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2021-2022

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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
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 2021-2022. In addition to providing opportunities for personal, academic and professional growth, Fulbright-Nehru and other exchanges promote mutual understanding between the people of the United States and India.

Fulbright-Nehru and other fellowships have, over the years, helped bring people of India and the United States closer through educational exchanges. Since its inception in 1950, USIEF has administered over 20,000 grants for Indian and 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 videos Indian Fulbrighters: Ambassadors of Change on YouTube where alumni share their Fulbright-Nehru experiences. Visit USIEF Facebook and Twitter pages for regular updates and success stories of Fulbright scholars and alumni. 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
January 15, 2020
Fulbright Fellowships
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The United States-India Educational Foundation (USIEF) promotes mutual understanding between the people of the United States and India through academic and cultural exchange programs. 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 and other Fulbright Fellowships for the academic year 2021-2022.
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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 applications are to be submitted online.
- Application deadlines vary. Applications received after the deadlines will NOT be considered.
- Extension and transfer of visa sponsorship will not be permitted.
a. Fulbright-Nehru Master's Fellowships
The Fulbright-Nehru Master's Fellowships are designed for outstanding Indians 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.

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.

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

* USIEF funding may not cover all costs and the fellow may need to supplement grant benefits with other resources.
Eligibility Requirements
In addition to the General Prerequisites (page 23), the applicant:
- must have completed an equivalent of a U.S. bachelor's degree from a recognized Indian university with at least 55% marks. Applicants must either possess a four-year bachelor's degree; or a completed master's degree, or a full-time postgraduate diploma from a recognized Indian institution, if the bachelor's degree is of less than four years' duration;
- must have at least three years' full-time (paid) professional work experience relevant to the proposed field of study by the application deadline;
- should 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 employed, should follow the instructions carefully regarding employer's endorsement. If applicable, obtain the endorsement from the appropriate administrative authority on the FNMasters Employer's Endorsement Form. The employer must indicate that leave will be granted for the fellowship period. The applicant can download the FNMasters Employer's Endorsement Form from the USIEF website.

Fields of Study
Each applicant must 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.

Applications are invited in the following fields only:

- **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.
- **Economics**: The study of production, demand and allocation of resources in society, economic trends, effects of government economic policy on the economy. Subspecialties include: development economics, international economics, macroeconomics, microeconomics, labor economics, agricultural economics, and public finance, among others.
- **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, and use of technology in higher education, among others.
- **International Affairs**: The study of international relations with reference to foreign policy, conflict resolution, international security and strategic issues, international economic policy, environmental and energy policy, refugee and migration issues, human rights, and gender policy, among others.
- **International Legal Studies**: The study of all aspects of international legal studies including

The academic exposure I received while pursuing master’s in law at Harvard Law School was unparalleled. I got the opportunity to work closely with professors who had expertise in criminal justice and gender theories, which align with my areas of interest. The Gateway orientation helped me expand my network with like-minded peers from diverse backgrounds, some of whom remain my closest friends.

— Preeti Pratishruti Dash, 2018 Fulbright-Nehru Master’s fellow
business law, commercial and trade law, employment and labor law, environmental law, global health law, human rights, intellectual property rights and law, international organizations, securities and financial regulations, litigation law, and tax law, among others.

- **Public Administration**: The study of management as it relates to the government sector (local, state, federal) or organizations serving the public. Subspecialties include: policy analysis, non-profit management, international development, public sector management, public finance, healthcare management, and city/urban development, 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 sustainable infrastructure, transportation policy, planning and improvements, water and sanitation, town and rural planning, equity, public space programming and governance, land use, community visioning, urban resilience, 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 23). Please visit the Fulbright-Nehru Master’s Fellowships webpage at [www.usief.org.in](http://www.usief.org.in) for fellowship details and Application Instructions.

**Application Deadline: May 15, 2020**

**Timeline and Placement Process**

*May 15, 2020*
Application due date for 2021-2022 awards

**End June 2020**
Field-specific experts review applications

**Late July 2020**
USIEF informs the applicants about the review outcome

**Mid-August 2020**
National interviews of short-listed candidates in Delhi

**End August 2020**
USIEF notifies principal and alternate nominees that they are recommended. Nominees take tests (such as TOEFL and GRE)

**October 2020**
USIEF forwards applications of recommended candidates to the U.S. for J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board (FFSB) approval and placement

**March/April 2021**
USIEF notifies finalists

**May 2021**
Pre-Departure Orientation

**July/August 2021**
Pre-academic training in the U.S. (if required)

**August/September 2021**
Degree program begins

Placement of successful candidates is done by the Institute of International Education (IIE), New York. Recommended applicants are not required to apply to U.S. institutions on their own. IIE/ Fulbright Program will apply to four different institutions on behalf of the applicants, taking into consideration the candidates’ preferred institutions and 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.
Affiliation
The applicant will be affiliated to one U.S. host institution. 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 the applicant has secured a letter of invitation from a U.S. institution, s/he must include it as a part of the online application.

