

## **PROGRAM TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE FULBRIGHT U.S. SCHOLAR GRANT PROGRAM**

The Fulbright U.S. Scholar Grant Program (“Fulbright Program”) provides grants for academic research and/or teaching, and other professional projects, abroad in more than 140 countries. This document (“Program Terms and Conditions”) sets forth the terms and conditions of your grant award and participation in the Fulbright Program, and must be signed by you and returned to IIE as directed below. Additional terms and conditions specific to your grant award are set forth in the Fulbright U.S. Scholar Award Authorization (“Grant Award Document”), which also must be signed by you and returned to either IIE or the Fulbright Commission.

As part of these Program Terms and Conditions, you are agreeing to be bound by the following policies and procedures governing the Fulbright Program as adopted by Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board (“FFSB Policies”):

- Front Matter: Statement of Objectives, Selection, Supervision and Guiding Principles, which is available at [https://eca.state.gov/files/bureau/front\\_matter\\_-\\_11-2019.pdf](https://eca.state.gov/files/bureau/front_matter_-_11-2019.pdf);
- Chapter 100: Program Planning and Administration, which is available at [https://eca.state.gov/files/bureau/fulbright\\_program\\_policies\\_chapter\\_100\\_nov\\_2019.pdf](https://eca.state.gov/files/bureau/fulbright_program_policies_chapter_100_nov_2019.pdf); and
- Chapter 600-U.S. Scholars, which is available at [https://eca.state.gov/files/bureau/fulbright\\_program\\_policies\\_chapter\\_600\\_nov\\_2019.pdf](https://eca.state.gov/files/bureau/fulbright_program_policies_chapter_600_nov_2019.pdf).

The FFSB Policies are expressly made a part of these Program Terms and Conditions and are binding upon you as Grantee. Please initial here to indicate that you have read the above referenced FFSB Policies:

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Please review these Program Terms and Conditions, the FFSB Policies, and the Grant Award Document carefully. Failure to comply with any requirements set forth in the Program Terms and Conditions, the FFSB Policies, and/or the Grant Award Document may result in the withdrawal, suspension, revocation, or termination of your grant award, as set forth in these Program Terms and Conditions and in the FFSB Policies.

In the event of any conflict between these Program Terms and Conditions, the Grant Award Document, and the FFSB Policies, the order of precedence is as follows: (1) these Program Terms and Conditions; (2) the Grant Award Document; and (3) the FFSB Policies.

**You must electronically sign or initial each page of the document as prompted by the system. Once you have completed all required signatures, the document will be automatically routed to IIE.**

**Selected Candidates (as defined below) are not considered Grantees (as defined below) until all Grant Documents (as defined below) are signed and returned to and accepted by IIE.**

## I. DEFINITIONS

Terms not defined elsewhere in these Program Terms and Conditions are defined below.

- A. **“Alumni”** means any individual who meets the definition of a Grantee who has departed for the grant and whose grant has ended, but only if the grant has not been subject to revocation pursuant to Section III(C) of these Program Terms and Conditions and the applicable FFSB Policies.
- B. **“ASPE”** means the Accident and Sickness Program for Exchanges, which is a limited health benefit policy provided to Grantee for the duration of the grant. ASPE is not intended to replace the Grantee’s normal health insurance policy, which should be maintained for the duration of grant. Grantees will receive detailed information about ASPE from IIE and the Fulbright Commission, if applicable. Please review the ASPE Benefit Guide for more information, including notification requirements, which is available at: <https://www.sevencorners.com/about/gov/usdos>.
- C. **“Dependents”** means either (1) a spouse, or (2) a relative (child, grandchild, parent, sibling) who is financially-dependent on the Grantee. Accompanying Dependents are those Dependents who spend at least 80% of the grant period with the Grantee abroad.
- D. **“ECA”** means the U.S. Department of State Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, which sponsors, administers, and oversees the Fulbright Program in conjunction with Posts and Fulbright Commissions. ECA develops procedures to accomplish the purposes of the Fulbright Program, as directed by the U.S. Congress and the FFSB.
- E. **“FFSB”** means the Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board, which establishes policies and procedures governing the Fulbright Program and selects candidates for grants. The FFSB is composed of 12 individuals appointed by the U.S. President who are drawn from various sectors including education, arts and culture, business, and the military, among others.
- F. **“Fulbright Commission(s)”** means the binational, autonomous entities that manage the Fulbright Program and administer grants in their respective countries. In countries with a Fulbright Commission, Grantees are supervised by Fulbright Commission staff while on their grants. There are 49 Fulbright Commissions worldwide. For a list of all Fulbright Commissions, please visit <https://eca.state.gov/fulbright/about-fulbright/funding-and-administration/fulbright-commissions>.
- G. **“Grant Documents”** means these Program Terms and Conditions, the Grant Award Document, and the Medical Clearance Form.
- H. **“Grantee”** means a Selected Candidate who has signed and returned all Grant Documents to IIE, and the Fulbright Commission (if applicable), and IIE, and the Fulbright Commission (if applicable), has approved and accepted all returned Grant Documents.
- I. **“IIE”** means the Institute of International Education, which is a non-profit organization that manages the recruitment and selection of candidates for the Fulbright Program and supervises Grantees as set forth in these Program Terms and Conditions and in the FFSB policies on behalf of the ECA and pursuant to a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Department of State. IIE is referred to as the “cooperating agency” in the FFSB Policies.

