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ABOUT USIEF



The Agreement between the Government of India and the Government of the United States of America for Financing Certain Educational Exchange Programs, 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 the United States-India Educational Foundation (USIEF) awarding Fulbright-Nehru fellowships. A ten 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 12,161 Fulbright fellowships to Indians and Americans. In addition to these programs sponsored by the U.S. Department of State and Government of India, USIEF has also administered approximately 8,765 fellowships funded by the U.S. Department of Education, the East-West Center 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.
- ❖ Education USA Advising Services for Indian students interested in pursuing higher education in the U.S.
- ❖ Serving as a resource for fostering linkages between institutions of higher education in the U.S. and India.

INTRODUCTION

In January 2022, USIEF finally resumed the U.S. Fulbright program to India after a hiatus of almost two years. USIEF staggered the arrivals of the FY20 and FY21 U.S. fellows between January and May 2022 to provide adequate ground support to everyone. FY22 students and scholars began entering grant status in August 2022. USIEF hosted in-country orientation programs for the FY21 student researchers in April 2022, the English Teaching Assistants in July 2022, and the FY22 student researchers in August 2022. As of November 15, 2022, 143 U.S. Fulbrighters from across three different cohorts were in India.

USIEF staff have also been closely monitoring the health, safety, security, and the academic progress of the Indian Fulbright students and scholars in the United States. This year, all the pre-departure orientations for Indian fellows were conducted virtually, but we are looking forward to in-person orientation programs for our 2023-24 cohort. As of November 15, 2022, there were 161 Indian Fulbrighters in the U.S.

USIEF used a hybrid outreach approach to help recruit Indian applicants for the 2023-24 academic year fellowships. USIEF conducted 150 online and in-person programs, which included information sessions, mentoring programs, roadshows, and workshops on preparing a strong application. USIEF organized three Fulbright roadshows branded as “Making New Connections” in Bhubaneswar, Lucknow, and Indore. As a result of this robust outreach program, USIEF received 2,061 applications, which is an average increase of 6% more applications for the Fulbright-Nehru and Fulbright-Kalam program over last year.

During the period from October 1, 2021, to September 30, 2022, USIEF continued to engage its audiences through numerous online and in-person engagements. During this period, USIEF conducted 183 events, which included many programs showcasing the outstanding work and accomplishments of Indian and American Fulbrighters. The Education USA India team at USIEF organized more than 790 events including virtual, hybrid, and in-person events, reaching over 74,000 participants. These included fairs, outreach events with Indian schools and universities, basic orientation sessions, ‘ask-an-adviser’ sessions and thematic sessions on specialized topics related to U.S. higher education.



USIEF HIGHLIGHTS



In November 2021, USIEF organized thirty events and activities as part of International Education Week.

The English Teaching Assistant Program resumed in July 2022 with nine ETAs. They are placed in schools in Delhi, Kolkata, and Chennai.





The FY22 U.S. Fulbright-Nehru student researchers arrived in India on August 21, 2022. Other FY22 U.S. Fulbrighters started entering grant status beginning September 1, 2022.



USIEF organized a Fulbright Conference in Delhi from November 14 -17, 2022. 102 U.S. Fulbrighters attended this event.

FELLOWSHIPS FOR U.S. CITIZENS

USIEF FUNDED GRANTS FOR U.S. CITIZENS

Fulbright–Nehru Student Research Fellowships

These fellowships provide opportunities to recent American graduates and graduate students for study and research in India. Applications from all disciplines are considered.

Fulbright–Nehru Academic and Professional Excellence Fellowships

These fellowships are for research or teaching, or a combination of teaching and research activities for a duration of four to nine months. Depending on the department, it is likely that the grantee will also work with faculty to develop curriculum and conduct workshops and seminars.

Fulbright–Nehru Distinguished Chair Fellowships

Distinguished Chairs conduct research in their area of specialization; teach/advise graduate students at the host institution; travel to prominent higher education institutions around India to deliver guest lectures and take part in symposia and conferences; work with faculty members at the host institution on program development and curriculum design.

Fulbright–Kalam Climate Fellowships

These fellowships are offered to build long-term capacity to address climate change related issues in India and the U.S. Awards are open to practicing professionals and faculty of any academic rank for research, teaching, or a combination of activity related to climate studies.

NON-USIEF FUNDED GRANTS FOR U.S. CITIZENS

Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Program (DDRA)

USIEF assists doctoral students traveling to India under the DDRA program. These PhD candidates are engaged in full-time dissertation research in modern foreign languages and area studies. The U.S. Department of Education disburses funds directly to scholars through their universities. USIEF provides programmatic, administrative, and logistical support.

Faculty Research Abroad Fellows (FRA)

The purpose of this award is to contribute to the development and improvement of the study of modern foreign languages and area studies in the United States by providing opportunities for scholars to conduct research abroad.

Fulbright Global Scholar Award

The Fulbright Global Scholar Award allows U.S. academics and professionals to engage in multi-country, trans-regional projects. As a truly worldwide award, U.S. scholars will be able to propose research or combined teaching/research activity in two to three countries with flexible schedule options; trips can be conducted within one academic year or spread over two consecutive years.

South and Central Asia Regional Research Program

South and Central Asia Regional Research Program provide grants for research projects of historical or contemporary focus or is comparative or regional in scope; or where data must be collected in several countries. Fieldwork must be conducted in two or more countries of the region. Projects, which will contribute to the cooperation among countries of the region and involve collaboration with host country colleagues and institutions, are encouraged. These fellowships are for four to nine months.