Grant Benefits
The fellowships provide J-1 visa support, 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.

Eligibility Requirements
In addition to the General Prerequisites (page 23):

- the applicant should have done adequate research in the relevant field, especially in the identification of resources in India and the U.S. Applicant must be registered for Ph.D. at an Indian institution on or before September 1, 2019. On the online application form, one of the recommendation letters must be from the Ph.D. supervisor that comments on applicants' research, need for the fellowship, and must indicate the Ph.D. registration date and topic;

- this grant is intended for Ph.D. students to conduct research essential to their dissertations/thesis. Therefore, the expected Ph.D. thesis submission date should at least be three months after the Fulbright-Nehru grant end date. For example, if May 2022 is the grant end date, the applicant cannot submit his/her thesis before August 2022. Please indicate the Ph.D. registration date and the expected Ph.D. thesis submission date in the Applicant Annexure. The applicant can

Applications are invited in the following fields only: Agricultural Sciences; Anthropology; Bioengineering; Climate Change Sciences; 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.

During my ten months of stay in the U.S., I participated in several events that provided me with a global perspective and facilitated several friendships. I did research on prostate cancer that will help develop new treatment protocols for the disease and reduce mortality.

— Siddhant Bhoir, 2018 Fulbright-Nehru Doctoral Research fellow
download the Applicant Annexure from the USIEF website;

- if the applicant is employed, s/he must 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. The applicant can download the FNDR Employer’s Endorsement Form from the USIEF website; and

- the applicant must upload a published/presented paper or extracts from the Masters’/M.Phil. thesis on the 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 visit the Fulbright-Nehru Doctoral Research Fellowships webpage at [www.usief.org.in](http://www.usief.org.in) for fellowship details and Application Instructions.

**Application Deadline: July 15, 2020**

**Timeline and Placement Process**

- **July 15, 2020**
  Application due date for 2021-2022 awards

- **Early August 2020**
  Field-specific experts review applications

- **End August 2020**
  USIEF informs the applicants about the review outcome

- **Late-September 2020**
  National interviews of short-listed candidates in Delhi

- **End September 2020**
  USIEF notifies principal and alternate nominees that they are recommended. Nominees take TOEFL.

- **November 2020**
  USIEF forwards applications of recommended candidates to the U.S. for J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board (FFSB) approval and placement

- **March/April 2021**
  USIEF notifies finalists
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Pre-Departure Orientation

July/August 2021
Pre-academic training in the U.S. (if required)

August/September 2021
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 24 months.

Applications are invited in the following fields only: Agricultural Sciences; Anthropology; Bioengineering; Climate Change Sciences; Computer Science (including, but not limited to, cybersecurity, 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.

The grant enabled me to work closely with eminent scholars in my field, visit different archives and attend conferences. The experience of living in a different country for an extended period improved my understanding of people from other countries and helped me better understand my own culture.

— Abhik Mukherjee, 2018 Fulbright-Nehru Postdoctoral Research scholar
Affiliation
The applicant will be affiliated to one U.S. host institution for his/her grant. USIEF strongly recommends all applicants to indicate affiliation preference and to correspond, in advance, with potential host institutions. The letter of invitation should indicate the duration of visit, preferably with dates. If the applicant has secured a letter of invitation from a U.S. institution, it should be included on the online application.

Grant Benefits
These fellowships provide J-1 visa support, a monthly stipend, Accident and Sickness Program for Exchanges per U.S. Government guidelines, round-trip economy class air travel, 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 per cent of the grant period.

