

THE FULBRIGHT PROGRAM

The U.S. Government-funded Fulbright Program was established in 1946, soon after the 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 380,000 scholars have participated in the Fulbright Program. The Fulbright Program awards approximately 8,000 new grants annually.

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.

Fulbright Experience

I attended an exclusive program at Stanford University which trains scholars interested in joining the legal academia. I benefitted from the diverse courses and personal guidance received from some of the leading legal luminaries through this program. I had the opportunity to engage in conversations with the Native American communities which helped me to compare their socio-legal issues with the indigenous groups in India.

– Kriti Sharma, 2017 Fulbright-Nehru Master's fellow
at Stanford University, Stanford, CA



At the Fontana Corrosion Center, which is one of the world's leading research centers for corrosion, I analysed the deleterious effect of stress and corrosive environments on age-hardenable aluminum alloys which are critical for the aerospace industry. During the course of my stay, I travelled extensively throughout the United States and met people with whom I could exchange ideas on diverse topics.

– Ajaykrishnan Muralidharan, 2017 Fulbright-Nehru Doctoral Research fellow
at Ohio State University, Columbus, OH



The grant allowed me to widen my scientific network in the United States. I did several presentations on the outcome from my research project on brain tumors and received valuable inputs from eminent scientists in the field of cancer biology. I attended the 2017 Society for Neuro Oncology Annual Meet in San Francisco, which is a prestigious conference in my field of specialization.

– Khushboo Irshad, 2017 Fulbright-Nehru Postdoctoral Research scholar
at the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, TX



2020-2021 Fulbright-Nehru and other Fulbright Fellowships for Indian Citizens



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Fulbright-Nehru Master's Fellowships: These fellowships are for outstanding Indians who demonstrate leadership qualities, have completed the equivalent of a U.S. bachelor's degree, and have at least three years of professional work experience, to pursue a master's degree program at select U.S. colleges and universities in the areas of Arts and Culture Management including Heritage Conservation and Museum Studies; Economics; Environmental Science/Studies; Higher Education Administration; International Affairs; International Legal Studies; Public Administration; Public Health; Urban and Regional Planning; and Women's Studies/Gender Studies. *Application deadline: May 15, 2019.*

Fulbright-Nehru Doctoral Research Fellowships*: These pre-doctoral level research fellowships, for six to nine months, are designed for Indian scholars who are registered for a Ph.D. at an Indian institution. *Application deadline: May 15, 2019.*

Fulbright-Nehru Postdoctoral Research Fellowships*: These fellowships, for eight to 24 months, are designed for Indian faculty and researchers residing in India, who have a Ph.D. degree within the past four years. *Application deadline: July 15, 2019.*

Fulbright-Nehru Academic and Professional Excellence Fellowships*: These fellowships, for four to nine months, aim to provide Indian faculty, researchers, and professionals residing in India the opportunity to teach,

*ELIGIBLE FIELDS OF STUDY

Agricultural Sciences; Anthropology; Bioengineering; Computer Science (including, but not limited to, cyber security, digital economy, quantum computing, artificial intelligence, machine learning and big data analytics); Economics; Education Policy and Planning; Energy Studies; History; International Law; International Security and Strategic Studies; Materials Science (with emphasis on environmental applications); Mathematical Sciences; Neurosciences; Performing Arts; Physical Sciences; Public Health; Public Policy; Sociology; Urban and Regional Planning (with emphasis on smart cities and waste management); Visual Arts; and Women's and Gender Studies. (Note: In addition to above mentioned fields, Climate Change Sciences is offered for Fulbright-Nehru Academic and Professional Excellence Fellowships only.)



conduct research, or carry out a combination of teaching and research at a U.S. institution. Applicants can opt for four to six-month Flex Awards in two segments. *Application deadline: July 15, 2019.*

Fulbright-Nehru International Education Administrators Seminar: These fellowships are designed for Indian college and university administrators with at least two years of experience in international program development and management at their institutions in India. Applicants must be mid to senior-level college or university administrators (vice-chancellors, deans, department heads, directors of international centres or offices, foreign student advisors, registrars etc.) who have substantial responsibility for enhancing the international dimension of their institutions and who wish to build capacity of their faculty and students through international collaborations and exchange and innovative curricular design. *Application deadline: September 2, 2019.*

Fulbright-Kalam Climate Fellowship: These fellowships aim at building long-term capacity in the U.S. and India by engaging scientific and technical research scholars related to climate research and education. These fellowships are offered for: a) Indian students registered for a Ph.D. at an Indian institution for six to nine months pre-doctoral level research in the U.S.; and b) Indian faculty and researchers with a Ph.D. degree within the past four years for eight to 12 months postdoctoral research in the U.S. *Application deadline: July 15, 2019.*

Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program: For young and mid-career professionals, policy makers, planners, administrators, and managers in the government, public and private sectors, and NGOs for professional development 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; and Urban and Regional Planning. *Application deadline: May 15, 2019.*