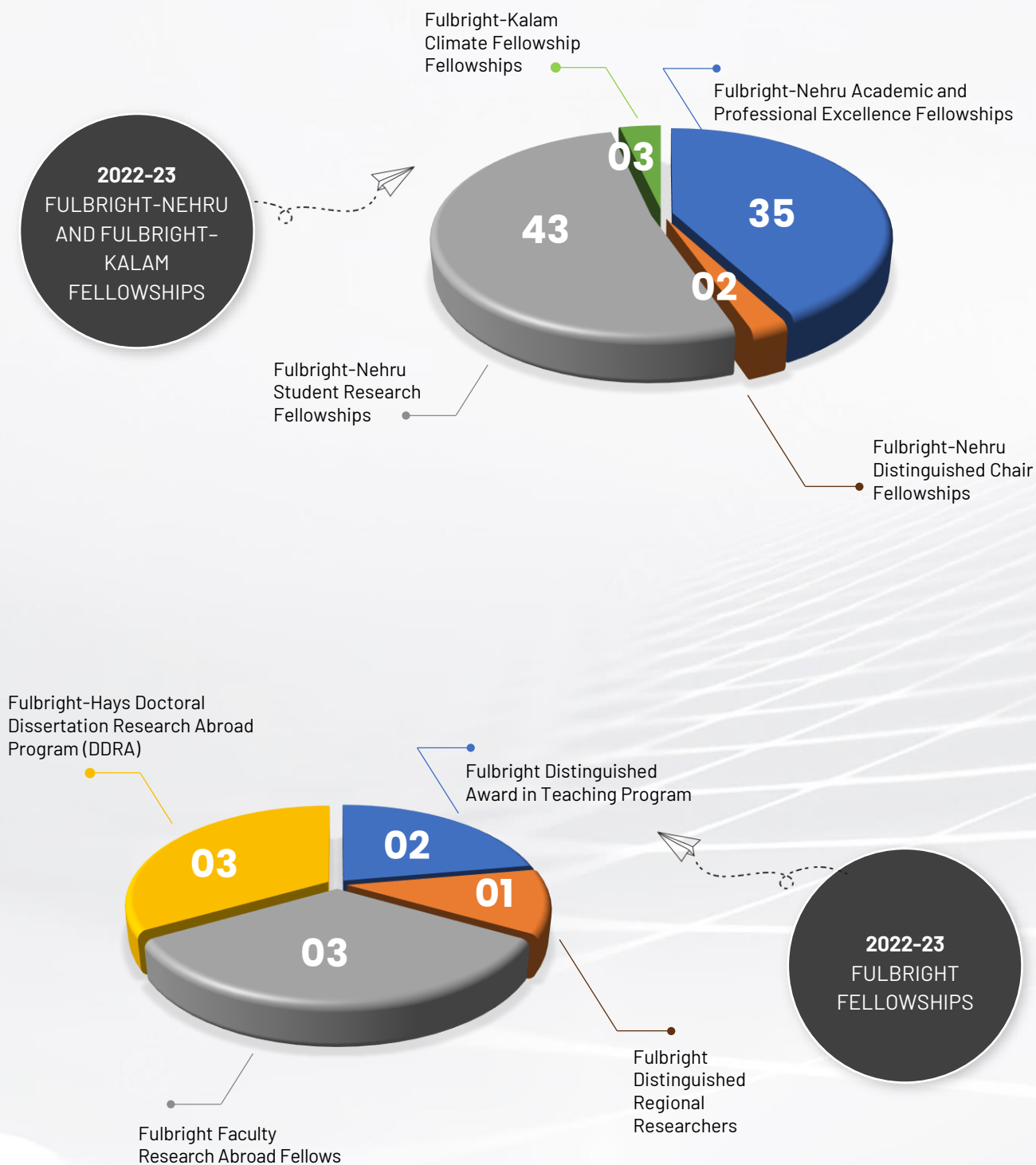
Distinguished Award in Teaching– Research Program

This program brings highly accomplished teachers from the U.S. to India on an independent study program of 3-6 months. Distinguished Teachers can enroll in graduate level courses, conduct research, lead classes and seminars for international teachers and students, and work toward the completion of their self-designed capstone project. Additionally, they may team teach or guest lecture at local secondary schools or at the university level. USIEF provides programmatic, administrative, and logistical support.

Fulbright–Nehru and Fulbright Fellowships for U.S. Citizens

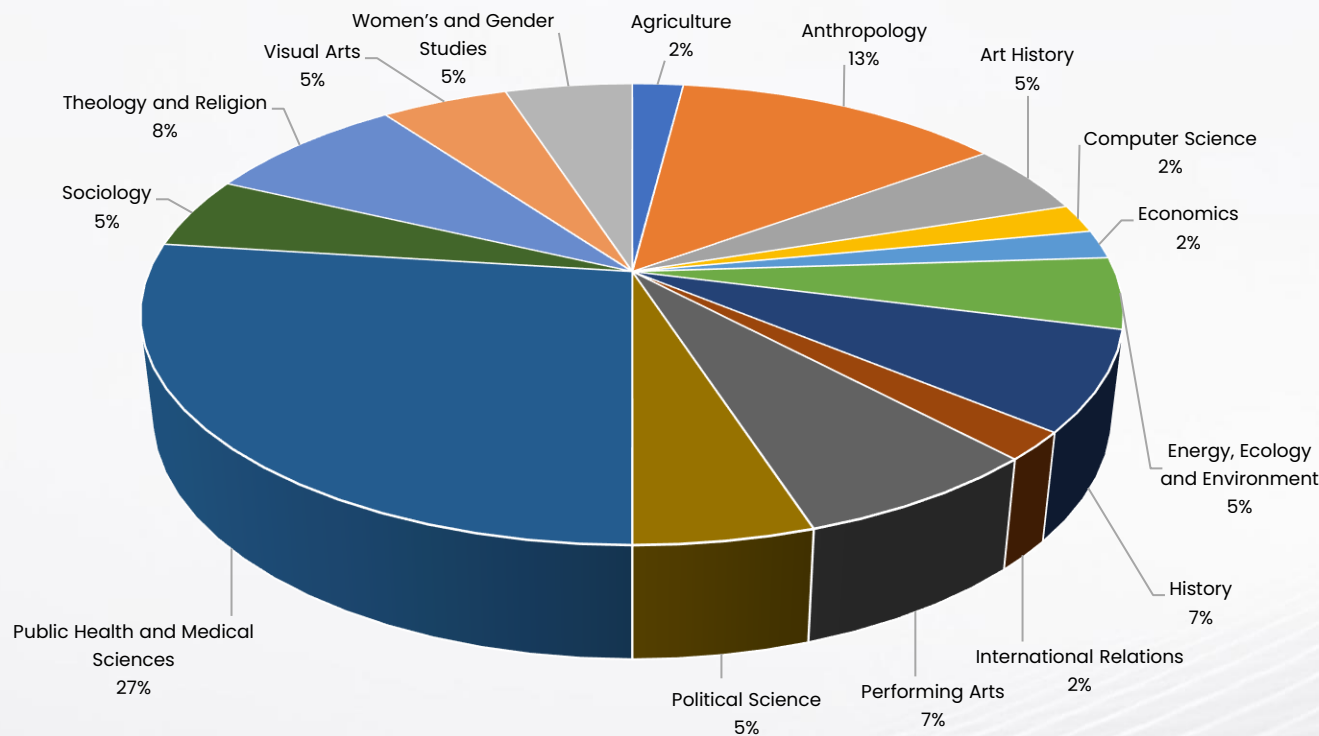
Fulbright–Nehru Fellowships	2021-2022	2022-2023
F–N Student Researchers	35	43
F–N Academic & Professional Excellence	41	35
F–N Distinguished Chair	2	2
Fulbright–Kalam Climate Fellowship	–	3
Fulbright Fellowships		
Distinguished Awards in Teaching Program	1	2
Regional Researchers	–	1
Faculty Research Abroad Fellows	–	3
Fulbright–Hays DDRA	12	3
Fulbright Global Scholar Award	3	–
TOTAL	94	92

