine months. If you are applying for a Flex Award, the minimum length of the total grant is four months and the maximum is six months.

Applications are invited in the following fields only: Agricultural Sciences; Applied Economics; Education Policy and Planning; Energy Studies; International Security and Strategic Studies; Public Health Policy and Management; Public Policy (limited to Science and Technology Policy); Science and Technology (limited to bioengineering, climate change sciences, computer and mathematical sciences, and neurosciences); Study of India (limited to language/literature/linguistics, history, and visual and performing arts); Study of the United States (limited to language/literature/linguistics, history, and visual and performing arts); Urban and Regional Planning; and Women's and Gender Studies.

Research

Applicants must demonstrate the relevance of the proposed research to India and/or the U.S., its benefit to the applicant's institution, the feasibility of accomplishing the research goal within the stipulated period, and the need to carry out the research in the U.S.

Lecturing

Indian academics and professionals contribute to the internationalization of the curriculum at their U.S. host institutions and the understanding of recent developments not just in India but globally. The recipient will be affiliated as a visiting scholar at a U.S. institution, and will teach courses individually or team-teach.

Lecturing applications are especially welcome.

Research and Lecturing

Applicants will carry out a combination of teaching and research activities at the U.S. host institution. Please specify the percentage of the grant for each activity and define this in your project statement. For instance, if you plan to spend 60% of your grant duration for research and 40% for teaching, your project statement should demonstrate this allocation. Teaching could include courses (individually or team-taught) or a series of seminars at the U.S. institution.

Fulbright-Nehru Academic and Professional Excellence Fellow Meetu Khosla teaching at Carleton College, Northfield, Minnesota





Fulbright-Nehru Academic and Professional Excellence Fellow Tusar K. Bebera at an experimentation center, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison

Flex Awards

Flex Awards are designed for scholars who require multiple visits to the U.S. and for those who find it difficult to leave their home institutions during the academic year. This option allows grants to be conducted over short segments, preferably during the fall and/or spring semesters. Interested applicants should clearly indicate plans for Flex in their project statement, including a project timeline.

Flex grant parameters:

- Minimum length of the total grant is four months and the maximum is six months;
- The grant must have two segments. Minimum length for any grant segment is one month and the maximum is three months;
- Applicants may propose only one, one-month segment;
- Grant segments may be spread over two consecutive years;
- Grants may begin any time after July 2016. Grants must begin by March 31, 2017; and
- Grant activities must be completed by August 31, 2018.
- Only offered for research grants.

No more than 25% of the total Fulbright-Nehru Academic and Professional Awards will be considered for the Flex option.

USIEF will consider up to six Flex Grants. A maximum of two round-trip economy class air tickets for the grantee only will be provided (one ticket per trip).

In addition to their research activities, Flex scholars agree to undertake activities recommended by USIEF, including: engaging with the host institution academic community, participating in seminars, giving public talks, and mentoring students. Applications that propose grant periods during the host institution's academic year are preferred. Scholars who wish to visit the host institution outside of the academic year will need to demonstrate clearly how they will engage with the host institution community.

Affiliation

You will be affiliated to one U.S. host institution for your grant. USIEF strongly recommends all applicants to identify institutions with which they wish to be affiliated and to correspond, in advance, with potential host institutions. If you have secured a letter of invitation from a U.S. institution, please include it as a part of your online application.

Grant Benefits

The fellowships provide a round-trip economy class air ticket (two round-trip economy class air tickets for Flex), a monthly stipend, Accident and Sickness Program for Exchanges per U.S. Government guidelines, a modest settling-in allowance, and a professional allowance. Subject to availability of funds, in case of grantees on eight or nine month grants, a dependent allowance and international travel may be provided for one accompanying eligible dependent provided the dependent is with the grantee in the U.S for at least 80% of the grant period.

Eligibility Requirements

In addition to the General Prerequisites (page 19):

- faculty/researchers should have a Ph.D. degree or equivalent published work with at least five years of relevant teaching/research experience;
- professionals outside academe should have a Master's degree or equivalent published work with recognized professional standing and at least five years relevant experience;
- you should upload a recent significant publication (copy of paper/article) in your online application; and
- if you are employed, please follow the instructions carefully regarding employer's endorsement. The employer must indicate that leave will be granted for the fellowship period. Please obtain the endorsement from the appropriate administrative authority on the FNAPE Employer's Endorsement Form. You can download the FNAPE Employer's Endorsement Form from the USIEF website.

