

# FULBRIGHT

# Selecting and Supporting Diverse Participants

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# Ensuring Fulbright Principles of Selection



"The LCW team embodies cultural diversity across innumerable dimensions. With this, and our collective experience in over 70 countries, we are able to proudly and successfully connect with clients in the languages, locations, and cultures of their global workforce."







#### Project Approach to Phase One

Review Phase - U.S. Scholar and U.S. Student programs

#### Stage 2 Stage 3 Stage 4 Data Audit & Data Review & Recommendations & Project Launch Observations Analysis Roadmap · Final Report · Project plan creation · Audit of existing eligibility requirements and application ✓ High-level recommended · Gap/SWOT Analysis materials. actions and approaches, · Stakeholder engagement, Kick-✓ Training including measures of off to clarify priorities, roles and ✓ Selection Process success responsibilities, timelines, and · Audit of training materials. ✓ DEI strategies ✓ Timeline expectations for deliverables · Observations · Second-round analysis and · Client collection of existing data ✓ Observe trainings for IIE presentation of initial meeting facilitators findings · Scope and design protocols for ✓ Observe trainings for ✓ Working meeting with methodologies for observations application reviewers. working group of training sessions. ✓ Observe reviewer meetings. ✓ Stakeholder socialization planning ✓ Initial findings with decision maker



# Regional Fulbright Diversity & Inclusion Coordinators



# D&I Coordinators are located in three of Fulbright's six regional designations

## **Delphine Perchec Fulbright Diversity** Coordinator for Europe and Eurasia programs Jeremy Gombin-**Sperling Diversity & Inclusion** Liaison for Western Hemisphere programs

#### Kelli Swazey

Diversity and Inclusion Liaison for East Asia & the Pacific programs

#### A little about who we are



Dr. Jeremy Gombin-Sperling (he;él, ele)

Fulbright D&I Liaison for Programs in the Western Hemisphere (Americas and the Caribbean)

PhD in International Education Policy focused on Integration of Critical Pedagogies into International Programs

Former Program Officer in ECA on the Fulbright Program

Instructor in Intergroup Dialogue and Global Education

#### A little about who we are



Delphine Perchec (she/her)

- French as a Foreign Language Teacher, mostly in Asia (Taiwan, China and South Korea) and in the United States
- Fulbright FLTA at the Lincoln University, PA in 2016/2017
- Student Mobility Coordinator in Grenoble University, France
- Diversity and Inclusion Coordinator for Fulbright in Europe and Eurasia since November 2022

#### A little about who we are



Dr. Kelli Swazey (she/her)

Fulbright Indonesia Alum (Fulbright Hays)

PhD in Anthropology focused on Identity, rights & representation in Asia

Faculty at a multidisciplinary & international MA program in Indonesia & public education center focused on minority rights and pluralism (2011 -2020)

PD/RD for international exchange programs between US/Australian and Southeast Asian educational institutions

In our roles as the Regional Diversity Coordinators, we work collaboratively across our regional programs to strengthen partners' institutional capacity to engage in conversations around the power dynamics of social identity, and to support the full participation of grantees from underrepresented and historically excluded communities on both sides of the program throughout all phases of the Fulbright experience.

Our positions were created because although there has been an increase in participants from historically excluded populations in the US due to Fulbright's efforts towards the recruitment of participants from these communities.



Fulbright Diversity & Inclusion Report, 21-22

However, there is no road map of how to address the experiences & needs of these participants institutionally, and in the management of regional programs in the social and cultural contexts in which they are embedded.

In our roles, we collaborate with regional programs and partners to continue to develop their knowledge, practices and institutional structures based on some on the following goals:

Expanding awareness within Fulbright programs & institutionally of how people of different identities have different experiences, and face specific challenges related to their identities in new cultural environments when they are on Fulbright programs

Supporting regional comms and posts, and Fulbright, to create an inclusive environment that centers equity, and that 'all stakeholders, especially underserved and marginalized populations, trust to be respectful and accountable.'\*

Working with staff and grantees to explore how concepts of diversity and systems of identity differs among regions and countries. The U.S. context is not universal; but many issues still cut across borders and are central to Fulbrighters' experiences of their programs. Helping staff understand contemporary DEIA concepts from a US perspective.