USIEF Awarded Fellowships for 92 U.S. Citizens (including 83 Fulbright-Nehru and Fulbright - Kalam Fellowships) in FY22

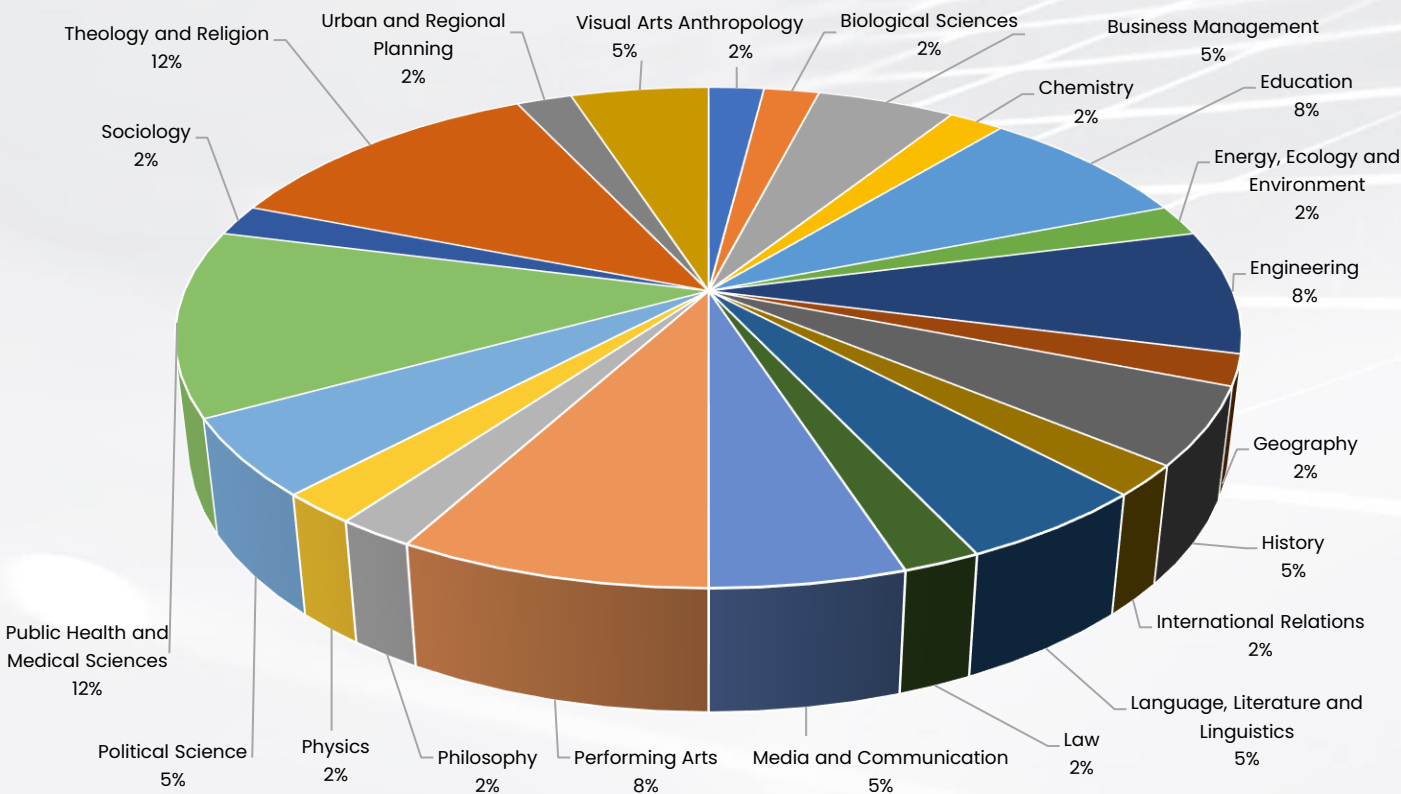


Fellowships for U.S. Citizens

2022-23 Student Disciplines (GRANTS 43)
(Fulbright-Nehru Student Researchers Fellowships)



2022-23 Scholar Disciplines (GRANTS - 40)
(Fulbright-Nehru Academic and Professional Excellence Fellowships and Fulbright Kalam Climate Fellowships)



FELLOWSHIPS FOR INDIAN CITIZENS

USIEF FUNDED GRANTS FOR INDIAN CITIZENS

Fulbright-Nehru Master's Fellowships

This fellowship is designed for outstanding individuals who have demonstrated 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 programs 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; Journalism and Mass Communication; Public Administration; Public Health; Urban and Regional Planning; and Women's Studies/Gender Studies.

Fulbright-Nehru Doctoral Research Fellowships

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

Fulbright-Nehru Postdoctoral Research Fellowships

These fellowships are designed for Indian faculty and researchers who are in the early stages of their research careers. The Postdoctoral Research Fellowships provide opportunities to talented faculty and researchers to strengthen their research capacities, have access to some of the finest resources in their areas of interest, and help build long-term collaborative relationships with U.S. faculty and institutions. These fellowships are for eight to 24 months.

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 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.

Fulbright-Nehru Visiting Chair fellowships

The Fulbright-Nehru Visiting Chair Program is designed for Indian scholars who are employed in India for the purpose of teaching, lecturing, and/or conducting research at two U.S. Universities, University of Massachusetts Amherst and Emory University, Atlanta. This fellowship is a cost-share program between USIEF and the two host U.S. Universities.