How to Apply

Applications must be submitted online. Please refer to Application Procedure and Guidelines (page 19). Please visit the Fulbright-Nehru Academic and Professional Excellence Fellowships webpage at www.usief.org.in for fellowship details and Application Instructions.

Application Due Date: July 1, 2015

Timeline and Placement Process

July 1, 2015

Application due date for 2016-2017 awards

August-September 2015

Field-specific experts review applications to short-list candidates

End-October 2015

National interviews of short-listed candidates in Delhi

November 2015

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December 2015

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March-April 2016

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May-June 2016

Pre-Departure Orientation

August-September 2016

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e. Fulbright-Nehru International Education Administrators Seminar

The Fulbright-Nehru International Education Administrators Seminar aims to provide Indian mid to senior level faculty and administrators from educational institutions in India the opportunity to experience firsthand the higher education institutions in the United States. The official announcement for the Fulbright-Nehru International Education Administrators Seminar is likely to be made in the latter half of 2015. For more details on changes/updates, please visit our website www.usief.org.in

Fulbright-Nehru International Education Administrators Seminar participants at Baltimore City Community College, Baltimore, Maryland



Other Fulbright Fellowships

a. Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program

The Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program, which is a Fulbright program, brings accomplished young and mid-career professionals from developing countries to the United States for ten months of non-degree graduate study and related practical professional experiences. The Humphrey program was initiated in 1978 to honor the memory and accomplishments of the late Senator and Vice-President of the United States, Hubert H. Humphrey.

The program is designed to meet the requirements of policy makers, planners, administrators, and managers in the government, public and private sectors, and non-governmental organizations, who have a public service commitment, demonstrated leadership potential, and commitment to their own country's development. The fellowships are awarded in the fields of **Agricultural and Rural Development; Communications/Journalism; Economic Development; Educational Administration, Planning and Policy; Finance and Banking; Higher Education Administration; HIV/AIDS Policy and Prevention; Human Resource Management; Law and Human Rights; Natural Resources, Environmental Policy, and Climate Change; Public Health Policy and Management; Public Policy Analysis and Public Administration; Substance Abuse Education,**

Treatment and Prevention; Teaching of English as a Foreign Language (Teacher Training or Curriculum Development); Technology Policy and Management; Trafficking in Persons, Policy and Prevention; Urban and Regional Planning. In case of 'Teaching of English as a Foreign Language,' applications are invited from curriculum specialists and teacher trainers who work in teacher training institutes, public or private organizations concerned with English language teaching and development. Applications from all the listed fields are welcome. **Qualified women and candidates from minority and disadvantaged groups are encouraged to apply.**

Appropriate candidates are young and mid-career professionals in leadership positions who have a commitment to public service and the potential for professional advancement. Candidates should demonstrate the required experience, skills, and commitment while also indicating how they can benefit from this program in ways that they have not experienced previously and are not likely to experience without the Humphrey program.

Candidates should be proficient in both written and spoken English and will be required to take Internet-based Test (iBT) of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL).

Hubert H. Humphrey Fellows at the Capitol Hill





Hubert H. Humphrey fellows with the former Chairman, Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board and Chief of Humphrey Fellowships, U.S. Department of State

The Humphrey program is now offering a Long-Term English (LTE) language training opportunity to facilitate the participation of candidates from non-elite populations, rural areas, minority groups and others who may be excellent candidates but lack the necessary language skills. LTE participants will be brought to the U.S. for an intensive 20-25 week pre-academic program to improve their language skills.

The Humphrey fellows undertake master's level work directly related to their professional needs and fields of interest but does not result in the awarding of a degree. They are assigned in clusters of 8-15 to the institution offering the most appropriate program in their area of interest. These clusters are balanced geographically, permitting interaction among fellows from various countries. The host universities are chosen for their excellence in the Humphrey fields and for the resources and support they offer Humphrey Fellows. For 2014-2015, host universities were: American University, Washington College of Law; Arizona State University; Boston University; Cornell University; Emory University; Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Michigan State University; Pennsylvania State University; Syracuse University; University of California, Davis; University of Maryland, College Park; University of Minnesota, Humphrey School of Public Affairs; University of Minnesota, Law School; University of Washington; Vanderbilt University; Virginia Commonwealth

University. Placement at a specific university requested by a candidate **cannot** be arranged.