Support programs in identifying communities that have been affected by historical and present-day inequities (this is a dynamic process), & how to prioritize and center their needs as institutionally, based on an understanding of the social, economic, and political conditions of communities within and across borders.





- Exploring on how grantees of different identities may have different experiences during their Fulbrights; and people's different relationships to their American identity.
- Addressing White/Western/American privilege, especially in the context of international educational exchange.
- Talking about identity, diversity and justice issues in the context of the country they will be living and working in.
- Strategizing about how they can approach DEI issues in ways respectful of their cohort, colleagues and and commission/post staff.
- Discussing the impact of US imperialism, militarism and ongoing intervention in our regions

**In Country Orientations and PDOs** 



The experiences of heritage connected fulbrighters

- TUESDAY, APRIL 12TH, 2022 9:00 - 10:30 EST
- 15:00 16:30 CET 21:00 - 22:30 ASEAN COMMON TIME



PANELISTS



**FULBRIGHT** 









provide a platform and an

opportunity for communities in

THURSDAY, JUNE 24TH, 2021 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM EST

We design both global & regional



UNPACKING THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE:

A PANEL SERIES ON IDENTITY AND INCLUSION IN FULBRIGHT WHA

NAVIGATING BLACKNESS IN THE

WESTERN HEMISPHERE

PANELISTS

MODERATOR

Malaika Marable Serrano



#### EXPLORING BLACK EXPERIENCES IN EAST ASIA &THE PACIFIC

PARTICIPANTS IN FULBRIGHT PROGRAMS IN THE EAP REGION

> Fulbright Malaysia Alumna Founder/ED of iHBCUx Fulbright Alumni Ambassador Fulbright Researcher in South Africa



### Tuesday

7:30 - 9:00 am EDT/ 7:30 - 9:00 pm Singapore



Fulbright Malaysia Alumna CFO/AD iHBCUx IIE Ambassador Graduate Instructor





IN THE PROVINCE OF THE GODS: A DISABLED **FULBRIGHTER ABROAD** 

What are the rewards and challenges of a disabled writer and scholar living and working abroad? What are the most important things Fulbright can do to support and include disabled students, scholars, and artists?







#### **CREATING AN LGBTQ+ INCLUSIVE FULBRIGHT:** FROM SMALL STEPS TO **BROAD CULTURAL CONVERSATIONS**

**OCCASIONAL** SEMINARS



**UNMASKING INEOUALITIES** 

Panel 3



#### **Events**



#### Fulbright D&I Liaison Instagram and Linktree



#### SEPTEMBER 2022



Happy Moon Festival!

This month's newsletter features the release of the recording of the EAP Occasional Seminar "Identifying Barriers to Access" with Dr. Dian Mawene, a new episode of the Fulbright Forward Podcast; a recap of the D&I Liaison's visits to orientation sessions around the region; recognition of the work of one our regional alumni; and a podcast featuring the stories of Fulbrighters from Indonesia and their experiences of diversity attending



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Fulbright Americas
Diversity and Inclusion
Council
(FADIC)



Council on Inclusion & Diversity, East Asia & the Pacific (CID-EAP)



Staff Training Modules and Workshops

Regional Councils, Coordination, and Trainings

What's happening in EAP



Working with Taiwan DEI ETA committees



Resources, discussion, and events about anti-Asian & sentiments & Violence, and AAPI identity, in the US



Developing frameworks for inclusive & equitable recruitment in cultural context



Fulbright Americas Diversity and Inclusion Council (FADIC)
Forum on Advancing DEI in Fulbright WHA

Creating series of DEI focused recommendation and actions through Fulbright WHA regional council (FADIC)

Identidad de Género y
Pronombres

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Conducting trainings focused on specific aspects of identity in Spanish and English

Expanding events that center identity and grantee voices

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# É FULBRIGHT Scholar Program

# Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program: Peer Review

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# Today's Presentation

- Timeline
- Diversity
- Peer Review
- Review Criteria
- Approval and Notifications
- Questions



## U.S. Scholar Program: Review Timeline

**Applications Submitted** 

Preliminary Review Peer Review Final Selection and Notification

#### September 15

 Letters of Invitation due September 28<sup>th</sup> (if required)

#### September 15-29

- Screen applications
- Assign disciplinebased peer review committees

#### October-December

- ~120 committees
- 23 meeting days
- Peer Review notifications sent

#### **December-May**

- In-country review
- U.S. Department of State and Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board review
- Final notifications sent
- Approximately 800

selectees/year







## Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, & Accessibility

The Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) of the United States Department of State strives to embed diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility (DEIA) in all aspects of its work.