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- J. **“Post(s)”** means the U.S. embassies or consulates in the Grantee’s host country. For any country for which there is no Fulbright Commission, the Post, through its Public Affairs Section, manages the Fulbright Program in the host country and supervises the Grantees in that country. In countries with a Fulbright Commission, the Public Affairs Officer (PAO) or the Cultural Affairs Officer (CAO) usually sits on the Fulbright Commission’s binational Board of Directors, representing the interests of the U.S. State Department in the administration of the various Fulbright exchange programs.
- K. **“Selected Candidate”** means a citizen of the United States who has applied and been selected for a grant from the Fulbright Program by the FFSB, but who has yet not signed and returned all Grant Documents to IIE and/or IIE has not approved and accepted all returned Grant Documents.

## II. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR FULBRIGHT U.S. SCHOLAR GRANT PROGRAM

- A. **Passports, Visas, Permits, Approvals.** The Grantee is responsible for obtaining a passport and any visas, permits, or other approvals that may be required by the countries in which the project will be undertaken or through which the Grantee will pass en route to the final destination. The Fulbright grant does not cover expenses or fees related to obtaining any passports, visas, permits, or other approvals. Grantees holding dual citizenship should discuss with IIE, the Post, or Fulbright Commission any applicable requirements, including entering the host country using a U.S. passport.

The Grantee is solely responsible for obtaining any necessary leave of absence from Grantee’s employer. The award of a grant does not constitute endorsement by the FFSB, ECA, IIE, Fulbright Commission, or Post of a leave of absence for the Grantee.

- B. **Travel.** The Grantee is responsible for making all travel arrangements by the deadline as provided by IIE or the Fulbright Commission (“Travel Deadline”). Any Grantee who fails to make all travel arrangements by the Travel Deadline will be responsible for the difference between the cost of travel at the time of the Travel Deadline and the actual cost of the travel, unless Grantee has received prior approval to make travel arrangements after the Travel Deadline or if the Grantee is an upgraded alternate who has not received notification of the grant until after the Travel Deadline. Grantee’s travel arrangements must comply with any other requirements set forth in the Grant Award Document.
- C. **Medical Clearance.** Selected Candidates must submit a completed Department of State Academic Exchanges Participant Medical History and Examination Form (“Medical Clearance Form”) to IIE, which must be reviewed and cleared prior to the start of the Fulbright grant. Medical clearance is for program activities in a particular country. Grantee acknowledges that Grantee has, in consultation with Grantee’s personal physician, made an independent judgement of the advisability of travel to and residence in the country or countries listed in the Grant Award Document for themselves and for any accompanying Dependents. Grantee must immediately notify IIE, the Post, and Fulbright Commission of any change in Grantee’s medical status or overall health and wellness, prior to departure and while abroad.

If a Selected Candidate has any condition requiring regular monitoring or treatment, or will require prescription drugs, it is the Selected Candidate’s responsibility to determine whether extended travel to the host country, city, and region is feasible prior to signing the Grant Award Document. Selected Candidates are advised to consider, and discuss with their doctor (in consultation with the Post or Fulbright Commission), factors such as: ability to obtain certain medications while abroad, legality of

required medications in the host country, proximity to treatment facilities or qualified practitioners, etc.