Eligibility Requirements
In addition to the General Prerequisites (page 23):

- the applicant must have a Ph.D. or a DM degree within the past four years. S/he must have obtained Ph.D. degree between July 16, 2016 and July 15, 2020. The applicant is required to upload his/her Ph.D. or DM degree/provisional certificate on the online application;

- the applicant must be published in reputed journals and demonstrate evidence of superior academic and professional achievement. S/he must upload a recent significant publication (copy of paper/article) on the online application; and

- if applicant is employed, please follow the instructions carefully regarding employer's endorsement. If applicable, obtain the endorsement from the appropriate administrative authority on the FNPostdoc Letter of Support from Home Institution. The employer must indicate that leave will be granted for the fellowship period. The applicant can download the FNPostdoc Letter of Support from Home Institution from the USIEF website. Candidates working under government-funded projects are also required to get endorsement from their affiliating institutions in India.

Note: In the application, the applicant is required to indicate the period in which s/he can complete the proposed project in the United States. The applicant must determine grant duration carefully. Should s/he be selected for a grant, it will be for the period specified in his/her application. The duration cannot be changed.

How to Apply
Applications must be submitted online. Please visit the Fulbright-Nehru Postdoctoral Research Fellowships webpage at www.usief.org.in for fellowship details and Application Instructions.

Application Deadline: July 15, 2020

Timeline and Placement Process
July 15, 2020
Application due date for 2021-2022 awards
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d. Fulbright-Nehru Academic and Professional Excellence Fellowships

The Fulbright-Nehru Academic and Professional Excellence Fellowships aim to provide Indian faculty, researchers, and professionals the opportunity to teach, conduct research, or carry out a combination of teaching 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; Anthropology; Bioengineering; Climate Change Sciences; 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.

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.

Teaching

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.

**Teaching applications are especially welcome.**

**Research and Teaching**

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

**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:**

- Offered for research grants only.
- 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 one-month segment only once;
- Grant segments may be spread over two consecutive years;
- Grants may begin any time from August 2021. Grants must begin no later than March 31, 2022;
- Grant activities must be completed by August 31, 2023; and

No more than 25 per cent of the total Fulbright-Nehru Academic and Professional Awards will be considered for the Flex option. USIEF will consider up to seven 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 the 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**
The applicant will be affiliated to one U.S. host institution. USIEF strongly recommends all applicants to indicate affiliation preference and to correspond, in advance, with potential host institutions. If the applicant has secured a letter of invitation from a U.S. institution, s/he must include it as a part of the online application.

**Grant Benefits**
The fellowships provide a J-1 visa support, a monthly stipend, Accident and Sickness Program for Exchanges per U.S. Government guidelines, round-trip economy class air travel (two round-trip economy class air tickets for Flex), 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 per cent of the grant period. Flex grantees are not eligible for dependent benefits.

**Eligibility Requirements**
In addition to the General Prerequisites (page 23):

- faculty/researchers must have a Ph.D. degree or equivalent published work with at least five years of relevant teaching/research experience;
- professionals outside academe must have a master’s degree or equivalent published work with recognized professional standing and at least five years relevant experience;
- the applicant should upload a recent significant publication (copy of paper/article) on the online application; and
- if the applicant is employed, s/he must follow the instructions carefully regarding employer’s endorsement. The employer must indicate that leave will be granted for the fellowship period. The applicant must obtain the endorsement from the appropriate administrative authority on the Letter of Support from Home Institution. The applicant can download the Letter of Support from Home Institution from the USIEF website.

**How to Apply**
Applications must be submitted online. Please visit the Fulbright-Nehru Academic and Professional Excellence Fellowships webpage at [www.usief.org.in](http://www.usief.org.in) for fellowship details and Application Instructions.

**Application Deadline: July 15, 2020**

**Timeline and Placement Process**

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This fellowship provided me with a unique platform for strengthening my scientific skills and collaborations. I presented my research at the prestigious American Society of Haematology in San Diego and the American Association of Cancer Research in Atlanta. I was able to publish high impact research articles and book chapters with my mentors at Milton S Hershey Medical Center, at Penn State College of Medicine in Pennsylvania. During my stay in the US, I travelled extensively and was able to enjoy the hospitality of this vast country with all its four seasons.

— Trupti Patel, 2018 Fulbright-Nehru Academic and Professional Excellence scholar
e. Fulbright-Nehru International Education Administrators Seminar

The Fulbright-Nehru International Education Administrators Seminar (IEAS) aims to provide Indian college and university administrators the opportunity to familiarize themselves with the U.S. higher education system.

The two-week U.S. visit in October/November 2021 will enable participants to learn about various facets of U.S. higher education, including the types of institutions, accreditation, curriculum development, fund-raising, student services and international education on U.S. campuses, as well as share knowledge on Indian higher education. Topics addressed during visits and meetings at select campuses and organizations will also include research collaborations, faculty and student exchanges, and study abroad.