Programs arranged for the Humphrey fellows will begin in August 2016. They include academic course work at the master's level, and place considerable emphasis on activities such as seminars, special projects, field trips, attendance at professional meetings and conferences, networking with professional counterparts, and professional affiliations with appropriate organizations. These activities provide fellows with practical experience in their fields outside the university setting. Each fellow designs his/her individual program with the Humphrey coordinator's assistance.

During their Humphrey year, fellows are expected to be resourceful, display initiative, and network with U.S. organizations and professionals.

All fellows participate in a one-week workshop in Washington, D.C. in the Fall of 2016.

Humphrey/ National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) Fellowships

These fellowships are designed to provide training in prevention research, epidemiology, treatment and substance abuse policy research. Candidates in this field may be focused on problems of alcohol, drug and tobacco abuse as well as broader areas of public

health that relate to substance abuse, such as HIV/AIDS, mental health, medicine, psychology, social work and counseling. Previous Fellows in the substance abuse field have come from schools and universities, community-based treatment and prevention program, hospitals, criminal justice settings and local or national policy agencies.

Grant Benefits

A Humphrey fellowship provides tuition and fees, a monthly maintenance allowance, Accident and Sickness Program for Exchanges per U.S. Government guidelines, a modest allowance for books and supplies, round-trip international air travel to the host institution, domestic travel to the Washington, D.C. workshop, and allowances for professional activities such as field trips, professional visits, and conferences. These fellowships do not provide an allowance for dependents, and the stipend provided under the grant is not sufficient to support family members. The program will involve a number of activities where it will be difficult to include dependents.

Eligibility Requirements

In addition to the General Prerequisites (page 19), the applicant should:

- preferably have a master's degree or a professional degree of at least four years' duration;
- have at least five years of substantial professional experience in the respective field, and be eligible for leave;
- have demonstrated leadership qualities;
- have a record of public service in the community; and
- give an undertaking to return to India on completion of the fellowship.

How to Apply

Please refer to Application Procedure and Guidelines (page 19). Applicants can download the application materials from the website www.usief.org.in or obtain the **relevant application form** through e-mail (as an attachment) by sending a request to ip@usief.org.in, specifying **Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowships** in the subject line.

Application Due Date: July 1, 2015

Visit <https://www.humphreyfellowship.org/> for more details on Humphrey Fellowship Program.

b. Fulbright Distinguished Awards in Teaching Program

The Fulbright Distinguished Awards in Teaching Program is designed to recognize and encourage excellence in teaching in the U.S. and abroad. The



FDAT Fellow Rima Sehgal in U.S. classroom

program sends U.S. teachers abroad and brings international teachers to the U.S. for a semester-long program. In India the awards are open to full time teachers teaching any subject at any level; primary and secondary level library media specialists, guidance counselors, curriculum specialists, special education coordinators, gifted and talented coordinators and teacher trainers; and administrators/academic coordinators who spend at least 50% of their time in classroom teaching. The program provides a rich professional growth opportunity for participants while enhancing mutual understanding among international and U.S. teachers, administrators, their students, and host communities. International participants are placed at a U.S. host university which provides a broad range of resources in the teachers' fields of teaching expertise.

The participants will enroll in advanced undergraduate or graduate level classes, team-teach in local schools and/or conduct seminars or workshops for U.S. teachers; and engage in other teaching related activities. During the program Fulbright Distinguished Teachers will work towards the completion of an inquiry project of their own design. Upon returning home, teachers will be expected to share knowledge and experience gained on the program with teachers and students in their home schools and with their communities. For international teachers the 2015 program was open to teachers from Botswana, Chile, Finland, India, Israel, Mexico, Morocco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Palestinian Territories, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan, United Kingdom and Vietnam pending availability of funds. The countries may change for 2016.

How to Apply

The competition for 2016 is likely to be announced in July 2015. Application material and program details will be available on the USIEF website www.usief.org.in.



FLTA Fellow Sadaf Husain teaching Hindi at University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah

c. Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant Program

The Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant (FLTA) Program, funded by the U.S. Department of State is a nine-month, non-degree program for young and early career English teachers at college level or educators in related fields. Fulbright FLTA participants have the opportunity to refine their teaching skills, increase their English language proficiency and extend their knowledge of the society and culture of the United States, while strengthening the instruction of foreign languages at U.S. colleges and universities. Selected Fulbright FLTA participants from India would be teaching assistants in Bengali, Hindi or Urdu classrooms at select U.S. campuses. Placements range from large institutions and small liberal art schools to community colleges and minority-serving institutions. Fulbright FLTA candidates should be adaptable to different locations and situations.