Fulbright-Kalam Climate Fellowships

These fellowships are offered to build long-term capacity to address climate change related issues in India and the U.S. USIEF will offer Fulbright-Kalam fellowships for postdoctoral research, doctoral research and Academic and Professional Excellence.

NON-USIEF FUNDED GRANTS FOR INDIAN CITIZENS

Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program

This program, funded directly by the U.S. Department of State, 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 and have demonstrated leadership potential, and are committed to their own country's development. USIEF recruits and nominates Indian applicants for final selection in Washington, D.C.

Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant Program (FLTA)

The 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 the college level, or other 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 serve as teaching assistants in Hindi or Urdu classrooms at select U.S. campuses.

Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence (S-I-R) Program

The Fulbright SIR program brings scholars and professionals from overseas to lecture at U.S. colleges and universities that do not often host visiting scholars, such as small liberal arts colleges, minority-serving institutions, and community colleges.

Teacher Development Programs

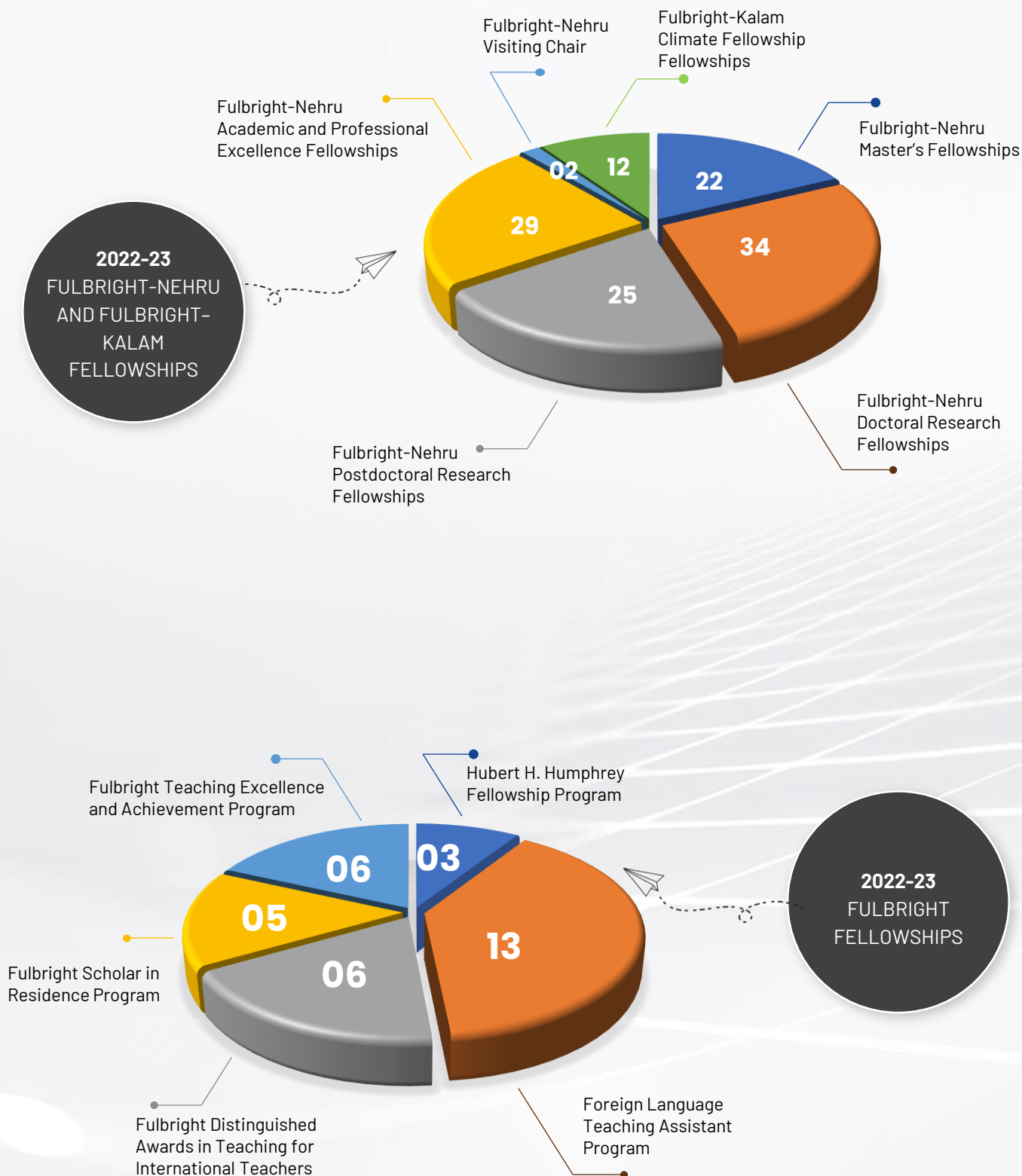
USIEF administers two teacher development programs – the Fulbright Teaching Excellence and Achievement Program (FTEA) and the Fulbright Distinguished Awards in Teaching Program for International Teachers (FDAI). USIEF receives funding from ECA for our assistance with recruitment and program administration.



Fulbright-Nehru and Fulbright Fellowships for Indian Citizens

Fulbright-Nehru Fellowships	2021-2022	2022-2023
F-N Master's Fellowships	12	22
F-N Doctoral Research Fellowships	24	34
F-N Postdoctoral Research Fellowships	22	25
F-N Academic and Professional Excellence Fellowships	20	29
F-N Visiting Chair	-	2
Fulbright-Kalam Climate Fellowship Fellowships	-	12
Fulbright Fellowships		
Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program	3	3
Foreign Language Teaching Assistant Program	13	13
Fulbright Distinguished Awards in Teaching for International Teachers (FDAI)	4	6
Fulbright Scholar in Residence Program	-	5
Fulbright Teaching Excellence and Achievement Program (FTEA)	6	6
TOTAL	104	157