This seminar is 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 middle to senior-level college or university administrators (vice-chancellors, deans, department heads, directors of international centers 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.
Grant Benefits
Selected participants will receive J-1 visa support, Accident and Sickness Program for Exchanges per U.S. Government guidelines, round-trip economy class air travel from India to the U.S., travel within the U.S., lodging and a per-diem. Dependents are not allowed to accompany during the seminar.

Eligibility Requirements
In addition to the General Prerequisites (page 23), the applicant:

- should be mid to senior-level college or university administrators (vice-chancellors, deans, department heads, directors of international centers/offices, foreign student advisors, or registrars etc.) working at Indian institutions;
- must have at least two years' experience in the relevant field;
- should have responsibility of enhancing the international dimension of their institutions and should wish to build capacity of their faculty and students through international collaborations and exchange and innovative curricular design; and
- should have a high level of academic/professional achievement.

How to Apply
Applications must be submitted online. Please visit the Fulbright-Nehru International Education Administrators Seminar webpage at www.usief.org.in for fellowship details and Application Instructions.

Application Deadline: October 15, 2020

Timeline and Placement Process

October 15, 2020
Application deadline for 2021-2022 awards

Early December 2020
Experts review applications to short-list candidates for interviews

Early January 2021
USIEF informs the applicants about the review outcome

Early February 2021
National interviews of short-listed candidates in Delhi

Mid-February 2021
Principal and alternate nominees are notified that they are recommended

March 2021
USIEF forwards applications of the recommended candidates to the U.S. for J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board (FFSB) approval and placement

October/November 2021
Program begins
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).

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 four-month 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 2019-2020, 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 Minnesota, Humphrey School of Public Affairs; 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 2021. 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 selected fellows participate in a one-week workshop in Washington, D.C. in the Fall of 2021.

**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

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The Humphrey fellowship gave me an amazing opportunity to meet colleagues from across the world, attend seminars and conferences and opportunity for speaking engagements at several forums. The experience offered by this fellowship has broadened my horizon that has enriched my life.

— Ranjana Das, 2017 Hubert H. Humphrey fellow
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 23), the applicant:

- must have a master's degree or a professional degree of at least four years' duration;
- must have at least five years of substantial professional experience (prior to August 2021) in the respective field, and be eligible for leave;
- should have demonstrated leadership qualities;
- should have a record of public service in the community; and
- must give an undertaking to return to India on completion of the fellowship.

Candidates meeting any of the following descriptions will be rendered technically ineligible to participate in the Humphrey Program:

- Individuals with less than five years of full-time professional experience prior to August 2021.
- University teachers with no management or policy responsibilities, except for teachers of English as a foreign language and specialists in substance abuse prevention and treatment.
- Individuals who have attended a graduate school in the United States for one academic year or more during the seven years prior to August 2021.
- Individuals who have had more than six months of U.S. experience during the five years prior to August 2021.
- Individuals with dual U.S. citizenship or U.S. permanent resident status.

How to Apply

Timeline and Placement Process
Applicants can download the application materials from the website www.usief.org.in. Completed application materials should be sent through e-mail (as an attachment) to humphrey@usief.org.in, specifying Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program in the subject line with applicant's name.

Application Deadline: May 15, 2020

Timeline and Placement Process

May 15, 2020
Application due date for 2021-2022 awards

Mid-June 2020
Screening applications to short-list candidates

Late June 2020
USIEF informs the applicants about the review outcome

Mid-July 2020
National interviews of the short-listed candidates in Delhi

End July 2020
USIEF notifies the nominees. Nominees take TOEFL.

October 1, 2020
USIEF forwards applications of nominees to the Humphrey Program Office, Washington, D.C.

February/March 2021
USIEF expects to receive the Humphrey selection cable from Washington, D.C.

February/March 2021
USIEF notifies the finalists

May 2021
Pre-Departure Orientation

April/June 2021
Pre-academic training in the U.S. (if required)

August/September 2021
Humphrey program begins

Visit https://www.humphreyfellowship.org/ for more details on Humphrey Fellowship Program.
b. 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 2021 is likely to be announced sometime in February 2020. Application material and program details will be available on the USIEF website www.usief.org.in.

During my Fulbright year in Washington, D.C., I taught and studied at the prestigious Johns Hopkins University. My apartment was 15 minutes from the White House. I attended numerous conferences, met senior diplomats and travelled widely across the country. The leadership skills that I gained in the U.S. will enable me to make meaningful contribution to society.