How to Apply

The competition for 2016 is likely to be announced sometime in April 2015. Application material and program details will be available on the USIEF website www.usief.org.in.

Application Due Date: September 15, 2015

d. Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence Program

The Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence (SIR) Program brings scholars and professionals from other countries to lecture at U.S. colleges and universities that do not often host visiting scholars. Under this program, interested U.S. institutions submit proposals to invite scholars for one or both terms of the academic year to teach courses in area studies, in inter-disciplinary programs that focus on global issues, or in courses where participation of the foreign scholar can provide a cross-cultural or international perspective. The SIR program is especially appropriate for small liberal arts colleges, minority-serving institutions and community colleges in the U.S.

How to Apply

This is a program for which U.S. institutions of higher education apply. They can either name a scholar or request recruitment of one through the Fulbright agencies worldwide. Therefore, Indian scholars should draw the SIR program to the attention of their U.S. counterparts. Further information is available on the CIES website www.cies.org/sir.

FOR ALL APPLICANTS

Fulbright-Nehru Fellowships for Indian Citizens: General Prerequisites

The applicant:

- should be a responsible Indian citizen who can contribute to a full and fair picture of the culture and civilization of India, and thereby help to promote understanding and friendship between the peoples of the United States of America and India;
- must be residing in India at the time of application. No application will be accepted from Indians residing, working or studying outside of India;
- should have a high level of academic/professional achievement;
- should demonstrate proficiency in the English language to undertake the proposed project/program and adjust to life in the U.S. The applicant may be required to take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL);
- if shortlisted for an interview, must appear **in person** for interview at the USIEF office in New Delhi;
- must inform USIEF well in advance at ip@usief.org.in if s/he needs to travel abroad (e.g. conference) during the application cycle (July 2015 – June 2016);
- should be eligible for leave, if employed;
- should be in good health;
- should not be applying for or holding permanent residence (green card) in the United States; and
- should give an undertaking to return to India on the completion of the fellowship.

Note: Preference will be given to candidates who have not had extensive recent U.S. experience. Some fellowship programs may have prerequisites and guidelines in addition to those described above. Please review the eligibility criteria for specific fellowships carefully.

Application Procedure and Guidelines

Applicants for the following fellowship categories have to complete an **online application**. Application instructions can be downloaded from the website www.usief.org.in. Please visit the webpages of these fellowship categories for specific details.

1. Fulbright-Nehru Master's Fellowships
2. Fulbright-Nehru Doctoral Research Fellowships
3. Fulbright-Nehru Postdoctoral Research Fellowships
4. Fulbright-Nehru Academic and Professional Excellence Fellowships
5. Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant Program (application material is likely to be available in April 2015)]
6. Fulbright Distinguished Awards in Teaching Program (application material is likely to be available in July 2015)

Applicants for the following fellowship categories need to submit paper applications. You can download the application materials from the website www.usief.org.in

1. Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program
2. Fulbright-Nehru International Education Administrators Seminar.

You can apply for only ONE Fulbright-Nehru fellowship category during a competition cycle.

Incomplete or late applications will not be entertained.

If you are employed, please follow the instructions carefully regarding employer's endorsement. The employer must indicate that leave will be granted for the fellowship period. Please obtain the endorsement from the appropriate administrative authority.

Applicants are also advised to request **three** referees to send in their recommendations as per the instructions by the application due date.

Applicants completing online forms should request referees to submit their reference letters online OR send to the **Executive Director, USIEF, Fulbright House, 12 Hailey Road, New Delhi 110 001** in the prescribed format by the application due date.

Selection Process

Experts will review all eligible applications. Applicants recommended by the experts will be required to appear for an interview in person with the USIEF National Selection Committee in New Delhi.

Selection panels will generally use the following criteria to evaluate applications:

- Academic credentials and professional ability
- Merit of the proposed Fulbright project
- Motivation, maturity, leadership and adaptability
- Ability to contribute as a cultural ambassador beyond the specific field of study
- Communication skills
- Commitment to community or national service
- Relevant professional/work experience
- Commitment to return to India after completion of the program

Decisions taken by the reviewers/committees in connection with the selection process will be final and requests for reconsideration will NOT be entertained.