- D. Health Benefits/ASPE.** ECA provides limited health and accident benefits (not insurance) for all Grantees for the duration of the Fulbright Program through the Accident and Sickness Program for Exchanges (“ASPE”), which is provided through Seven Corners (the health benefits provider). **ASPE does not cover medical incidents that occur outside of the Grantee’s host country unless the Grantee is on grant-related travel that is approved as set forth in Section II(H)(2) of these Program Terms and Conditions. ASPE does not cover medical incidents that occur in the United States.** This coverage is not all-purpose health insurance coverage. It is subject to specific limitations, and Grantees are covered only while in the country or countries for which the grant is awarded, and during direct travel time to and from the host country at the beginning and end of the grant period. This coverage is not intended to replace any insurance a Grantee may already have. It is intended to supplement existing coverage and to ensure that a Grantee’s basic health is protected in a foreign country. ASPE provides access to a hotline available 24 hours a day to provide support to Grantees in urgent and non-urgent situations, including mental health support. **Grantees are strongly urged to continue private health insurance.** It is also recommended that Grantees obtain adequate insurance for personal property. ECA does not provide health benefits for any accompanying Dependents; Grantees must provide adequate insurance for accompanying Dependents at their own expense. Should the program in the host country be suspended for any reason, ASPE benefits will not continue beyond that suspension date. Please review the ASPE Benefit Guide for more information, including notification requirements, which is available at: <https://www.sevencorners.com/about/gov/usdos>.
- E. Orientation.** Grantees are required to attend any pre-departure orientation in the United States and/or any arrival orientation or briefing in the host country or region, to the extent such orientation is offered in person or virtually. Any Grantee required to attend a pre-departure orientation in the United States that requires travel will receive a separate allowance to cover associated costs. Grantees are also required to attend any arrival orientation or briefing offered in the host country or region, but no additional funding will be provided for arrival orientations or briefings. Any Grantee who declines a grant two weeks prior to the pre-departure orientation or any time after the pre-departure orientation will be required to reimburse IIE for any allowance provided to cover costs associated with the pre-departure orientation, unless otherwise approved in writing by IIE.
- F. Supervision and Reporting.** Grantees are supervised overseas by the Post or by the Fulbright Commission. Grantees are thus required to comply with all policies, regulations, and advisories of the Post or Fulbright Commission, and all Grantees must review and conform to the safety information regarding the host country provided on [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov). Grantees are required to submit a mid-term survey (for grants longer than six months) and a final survey to IIE, as well as any other reports or surveys required by the Post or the Fulbright Commission. Grantees who receive Flex Awards (as described in FFSB Policy 633.4) are required to submit a survey after each segment. Payment for the final month of the grant will be withheld until a satisfactory final survey is received by IIE, even if this follows Grantee’s return to the United States. All final surveys must be filed within three months of grant completion in order to receive payment of the final month of the grant.
- G. Changes to Grant Projects or Placement/Affiliation.** Grantees wishing to make minor changes to a project from what was proposed in Grantee’s Fulbright application must obtain prior approval in writing from IIE and the Post or Fulbright Commission. Substantial changes to a Grantee’s project are not permitted. Grantees may not change the placement or affiliation from what is listed on the Fulbright

application without prior written approval of IIE and the Post or Fulbright Commission.

**H. Full-Time Nature of Grants.** Grants are awarded for full-time academic research and/or teaching, and other professional projects.

1. **Personal Travel.** All personal travel unrelated to the grant is to be kept to a minimum to honor the full-time nature of grants. Personal travel conducted outside of the primary grant location (as defined in the Grant Award Document) must be taken during normal vacation/recess periods of the host institution and weekends and/or national/religious holidays of the host country, whether such travel is within or outside of the host country. Grantees are permitted a cumulative total of 14 days of personal travel outside of the host country without deduction in grant benefits, subject to the prior written approval from the applicable IIE regional program officer, the Post or Fulbright Commission (as applicable), and the host institution. Grantees who receive Flex Awards are allowed 14 days of personal travel outside of the host country for the total grant length, which includes all segments combined. Any additional personal travel outside of the host country in the event of a personal emergency (such as a Medical Emergency or death in the family) or other personal reasons may be approved at the discretion of the IIE, the Post or Fulbright Commission (as applicable), and the Grantee's host institution. The 14 personal days are meant to serve as a break during the grant, whether continuous or intermittent, but should not be taken at the beginning or end of the grant.
2. **Grant-Related Travel.** Travel directly related to a Grantee's grant project or research, as outlined in Grantee's Fulbright application and to any country other than the United States, will not count toward the 14-day limit on personal travel set forth above. Any grant-related travel outside of the host country must be approved in advance by the IIE, the Post or Fulbright Commission (as applicable), and the host institution.