Public diplomacy is most effective when people of diverse backgrounds and perspectives participate in people-to-people exchanges and programs to promote mutual understanding. The Bureau incorporates DEIA best practices throughout its exchanges and programs, grants, community partnerships, and in its workforce and workplace.

ECA is committed to addressing barriers based on race, ethnicity, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, religion, geographic location, education, income, socio-economic status, and other diversity dimensions, that may hinder





# U.S. Scholar Program: Peer Review

#### **Committees**

- Engage faculty and professionals from across the U.S., in all disciplines with relevant expertise and international experience
- Committees organized by discipline (e.g., geography, nursing, theater, physics, sociology)

#### Recruitment

- Returning Reviewers (3year term)
- Referrals, staff research
- Fulbright Scholar
   Program Alumni
- Diversity factors

#### **Preparation**

- Peer Review Guidelines and Instructions
- Peer Reviewer
   Orientations
- Staff Orientations
- Communication from IIE throughout review process

#### Meetings

- Reviewers evaluate applications ahead of meeting
- Committees discuss all applications in meeting







### U.S. Scholar Program: Peer Review Stats

#### **Committees**

• 123 committees

■ Arts (11%)

■ Business (7%)

■ Education (14%)

■ Health (7%)

■ Humanities (16%)

Sciences (19%)

■ Social Sci. (26%)

#### Reviewers

- 360 Reviewers participated
  - 51% Returning (3-year term)
  - 99% U.S. Scholar Alumni
  - 103 Host countries represented

#### Institutions

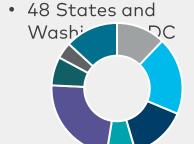
- 270 Institutions represented
  - MSI 27%
  - Public 65%
  - Private 32%
  - Other Affiliation 3%

     Assoc. (2%)



- Doctoral (56%)
- Special Focus (2%)

#### Institutions



- New England (12%)
- Mid-Atlantic (19%)
- Great Lakes (14%)
- Plains (7%)
- Southeast (23%)
- Southwest (7%)
- Rocky Mountain (4%)
- Far West (13%)







## U.S. Scholar Program: Review Criteria

#### Review Criteria

- Applicant training, background and preparation
- Quality of the project
- Impact, outcomes and benefits
- Cultural adaptability and preparation

#### **Prior Fulbright**

#### FFSB Policy:

"As a general matter, preference for Fulbright Scholar opportunities will be given to candidates who have not previously received a Fulbright Scholar grant."

#### **Prior Experience Abroad**

#### FFSB Policy:

"Preference will be given to qualified candidates who have not had substantial recent experience abroad, especially in the country to which they are applying."







## U.S. Scholar Program: Approval and Notifications

#### In-Country review

- In-country review takes place from December through March/April/May.
- Timeline varies by country.

#### **ECA and FFSB Review**

 Department of State (ECA) reviews the applications as well as the Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board to provide final approval on all Fulbrighters.

#### **Final Notifications**

- Final notifications are sent between January and May.
- Candidates receive either a select, alternate, or non-select letter.
- Advising next steps email sent in weeks following selection notification.

#### Announcements

- Administrator Letters
  - Selectees select up to three administrators who they want notified of their Fulbright selection status.
- Ligison Letters
  - IIE notifies Fulbright
     Scholar liaisons at U.S.
     universities of their
     scholar selectees for the year.