- Gaurav Laha, 2018 FLTA fellow
c. Fulbright Distinguished Awards in Teaching Program for International Teachers

The Fulbright Distinguished Awards in Teaching Program for International Teachers (FDAI) is designed for full-time Indian teachers teaching any subject at any level (primary, middle or secondary) at a school in India. This program is also open to primary and secondary level library media specialists, guidance counselors, curriculum specialists, special education coordinators, and administrators who spend at least fifty percent of their time teaching or working directly with students. Teacher trainers are also eligible. The program brings teachers from Bangladesh, Botswana, Brazil, Finland, Greece, India, Indonesia, Israel, Kenya, Mexico, Morocco, New Zealand, Philippines, Senegal, Singapore, Taiwan, Uganda and United Kingdom for a semester-long program at a U.S. university. Up to four teachers from India participate in the program. The program provides a unique opportunity to pursue individual or group projects, take courses for professional development at a host university, and observe and share their expertise with teachers and students at the host university or local primary and secondary schools. Cultural enrichment, mentoring, and support is provided throughout the program.

How to Apply
Application materials and program details for the academic year 2020-2021 are available on the USIEF website.

Application Deadline: March 2, 2020

d. Fulbright Teaching Excellence and Achievement Program

The Fulbright Teaching Excellence and Achievement (FTEA) Program is a six-week nondegree, non-credit academic program at a U.S. University which provides selected teachers with a unique opportunity to develop greater expertise in their subject areas, enhance their teaching skills, and increase their knowledge about the United States. The international participants travel to the United States for one of two six-week professional development programs in either spring or fall of an academic year. The Fulbright TEA program provides academic seminars on teaching methodologies and strategies, curriculum development, lesson planning, and instructional technology training. Intensive English language instruction is offered to teachers who need additional practice. The program also includes a practicum of at least 40 hours with a U.S. partner teacher in a U.S. secondary school near the host university to actively engage participants in the U.S. classroom environment. Cultural enrichment, mentoring, and support is provided to participants throughout the program. For India, the program is open for full-time school teachers (6th to 12th grades) teaching English, English as a Foreign Language (EFL), Social Studies, Mathematics, Science, or Special Education at schools in India.

How to Apply
Application materials and program details for the academic year 2020-2021 are available on the USIEF website www.usief.org.in.

Application Deadline: March 16, 2020

e. Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence Program

The Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence (S-I-R) 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 S-I-R 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 S-I-R program to the attention of their U.S. counterparts. Further information is available on the link: https://www.cies.org/program/fulbright-scholar-residence-program
Fulbright-Nehru Fellowships for Indian Citizens: General Prerequisites

The applicant:

- must 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 not be residing in the U.S. during the recruitment and placement cycle (January 2020 - June 2021);
- must have a high level of academic/professional achievement;
- must demonstrate proficiency in the English language to undertake the proposed project/program and adjust to life in the U.S.;
- if shortlisted for an interview, must appear in person for interview at the USIEF office in New Delhi;
- must inform USIEF well in advance if s/he needs to travel abroad (e.g. conference) during the application cycle (July 2020 - June 2020);
- must be eligible for leave, if employed;
- must be in good health;
- must not be applying for or holding permanent residence (green card) in the United States; and
- must 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.

Material misinterpretation (e.g. plagiarism) at any time during the application or grant period is grounds for selection withdrawal or grant termination, as well as ineligibility for future participation.

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-Nehru International Education Administrators Seminar
6. Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant Program
7. Fulbright Distinguished Awards in Teaching Program for International Teachers
8. Fulbright Teaching Excellence and Achievement Program

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

Incomplete or late applications will not be accepted.

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.

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:
Applications 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 390,000 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-fsb/fsb-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 160 countries. It is administered by binational Fulbright Commissions and Foundations in 49 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 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 11,304 Fulbright Fellowships to Indians and Americans funded by Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA), Department of State (DoS). In addition to these programs sponsored DoS www.state.gov, USIEF has also administered approximately 8,738 fellowships funded by the U.S. Department of Education www.ed.gov, the East-West Center www.eastwestcenter.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.

- Serving as a resource for fostering linkages between institutions of higher education in the U.S. and India.
United States-India Educational Foundation (USIEF) has headquarters in New Delhi and four regional offices in Chennai, Hyderabad, Kolkata, and Mumbai.

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