**I. Medical Emergencies.** In the event that a Grantee experiences a Medical Emergency and/or a Medical Evacuation, the Grantee must immediately notify IIE and the Post or Fulbright Commission. In the case of a Medical Emergency that does not require a Medical Evacuation, Grantee must notify IIE and the Post or Fulbright Commission of Grantee's plans for treatment and/or travel outside of the primary grant location. If Grantee is incapacitated and/or requires immediate emergency treatment or evacuation, Grantee should attend to Grantee's immediate wellbeing first and notify IIE and the Post or Fulbright Commission at the first possible opportunity. Grantee also must notify the health benefits provider (Seven Corners) in the event of any Medical Emergency, as set forth in the ASPE Benefit Guide, which is available at: <https://www.sevencorners.com/about/gov/usdos>

1. **"Medical Emergency"** means a sudden, unexpected onset of a medical condition that is of such a nature that failure to render immediate care by a licensed medical provider would place Grantee's life in danger, resulting in the loss of life or limb, or would cause serious impairment to Grantee's health.
2. **"Medical Evacuation"** (also known as a "medevac") means a timely movement and en route care to sick or injured patients from the scene of an accident to receiving medical facilities, or from a rural hospital requiring urgent care to a better-equipped facility using ambulances or aircraft.



- J. Grant Period.** Grant length is determined on the basis of time spent in the country or countries of the assignment on an authorized program while conducting grant activities. The duration of Grantee's grant will be set forth in the Grant Award Document.
- K. Extensions and Renewals.** In certain limited circumstances, the Grantee may submit an application to IIE and the Post or Fulbright Commission for: (1) an extension of a grant for a period not to exceed three months for a grantee to complete a project; or (2) a renewal grant for a second academic year, or major portion thereof, in continuation of the initial grant. Such applications are approved in the discretion of the Post or Fulbright Commission. Any application to renew a grant beyond a second academic year must be approved by the FFSB.
- L. Postponement/Deferral of Grant Not Allowed:** Grants may not be postponed or deferred to a subsequent academic year. Any Selected Candidate or Grantee who is unable to accept or begin the grant for the academic year in which it was awarded may reapply for a subsequent academic year without prejudice.
- M. Early Completion of Project:** Grantee may request early departure from the host country upon satisfactory completion of Grantee's project or assignment. Grantee must obtain advance approval in writing for early departure from IIE and the Post or Fulbright Commission.
- N. Remaining Abroad After Grant Expiration:** Because a factor in selection is the expected benefit to the United States of the Grantee's experience abroad, Grantee must obtain advance approval in writing from IIE and the Post or Fulbright Commission, for any additional period abroad after expiration of the Grant. Any such approval is within the discretion of IIE and the Post or Fulbright Commission, and is contingent upon compliance with visa requirements and any other limitations imposed by the host country. Grantees who remain abroad after expiration of the grant without advance approval will forfeit the return travel entitlement and will no longer be considered a Grantee and must not represent themselves as such.
- O. Program Suspension:** The Fulbright Program may be suspended worldwide or within a particular host country or region if ECA, the Post, or a Fulbright Commission determines that suspension is necessary due to any of the following, which are referred to in these of these Program Terms and Conditions as "Program Suspension Events": (1) floods, fires, earthquakes, explosions, or other natural disasters; (2) war, invasions, hostilities (whether war is declared or not), terrorist threats or acts, riots or other civil unrest; (3) governmental authority, proclamations, orders, laws, actions, or requests; (4) embargoes or blockades; (5) epidemics, pandemics, or other national or regional public health emergencies; (6) strikes, labor stoppages or slowdowns, or other industrial disturbances; (7) shortages of supplies, adequate power, or transportation; and (8) any other similar events.