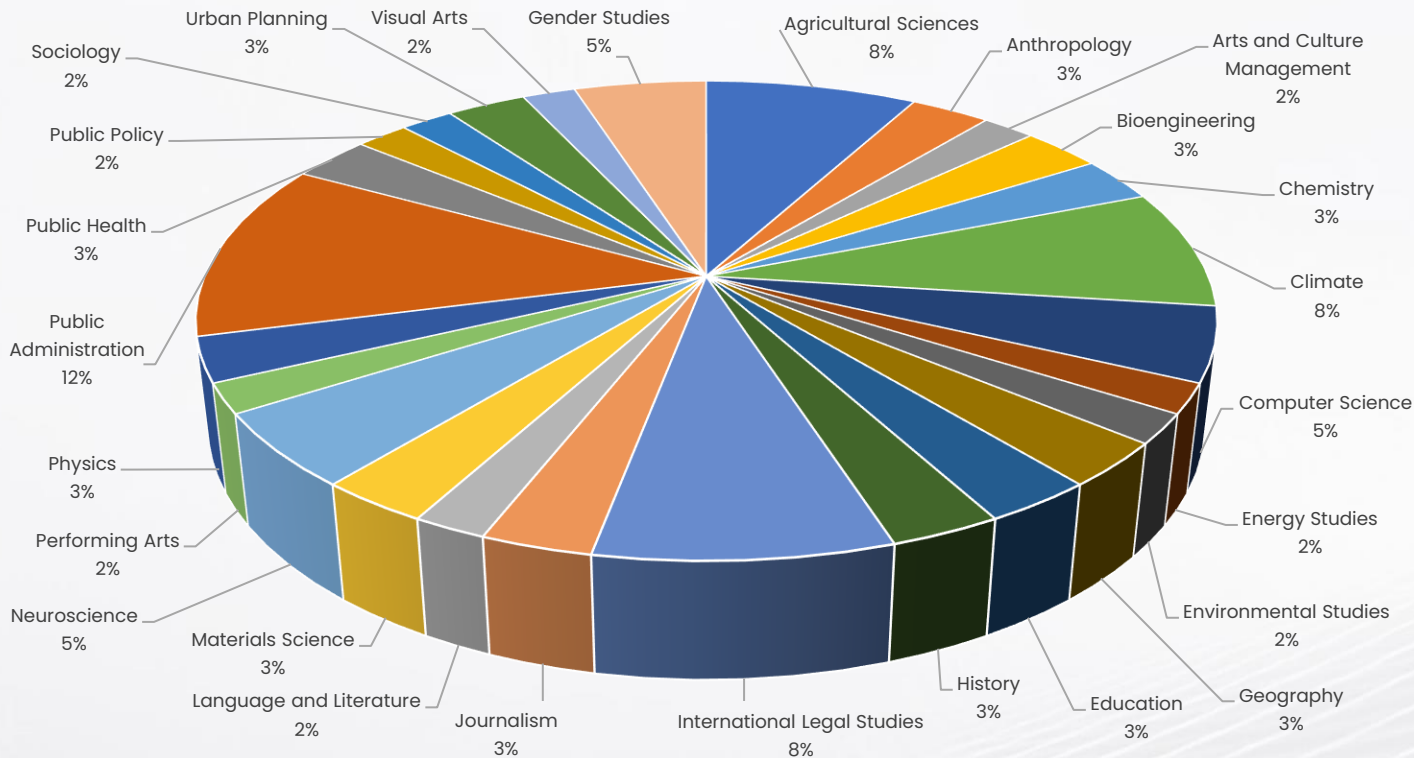
USIEF awarded fellowships for 157 Indian Citizens (including 124 Fulbright-Nehru and Fulbright Kalam Fellowships) in FY22



Fellowships for Indian Citizens

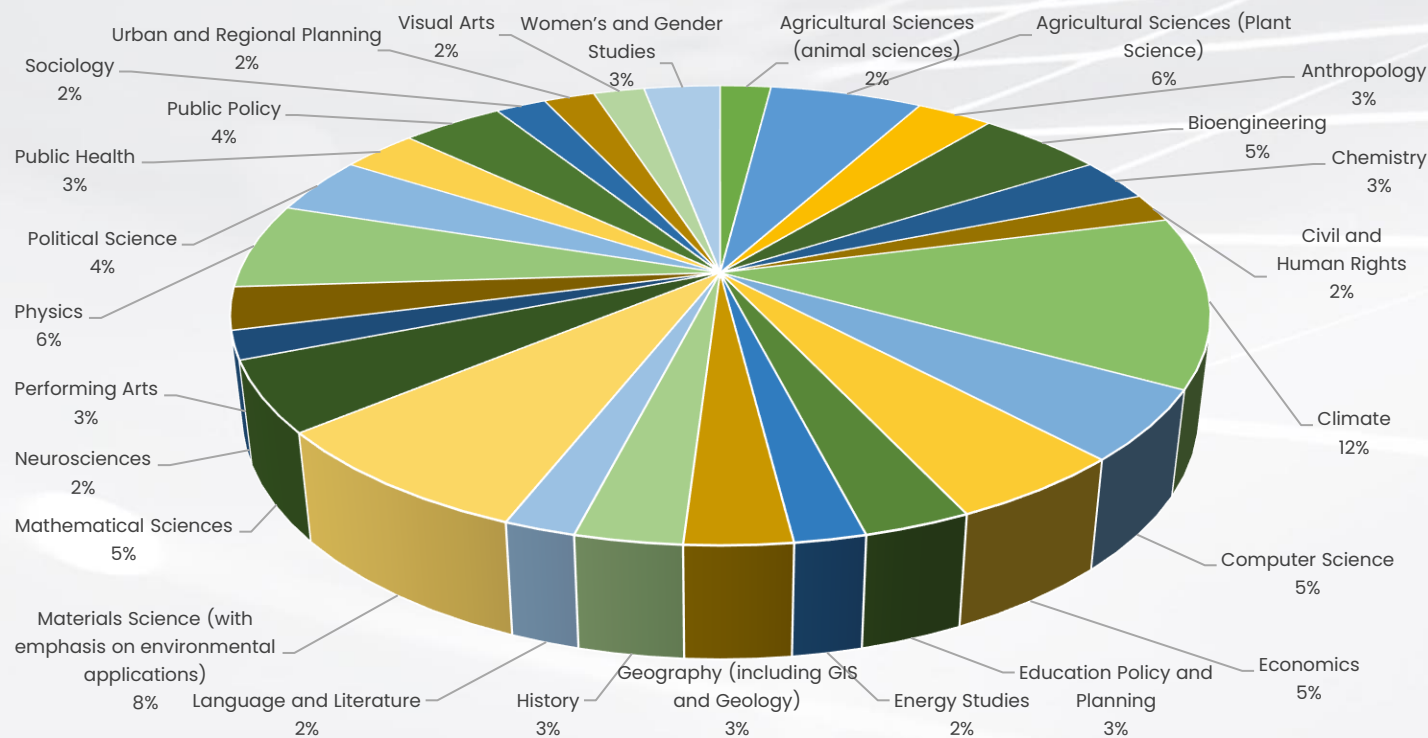
2022–2023 Student Disciplines (Grants: 60)

