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Spotlight on India

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Mission

- In partnership with 160 countries worldwide, Fulbright offers passionate and accomplished faculty, administrator, artists, journalists, lawyers, and other professionals from all backgrounds an unparalleled opportunity to study, teach, or conduct research.
- Our mission is to foster mutual understanding between nations, advance knowledge across communities, and improve lives around the world.

A Brief History

- Established in 1946 by Congress, Fulbright is the United States government's flagship international educational and cultural exchange program.
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Diversity and Inclusion

Fulbright strives to ensure that it reflects the diversity of U.S. society and societies abroad. We encourage the involvement of people from traditionally underrepresented audiences in all our grants, programs and other initiatives.

Opportunities are open to people regardless of their race, color, national origin, sex, age, religion, geographic location, socioeconomic status, disability, sexual orientation or gender identity.





Fulbright by the Numbers

The Fulbright Program funds over 8,000 awards annually:

- **800 U.S. scholars and administrators**
- 900 visiting scholars
- 2,200 U.S. students
- 4,000 foreign students
- 400+ language teaching assistants

Approximately 390,000 “Fulbrighters” have participated in the program since its inception in 1946.





Eligibility for U.S. Scholar Program



- U.S. citizenship
- Degree and experience, as required by award:
 - Ph.D. or other terminal degree
 - MA and higher education teaching or professional experience
 - Professional and/or artistic experience with substantial accomplishments
 - Teaching experience
- Compliance with [policies](#) on previous Fulbright Scholar awards and waiting periods between grants





India: Overview

- Largest program offering in the Scholar Program: up to 44 grants
- Teaching, research, and professional project opportunities
- Variety of eligible institutions; invitation letter optional
- Support from Fulbright Commission in New Delhi
- Mid-year Conference in India
- Regional Travel Grant available





Teaching and Research Opportunities

Fulbright-Nehru Academic and Professional Excellence Award (42 grants)

- 4-9 months
- Teaching, Research, Teaching + Research
- **New:** Professional Project option
- PhD or terminal degree not required
- Flex option and dependent benefits available

Fulbright-Nehru Distinguished Chair Award (2 grants)

- 4 months
- Teaching or Teaching + Research





Fulbrighter Insights



Daniel A. Kelin, II

Director of Drama Education
Honolulu Theater for Youth

Host Institution: National School of Drama, Tripura
Teaching grant: August 2019 – January 2020

Project Title: The Creative and the Critical:
Transforming Learning through Artistic Practice





Fulbright Scholar to India Daniel A. Kelin



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National School of Drama Agartala, Tripura



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Application Components

Requirements:

- Application Form
- Project Statement
- Curriculum Vitae or Resume
- 2 Letters of Recommendation
- Language Proficiency Report (if required)
- Letter of Invitation (if required)

Supplemental Materials:

- Course outlines or syllabi (for teaching)
- Select bibliography (for research)
- Portfolio submissions (for artists, architects, and journalists)





Project Statement

- Describe your proposed project in 3 – 5 pages.
- Focus on what you plan to do, the specific courses you plan to teach, the goals of your research, your methods.
- Explain the anticipated impact of your award on your hosts, home institution and you.

Supplemental Questions

- Why Fulbright? (1,000 characters)
- Why this country? (2,000 characters)
- How adaptable are you? How well will you deal with challenging situations? (1,000 characters)
- How will you adapt your materials for to host culture (2,000 characters)





Affiliations and Invitations

INDIA
South and Central Asia

AWARD DETAILS **AWARD REQUIREMENTS** STIPEND & BENEFITS COUNTRY/AREA OVERVIEW

Application Requirements

INVITATION REQUIREMENT

A letter of invitation is optional

INVITATION REQUIREMENT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Applicants are encouraged to identify appropriate host institutions for their projects. In the event that the applicant doesn't have a preferred host institution, USIEF will be happy to assist.
- Applicants who have been in touch with potential host institutions should include any correspondence in the application, such as letters of invitation or expressions of interest.
- Appropriate placements will be finalized for selectees by USIEF.
- Applicants who do not indicate a preference for a host institution (especially those applying for teaching grants) and are open to an affiliation at an institution outside major metropolitan areas are encouraged to indicate this in their applications.

- Non-binding expression of interest from proposed host abroad
- Should come from person with whom you will be collaborating
- Should be on host institution letterhead





Successful Past Projects

Building Bridges: Cross-Cultural Musical Understanding and Creative Composition

Host Institution: University of Delhi (Teaching/Research)

An Ethnography of Solar Energyscapes in India

Host Institution: University of Kerala (Research)

Statistical and Machine Learning Methods for Big Data Analysis

Host Institution: Amity University (Research)

Studying Environmental Education and Literacy on the Andaman and Nicobar Islands

Host Institution: Dakshin Foundation (Research)

Improving the Storage of Perishables for Smallholder Farmers: Non-Obvious, but Practical Solutions

Host Institution: Indian Agricultural Research Institute (Teaching/Research)





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