In the event of a Program Suspension, Grantees may be required to return to the United States. If Grantees are required to return to the United States due to a Program Suspension, the Fulbright Program will provide funding for early return travel to the United States, plus a fixed transition allowance determined at the time of the Program Suspension within the discretion of ECA, the Post, or Fulbright Commission. All other stipends, allowances, and other benefits will cease in the event of a Program Suspension, and Grantee may be required to repay any advances in stipends, allowances, or other benefits disbursed for use in the period of time after the suspension. ASPE will not be available upon Grantee's return to the United States following a Program Suspension. Any Grantee who fails to

adhere to the requirements of a Program Suspension, including by failing to return to the United States, if required, will no longer be considered a Grantee and will forfeit the return travel entitlement and transition allowances.

If there is a Program Suspension prior to the Grantee departing the United States or otherwise commencing the Grant, Grantee will not be able to begin the grant and will not receive grant stipends, allowances, or other benefits. It is possible that a Program Suspension may result in a delayed grant start date, within the discretion of ECA, the Post, or Fulbright Commission, but this does not alter the general prohibition on postponement or deferral of grants to a subsequent academic year under Section II(L).

The FFSB or ECA may, within their discretion, terminate the grant due to a Program Suspension Event, as set forth in Section III(C)(1) of these Program Terms and Conditions. The financial consequences of termination of a grant due to a Program Suspension Event are set forth in Section III(C)(3) of these Program Terms and Conditions.

- P. Grantee Conduct.** Grantees are responsible for observing satisfactory academic and professional standards and for maintaining a standard of conduct and integrity that is in keeping with the spirit and intent of the Fulbright Program and that will contribute positively to the promotion of mutual understanding between the peoples of the United States and those of other countries.

Grant recipients are expected to obey the laws of the United States and of the host country. If Grantee is arrested, indicted, charged, or convicted for the commission of a crime, or otherwise accused of misconduct of any type (including but not limited to unethical practices, harassment, sexual harassment or abuse), either before or after the Grantee's departure from the United States, Grantee must inform the Post or Fulbright Commission, IIE, ECA, or FFSB in writing of such fact, in accordance with FFSB Policy 626.2.

- Q. No Official or Employment Relationship.** A Grantee is not an official or employee of the U.S. Department of State, any other agency of the U.S. Government, the Fulbright Commission, IIE, or the host country government.

If Grantee shares Grantee's Fulbright experiences publicly, including via web-based media, Grantee must include a disclaimer acknowledging that it is not an official Department of State publication, and that the views and information presented are the Grantee's and do not represent the Fulbright Program, ECA, the Post, Fulbright Commission, or the host country's government or institutions.

- R. Benefits from Other Sources.**

- 1. Duplicative Benefits.** Grantee must report to IIE and the Fulbright Commission, if applicable, all scholarships, fellowships, grants, or salaries from other sources received during the grant period. IIE or the Fulbright Commission may adjust the grant if benefits received from other sources duplicate benefits provided by the Fulbright grant. Sabbatical or other salary continuation income is exempted from such adjustments. For Grantees who are U.S. Government employees and who continue to receive compensation from the employer agency, compensation and benefits under the Fulbright Program may be adjusted accordingly.

2. **Honoraria.** Any honoraria or other fees received abroad for special lectures or similar events during the grant period may be accepted by Grantee, subject to prior written approval of the Post or Fulbright Commission.
  3. **Fundraising.** Grantees are strictly prohibited from fundraising for personal benefit using the Fulbright Program name and/or logo. Grantees may not mention the Fulbright affiliation for any in-person, print, and/or electronic communications soliciting funding to offset costs not covered by the Fulbright Program. Subject to prior written approval from the Post or Fulbright Commission, Grantees may mention the Fulbright affiliation when soliciting for a third-party charitable or humanitarian cause, but should avoid any impression that the Fulbright Program, the Government of the United States, or any agency representing it has endorsed or approved of the fundraising cause.
  4. **Acceptance of Employment Overseas:** A grantee may not accept employment or other remuneration for the duration of their Fulbright grant. In special cases, and only with prior written approval of the Post or Commission, grantees may accept fees or other remuneration for work related to the Fulbright grant, provided such work does not conflict with responsibilities under the grant or host country visa regulations.
- S. Income Tax Liability:** Grantees are responsible for determining their individual U.S. income tax liability resulting from their grant.
- T. Debts:** The grantee is expected to satisfy all legitimate debts incurred in the host country.
- U. Limitation on Liability; Liability Waiver.** Grantee expressly acknowledges and agrees that the U.S. Department of State, FFSB, IIE, and/or Fulbright Commission do not have any responsibility to Grantee other than the grant award set forth in the Grant Award Document, subject to any requirements, conditions, and/or limitations contained in the Grant Documents. Grantee thus acknowledges and agrees that in no event shall the FFSB, U.S. Department of State, Fulbright Commission, and/or IIE have any liability to Grantee arising out of or relating to Grantee's participation in the Fulbright Program in excess of any stipends, allowances, or other benefits due to Grantee under the Grant Documents.