# Stay Connected with Fulbright

EMAIL us at scholars@iie.org

VISIT <u>fulbrightscholars.org</u> to learn more about the Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program

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# Fulbright Institutional Training

# Building a <u>Sustainable</u> Fulbright <u>Institutional Culture</u>

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May 30, 2023







# Steps to Building a Sustainable Fulbright Campus

- Culture

  1. Appoint a Fulbright Program Advisor AND a Scholar Liaison (or two)
- 2. Identify your allies and mobilize your troops
- 3. Celebrate Fulbright
- 4. Inform broadly and frequently
- 5. Encourage Fulbright Scholar support policies
- 6. Bring Foreign Fulbrighters to your campus:

Scholar-in-Residence, Outreach Lecturing Fund, Foreign Language Teaching Assistant







# 1. Appoint a Fulbright Program Advisor AND a Scholar Liaison (or two)

- Sustainability is reinforced by scholar engagement
- FPAs tend to have greater resources and visibility
- Scholar Liaisons understand the institutional structure and provide institutional memory
- All programs benefit from strong coordination







# 2. Identify your allies and mobilize your troops

- Student: Reach beyond the honors college
  - Career offices/experiential learning/DEIA or First-Gen programs/Deans of Graduate Studies
- Scholar: Whose performance is enhanced by Fulbright success?
  - Faculty Awards/Provost/Faculty Affairs/Deans/VPs for Research
- Identify your Alumni (Scholar directory and Institutional Research Office)
- Form a standing Fulbright Committee







# 3. Celebrate Fulbright

- •Have a visible Fulbright event, separate from other awards ceremonies
- Recognition by the president
- •Bring together your entire Fulbright community (alumni, supporters, local Fulbright Association chapter, visiting/foreign Fulbrighters)
- •Work with Communications Office to highlight Fulbrighters and announce Top Producer and/or HBCU/HSI Leaders status







# 4. Inform Broadly and Frequently

- Don't forget graduate students and STEM
- Yes, application/recruitment sessions are important, but so is maintaining visibility
  - ✓ Research newsletters and events
  - ✓ Junior faculty trainings or new student trainings/orientations
  - ✓ Plug at faculty council and Teaching and Learning meetings
  - ✓ Swag and banners







## 5. Encourage Fulbright Scholar Support Policies

- Anything posted and encouraging is better than nothing
- Policy should address:
  - •frequency of leave, who provides approvals, level of support, continuation of benefits, course and service obligations
- •Sympathize w/ administrators' constraints and desire for flexibility, yet emphasize the equity benefits of posted and universally-applied applied policies



	Ability to Take Leave	Renumeration	Course and Service Obligations	Benefits
Encouraging	<ul> <li>Sabbatical available &amp; off-sabbatical available any time</li> <li>Sabbatical available &amp; off-sabbatical leave w/ minimal limits on total</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Financial incentive to apply:         <ul> <li>Full salary, full award</li> </ul> </li> <li>Full salary, full award, even for off-sabbatical leaves         <ul> <li>(potential limits on total off-sabbatical leaves)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>No course or service obligations</li> <li>No course obligations: Some service related to award (i.e. meet with overseas alumni, present to prospective foreign students)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Full benefits, including full retirement match: Award period counts toward sabbatical</li> </ul>
Supportive	<ul> <li>Sabbatical w/ one leave btw sabbaticals possible</li> <li>No off-sabbatical leave, but sabbatical flexibility</li> <li>No sabbatical available, but leave for externally funded opportunities possible w/ limits</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Salary top-up based on award remaining after travel, research, and incountry housing costs subtracted</li> <li>Top-up based on award remaining after travel and research subtracted</li> <li>Top-up based on award total</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>No course obligations:         Continued advising and service</li> <li>Course reduction w/ remaining load redistributed</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Full benefits, inc. full retirement: Award period doesn't count toward sabbatical</li> <li>Full benefits w/ retirement match adjusted to top-up amount</li> </ul>
Basic or Discouraging	<ul> <li>Sabbatical only</li> <li>Sabbatical and other leave availability unknown</li> <li>Leave without pay</li> <li>No leave possible</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Salary top-up based on award total plus course coverage</li> <li>Leave without pay</li> <li>Leave without pay: Must cover courses from award</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Course load redistributed</li> <li>Virtual teaching at home institution while on award¹</li> <li>Must pay for course coverage</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>No benefits</li> </ul>



## 6. Bring Foreign Fulbrighters to your campus

#### FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE (S-I-R) PROGRAM

Host scholars from other countries to teach for a semester or an academic year

Deadline: June 1

Website:

fulbrightscholars.org/sir

Email: SIR@iie.org

## FULBRIGHT OUTREACH LECTURING FUND (OLF)

Host current Fulbright Visiting Scholars for shortterm lectureships of 2-6 days on discipline or cultural topics to internationalize the campus