(Fulbright–Nehru Master's Fellowships, Fulbright–Nehru Doctoral Research Fellowships, and Fulbright–Kalam Doctoral Research Fellowships)

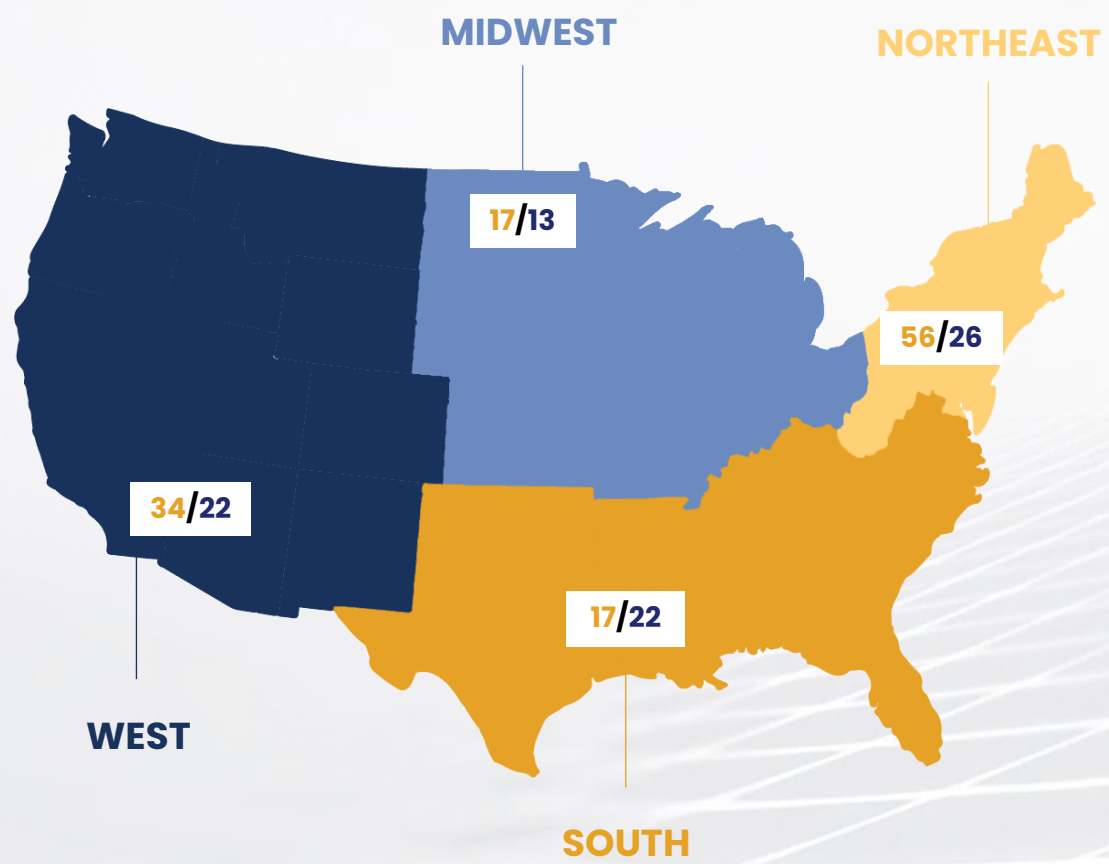


2022–2023 Scholar Disciplines (Grants: 64)

(Fulbright–Nehru Postdoctoral Research Fellowships, Fulbright–Nehru Academic and Professional Excellence Fellowships, Fulbright–Nehru Visiting Chair Program at Emory, Fulbright–Nehru Visiting Chair Program at UMASS, Fulbright–Kalam Climate Fellowships for Postdoctoral Research, and Fulbright–Kalam Climate Fellowships for Academic and Professional Excellence)