Grantee further acknowledges and agrees that the U.S. Department of State, FFSB, IIE, and Fulbright Commission do not assume any responsibility for any personal injury, accident, illness, loss of personal property, or other contingencies Grantee and/or Grantee's Dependents or other travel companions may experience during or after Grantee's participation in the Fulbright Program. Grantee understands that there are inherent risks associated with living, traveling, studying, and/or working in a foreign country that may result in injury, illness, loss, or even death to Grantee, or Grantee's accompanying Dependents or other travel companions, including, but not limited to, local and international travel; crime and public safety; lack of adequate healthcare or negligent healthcare or first aid; epidemics, pandemics, or contagious disease; consumption of food; differing cultures, social norms, and national laws; language barriers; political, social, and economic instability; war, civil strife, terrorism, organized crime, and insurrection; weather and natural disasters; and police, fire, and other governmental systems that may be inadequate. Grantee acknowledges that Grantee has fully considered the foregoing risks, understanding that the previous is but a partial list of potential risks, and Grantee expressly and voluntarily assumes all of these and any and all other risks that may occur during or after Grantee's participation in the Fulbright Program, either to Grantee or to any accompanying dependents or other travel companions.

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GRANTEE HEREBY, ON BEHALF OF GRANTEE AND GRANTEE'S DEPENDENTS, RELEASES AND FOREVER DISCHARGES AND HOLDS HARMLESS THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, FFSB, IIE, AND THE FULBRIGHT COMMISSION, AND ANY OF THEIR TRUSTEES, DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES, AND AGENTS (THE "RELEASEES") FROM AND AGAINST, AND AGREE NOT TO SUE THEM FOR, ANY AND ALL CLAIMS, CAUSES OF ACTION, OR DEMANDS OF ANY KIND ARISING FROM ANY LOSS OR DAMAGE TO PROPERTY, BODILY OR PERSONAL INJURY, LOSS OF COMPANIONSHIP OR SUPPORT, OR DEATH SUSTAINED BY GRANTEE OR ANY THIRD PARTIES EITHER DURING OR AFTER GRANTEE'S PARTICIPATION IN THE FULBRIGHT PROGRAM, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE INJURY, DAMAGE, OR DEATH IS CAUSED BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF RELEASEES OR OTHERWISE.

Grantee acknowledges that participation in the Fulbright Program is optional and that Grantee's participation would not have been permitted without the foregoing release and agreement.

- V. Choice of Law; Severability.** Grantee hereby agrees that these Program Terms and Conditions shall be construed in accordance with the law of the State of New York. If any provision of these Program Terms and Conditions is held to be invalid, the remainder shall continue in full force and effect.

### **III. WITHDRAWAL, RESIGNATION, REVOCATION, TERMINATION, AND SUSPENSION**

- A. Withdrawal:** Grantee's participation in the Fulbright Program is contingent upon Grantee securing and maintaining a placement with a host institution or host school. If, for any reason and at any time, Grantee is unable to secure or maintain a placement with a host institution or host school prior to departing for the host country or such placement is otherwise unavailable to Grantee, whether prior to departure for the host country or during the grant period, Grantee will be deemed to have withdrawn from the Fulbright Program. Grantee may also choose to withdraw from the Fulbright Program for any reason prior to departure to the host country.