Applicants are encouraged to seek guidance from Fulbright alumni on basic preparation for a Fulbright application such as:

- familiarity with resources in India before proposing research abroad;
- a proposal with a clear focus;
- a sense of how the proposed work is relevant to the Indian context;
- identification of resources in the U.S.; and
- the role of an exchange participant as a cultural ambassador of India beyond his/her specific field of study.

USIEF offices organize Fulbright mentoring workshops for potential applicants. These workshops guide applicants on the elements of a strong application. Please contact the USIEF office in your region for information on the mentoring workshops.

The Fulbright Program



The U.S. Government-funded Fulbright Program was established in 1946, soon after World War II, under legislation introduced by former Senator J. William Fulbright.

Designed to “*increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries...*,” the program has grown into one of the largest academic and cultural exchange programs in the world. The Fulbright Program offers grants to U.S. citizens and nationals of other countries for teaching, advanced research, graduate study and professional development. Since its inception, approximately 325,000 scholars have participated in the Fulbright Program. The Fulbright Program awards approximately 8,000 new grants annually.

The primary sources of funding for the Fulbright Program are annual appropriations made by the U.S. Congress to the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education. In addition, participating governments, private organizations and host institutions in many countries and in the U.S. contribute financially through cost-sharing and other forms of support. In the U.S. Department of State, the program for foreign and U.S. scholars is administered by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs <http://exchanges.state.gov> under policy guidelines established by the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board (FSB) <http://eca.state.gov/fulbright/about-fulbright/j-william-fulbright-foreign-scholarship-board-ffsb/ffsb-policies>. The Board is a Presidentially-appointed independent body of educational and public leaders responsible for the final selection of all Fulbright grantees and the formulation of the policies, procedures, and selection criteria governing the program. Currently, the program operates in 155 countries. It is administered by binational Fulbright Commissions and Foundations in 50 countries and by U.S. Embassies in others. Under a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Department of State, the Institute of International Education (IIE) www.iie.org and the Council for International Exchange of Scholars (CIES) www.cies.org also assist in administering the Fulbright Program for students, teachers and professionals worldwide.

Visit <http://eca.state.gov/fulbright> for more information on the Fulbright Program.



USIEF - The Fulbright Commission in India

The Indo-U.S. agreement on educational exchange, signed by Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru and U.S. Ambassador Loy Henderson on February 2, 1950 in New Delhi, established the United States Educational Foundation in India to administer the Fulbright Program in India. On July 4, 2008 the Government of India (GOI) and the U.S. Government (USG) signed a new agreement to strengthen educational exchanges between the two countries. The Foundation was renamed as United States-India Educational Foundation (USIEF) awarding Fulbright-Nehru Scholarships and Grants. USG and GOI are now equal partners for implementing Fulbright Program in India. A 10-member Board of Directors, five Americans living in India nominated by the U.S. Diplomatic Mission and five Indians nominated by the Government of India, governs USIEF.

Since 1950, USIEF has awarded approximately 9,926 Fulbright Fellowships to Indians and Americans. In addition to these programs sponsored by the U.S. Department of State www.state.gov, USIEF has also administered approximately 8,634 fellowships funded by the U.S. Department of Education www.ed.gov, the East-West Center www.eastwest-center.org and other entities.

USIEF's activities may be broadly categorized as follows:

- Administration of Fulbright-Nehru and other fellowships for Indian and American students, faculty, researchers and professionals.
- Promotion of dialogue among Fulbrighters and their communities as an outgrowth of educational exchange.
- EducationUSA Advising Services for Indian students interested in pursuing higher education in the U.S., and for U.S. students in India.
- Serve as a clearinghouse for linkages between institutions of higher education in the U.S. and India through its office of U.S.-India Higher Education Cooperation (USIHEC).

Recognizing the value and potential of the Fulbright Program, several organizations have joined hands with USIEF to share the cost of Fulbright grants and support other activities. The U.S. Department of State, the U.S. Department of Education, the Government of India, and Indian Council for Cultural Relations are some of our valued partners.



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“The essence of intercultural education is the acquisition of empathy — the ability to see the world as others see it, and to allow for the possibility that others may see something we have failed to see...”

J. William Fulbright

“Let us be a little humble; let us think that the truth may not perhaps be entirely with us.”

Jawaharlal Nehru



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