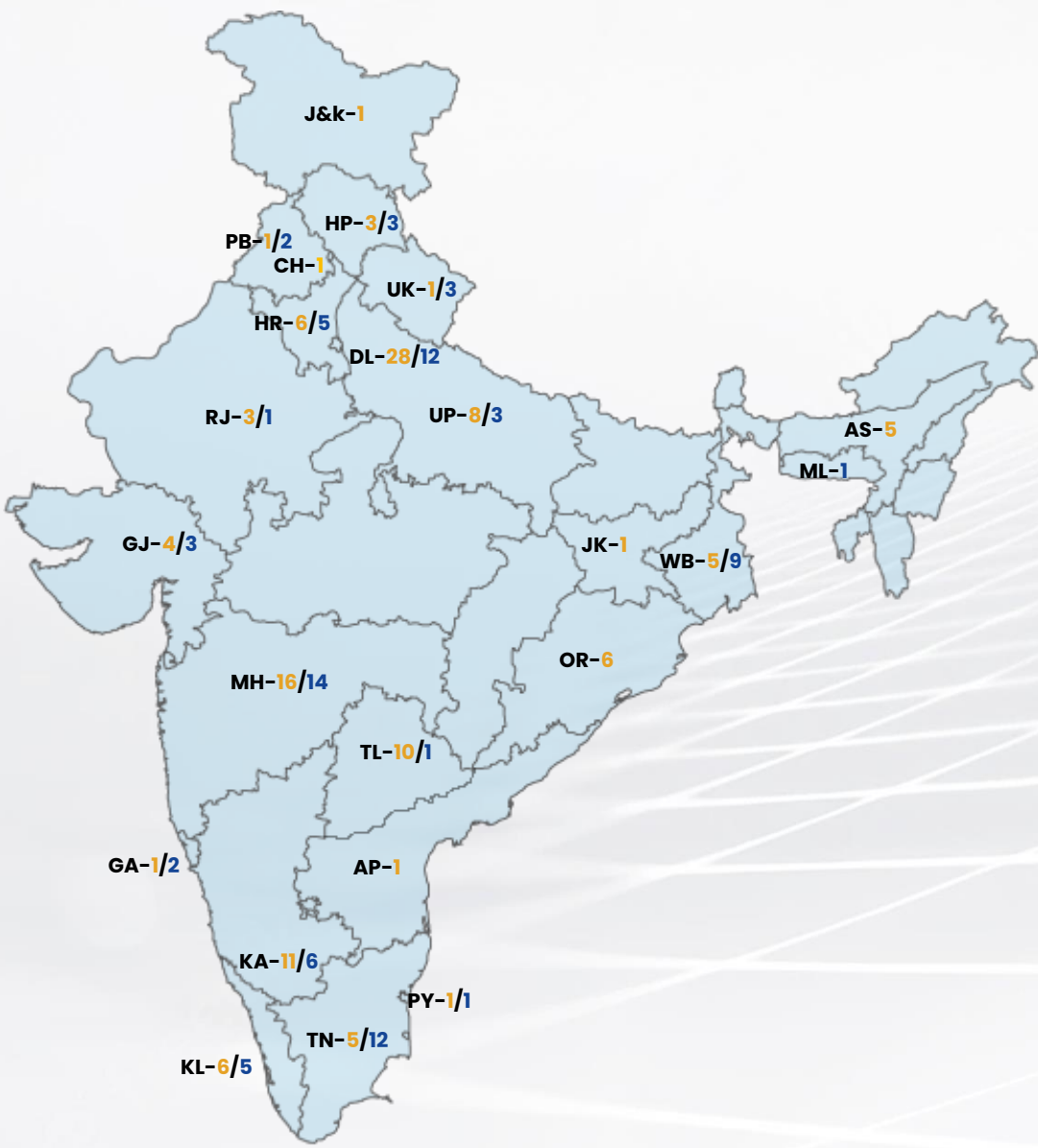
DISTRIBUTION OF FULBRIGHT-NEHRU AND FULBRIGHT-KALAM SCHOLARS IN THE UNITED STATES



INDIANS GOING TO (124)

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DISTRIBUTION OF FULBRIGHT-NEHRU AND FULBRIGHT-KALAM SCHOLARS IN INDIA



AMERICANS GOING TO (83)

INDIANS COMING FROM (124)

ALUMNI HIGHLIGHTS



U.S. Fulbright-Nehru Alumna Starts a Podcast to Narrate the Bhopal Gas Tragedy

Fulbright-Nehru Student Researcher Apoorva Dixit (2017 – 2018) and her friend Molly Mulroy started a podcast, “They Knew Which Way to Run” that tells the story of the Bhopal Gas Tragedy and its survivors.

U.S. Fulbright-Nehru Alumnus Publishes a Book on Artificial Intelligence

Robert Geraci published his new book, “Futures of Artificial Intelligence: Perspectives from India and the U.S.,” which is an outcome from his two Fulbright-Nehru Fellowships to India in 2012-13 and 2018-19. The book traverses the Indian and American views of history, the role of technology and on leveraging global values to advance human development through Artificial Intelligence. Dr. Geraci is a professor of religious studies at Manhattan College in New York City.



Indian Fulbright-Nehru Postdoctoral Alumnus Receives the National Water Award

Fulbright-Nehru Postdoctoral Research Fellow Venkatesh Dutta (2011- 2012) received the 2022 ‘Rajat Ki Boondein’ National Water Award. Through his writing and public lectures, Venkatesh has immensely contributed to the science of groundwater-fed rivers, freshwater ecosystems, and ecological resilience.



Indian Fulbright-Nehru Alumna Receives the 2021 Women Transforming India Award from NITI Aayog

Fulbright-Nehru Environmental Leadership Program Fellow Trupti Jain (2011- 2012) received the 2021 Women Transforming India Award conferred by NITI Aayog, Government of India. The award is part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, an initiative of the Government of India to celebrate and commemorate 75 years of independence. Trupti is the founder director of a social enterprise, Naireeta Services, in Ahmedabad, Gujarat.

Indian Fulbright-Nehru Postdoctoral Alumnus Receives Award From Elon Musk Foundation

Fulbright-Nehru Postdoctoral Research Fellow Vikram Vishal (2014-2015) and his four-member team of students from IIT-Bombay (IITB) won the XPRIZE for Carbon Removal, an event supported by the Elon Musk Foundation. The group worked out a novel method to capture carbon dioxide emission from industries, convert them into beneficial salts, and in the process help in removing the emitted CO₂ gas permanently from the atmosphere. The team from IITB was among the 23 student-led teams from 10 countries to win the carbon removal demonstration competition.





Your Official Source on U.S. Higher Education

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According to the 2022 Open Doors Report, 199,182 Indian students were enrolled in U.S. higher education institutions in the academic year 2021-22. India remains the second largest source of international students in the U.S. As the official source on U.S. higher education, EducationUSA at USIEF centers provide accurate, current, unbiased and comprehensive information to prospective students seeking higher education opportunities in the U.S. EducationUSA centers have also made round-the-clock advising accessible to students through the EducationUSA Mobile App with almost 120,000 downloads. EducationUSA India organized close to 800 events, including virtual fairs, in-person and virtual outreach events with Indian schools and universities, basic orientation sessions, ‘ask-an adviser’ sessions and thematic sessions on specialized topics related to U.S. higher education.

In addition to these engagements, EducationUSA centers at USIEF hosted virtual fairs in collaboration with other EducationUSA host institutions in India and South Asia (Bangladesh, Nepal, and Pakistan). Titled the “EducationUSA South Asia Tour,” the newest editions of these fairs were hosted in September 2022 with a virtual graduate fair day and a virtual undergraduate fair day. These fairs allowed EducationUSA at USIEF centers to reach a record number of students. In addition, EducationUSA hosted a graduate virtual fair in collaboration with Yocket, the largest online community of prospective students in India. Key cumulative statistics for these marquee fairs are showcased below.