In the event Grantee chooses to withdraw or is deemed to have withdrawn from the Fulbright Program, the disbursement of all stipends, allowances, and other benefits will cease, except for return travel (if applicable), and Grantee will be required to immediately reimburse IIE or the Fulbright Commission for any stipends, allowances, or other benefits disbursed for use in the period of time after the withdrawal.

- B. Resignation:** A Grantee may resign for compelling personal reasons (e.g. personal illness, death of immediate family member, etc.) or for any other reason, including to avoid the revocation and termination process. Any Grantee who resigns from the Fulbright Program may be required, within the discretion of IIE, the Post, or Fulbright Commission, to reimburse IIE or the Fulbright Commission for advances on stipends, allowances, or other benefits including return travel.
- C. Revocation, Termination, and Suspension of Grants.** A grant may be revoked, terminated, or suspended in accordance with FFSB Policies 636 and 638, and subject also to the following:
- 1. Grounds for Revocation or Termination.** The FFSB may revoke or terminate a grant for reasons including but not limited to the following: (1) violation of any law of the United States or the host country; (2) any act likely to give offense to the host country because it is contrary to the spirit of mutual understanding; (3) failure to observe satisfactory academic or professional standards; (4)

physical or mental incapacitation; (5) engaging in any unauthorized income-producing activity; (6) failure to comply with the terms and conditions of the Grant Documents; (7) material misrepresentation made by Grantee in the grant application or the Grant Documents; (8) conduct which may have the effect of bringing the U.S. Department of State or the Fulbright Program into disrepute; (9) violation of the FFSB Policies.

The FFSB may also terminate a grant for reasons including but not limited to the following: (1) the grantee has exhausted all benefits of health and accident insurance provided by the U.S. Department of State in connection with the grant and continued medical treatment would lead to the Grantee becoming a public charge; (2) Grantee requires such protracted medical treatment that successful completion of the grant is jeopardized; (3) medical information submitted to IIE is found to be substantially inaccurate or incomplete; or (4) where the FFSB determines, in its discretion, that termination of a grant is necessary due to a Program Suspension Event.

After a revocation, the Grantee is considered as not having received the grant and will not be considered an Alumni of the Fulbright Program. After a termination, unless otherwise stated by the FFSB, the grant will be considered to have ended when the FFSB announces its decision to terminate.

2. **Grounds for Suspension.** The FFSB may suspend a grant pending the procedure for revocation or termination of the grant, or if the grantee is arrested for, indicted for, charged with, or convicted of commission of a crime, either before or after the Grantee's departure from the United States, in accordance with FFSB Policy 626.2.

The Post or Fulbright Commission may also suspend a grant: (1) if the Grantee ceases to carry out the project during the grant period; (2) if the Grantee leaves the host country for more than two weeks without the prior authorization of the Fulbright Commission or Post; (3) if Grantee's placement with a host institution or host school is no longer available; or (4) if the Grantee requests suspension of the grant for personal reasons and the Post or Fulbright Commission concurs.

After a suspension, the grant is considered on hold until a decision is made to reinstate, revoke, or terminate the grant.

3. **Financial Consequences of Revocation, Suspension, and Termination.** If a grant is revoked, terminated, or suspended, the disbursement of all stipends, allowances, and other benefits will cease, except for return travel, and medical benefits that may be available under ASPE. The Grantee will also be required to immediately repay any advances in stipends, allowances, or other benefits disbursed for use in the period of time after the revocation, termination, or suspension. No further claim for disbursements of stipends, allowances, or other benefits will be honored.

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By signing below, I acknowledge that I have received, read, and will comply with the Program Terms and Conditions of the Fulbright U.S. Scholar Grant Program outlined above, including the following FFSB Policies. Grantee acknowledges and agrees that these Program Terms and Conditions are subject to change at any time. Grantee will be notified of any changes to these Program Terms and Conditions by Grantee's IIE advisor, and Grantee will be deemed to have accepted any such changes by continuing the Fulbright Program.

SAMPLE – DO NOT SIGN

Signature

Date

SAMPLE – DO NOT SIGN

Printed Name

Host Country

**NOTE:** Please submit via e-signature within two weeks of receipt. Retain a copy for your records. Grantees should be prepared to provide this document to the Fulbright Commission or U.S. Embassy upon request, if applicable.