Universities participated



Students Reached through Registrations

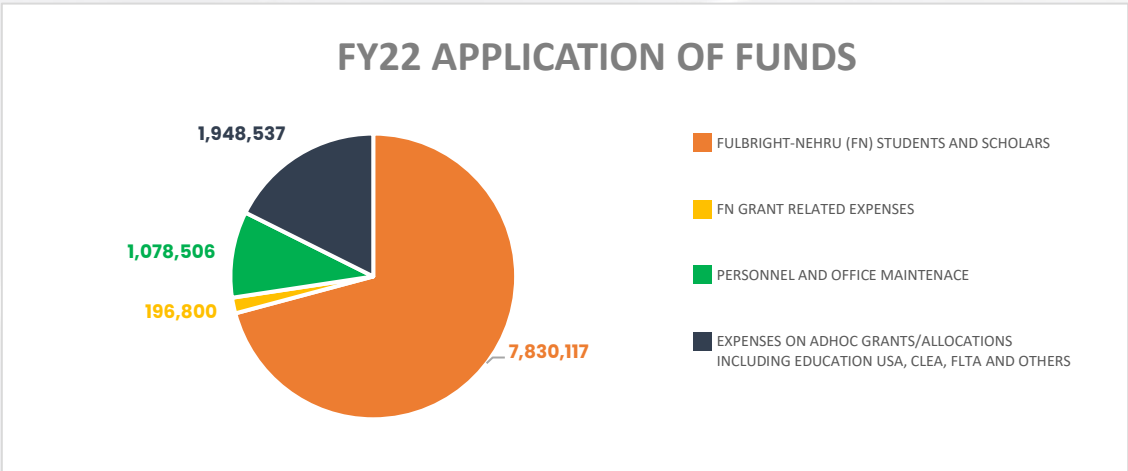
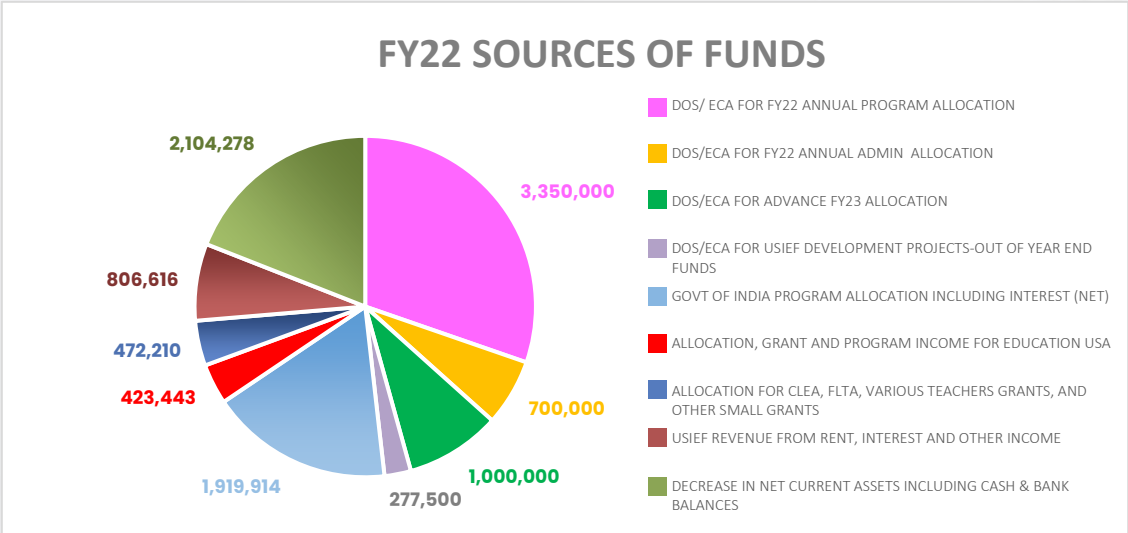


Unique attendees at these virtual fairs

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT - FISCAL YEAR 2021-22

SOURCES OF FUNDS	AMOUNT IN USD	%
DOS/ ECA FOR FY22 ANNUAL PROGRAM ALLOCATION	\$ 3,350,000	30.31%
DOS/ECA FOR FY22 ANNUAL ADMIN ALLOCATION	\$ 700,000	6.33%
DOS/ECA FOR ADVANCE FY23 ALLOCATION	\$ 1,000,000	9.05%
DOS/ECA FOR USIEF DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS-OUT OF YEAR END FUNDS	\$ 277,500	2.51%
GOVT OF INDIA PROGRAM ALLOCATION INCLUDING INTEREST (NET)	\$ 1,919,914	17.37%
ALLOCATION, GRANT AND PROGRAM INCOME FOR EDUCATION USA	\$ 423,443	3.83%
ALLOCATION FOR CLEA, FLTA, VARIOUS TEACHERS GRANTS, AND OTHER SMALL GRANTS	\$ 472,210	4.27%
USIEF REVENUE FROM RENT, INTEREST AND OTHER INCOME	\$ 806,616	7.30%
DECREASE IN NET CURRENT ASSETS INCLUDING CASH & BANK BALANCES	\$ 2,104,278	19.04%
TOTAL SOURCES OF FUNDS	\$ 11,053,960	100.00%
APPLICATION OF FUNDS	AMOUNT IN USD	%
FULBRIGHT-NEHRU (FN) STUDENTS AND SCHOLARS	\$ 7,830,117	70.84%
FN GRANT RELATED EXPENSES	\$ 196,800	1.78%
PERSONNEL AND OFFICE MAINTENACE	\$ 1,078,506	9.76%
EXPENSES ON ADHOC GRANTS/ALLOCATIONS INCLUDING EDUCATION USA, CLEA, FLTA AND OTHERS	\$ 1,948,537	17.63%
TOTAL APPLICATION OF FUNDS	\$ 11,053,960	100.00%

Note: Exchange rate applied at INR 77.00 /USD 1.00



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USIEF STAFF LIST (as on December 06, 2022)

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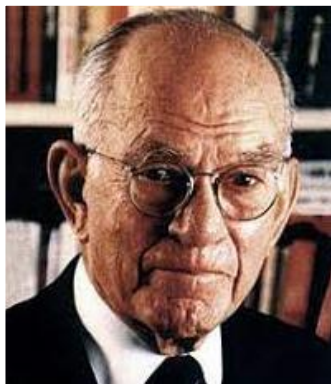
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Let us be a little humble; let us think that the truth may not perhaps be entirely with us

Jawaharlal Nehru

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