Website:

fulbrightscholars.org/OLF

Email: OLF@iie.org

#### FULBRIGHT LANGUAGE TEACHING ASSISTANT (FLTA) PROGRAM

Host native speaking language teaching assistants to enhance students' understanding different languages and cultures

Website:

foreign.fulbrightonline.org

Email: dcook@iie.org







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# Fulbright U.S. Student Program: National Screening Committees

Sarah Deschenes, Assistant Director Lora Seery, Assistant Director

Fulbright Institutional Training Tuesday, May 30, 2023 Washington, D.C.







## Post-Deadline: Technical Review Process

- After the national deadline, the Application & Selection Team runs a preliminary eligibility check on submitted applications
  - Applications with 0 or 1 recommendations submitted are not moved forward for consideration.
- All submitted applications move forward and are assigned to an IIE staff
   member for technical review to ensure applications are complete and eligible.
- No late or 'corrected' materials are accepted after the deadline IIE will not reach out to applicants or FPAs if there are missing or incorrect materials.





## **Technical Review**



### Eligibility

- Host Country Requirements
- Education
- Experience Abroad
- Citizenship / Residency in host country
- Other (Age limits, Affiliation with specific institutions → check award description)

#### Completeness

- Essays
- Letter of Affiliation
- Transcripts (BA/BS at minimum)
- 2-3 Letters of Recommendation
- Foreign Language Evaluation (if require
- Campus Committee Evaluation (option

https://us.fulbrightonline.org/about/eligibility





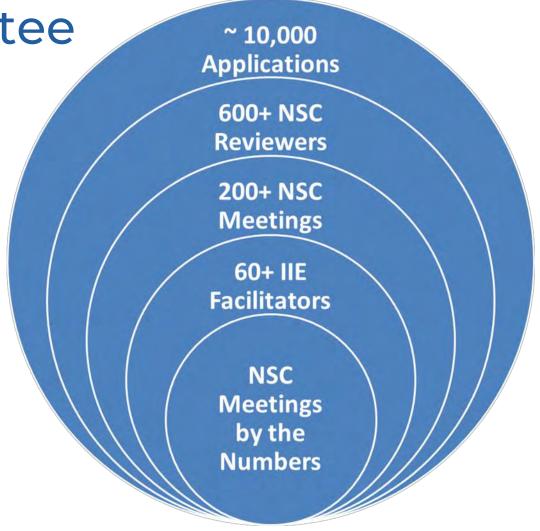


National Screening Committee

## Objective of the NSC:

The aim of the NSC is to recommend from a diverse application pool as many qualified semi-finalists as possible for final selection by Commissions and Posts and for review and approval by ECA (Department of State) and FFSB (Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board) by April 15<sup>th</sup>.

The NSC is the U.S. contribution to Fulbright's bi-national selection process.







## Structure of an NSC Meeting

- 3 Professors serve as NSC Reviewers per committee, typically serving 3-year terms
- Arts, Study/Research, or ETA focus
- Committees designated by country/region and/or discipline
- Each committee reviews up to 60 applications, read and rated in advance
- NSC uses collaborative approach; applications are discussed, and ratings adjusted during meeting
- NSC Status (Recommended/Non-Recommended) and overall score are determined



## **NSC Meeting Order of Discussion**

Welcome Remarks & Questions 15-30 minutes

Open
Meeting &
Introduction
10 minutes

Order of
Discussion &
Identify score
discrepancies
Up to 10
minutes

Discussion
Applications
1-2 hours

Breaks
5-20
minutes
each

Continue
Discussion
1-2 hours

Review Results 15 minutes





## NSC Facilitation R

### **Key Players:**

- IIE Facilitator Manages the meeting, serves as host and knowledge resource
- IIE Notetaker Supports Facilitator in documenting discussion (most meetings)
- 3 NSC Reviewers U.S. Faculty volunteering time to rate and discuss applications
- 1 Fulbright Program Adviser (FPA) Silent observer to understand process

ECA and Post/Commission Colleagues – May observe panels







## Observe an NSC Meeting

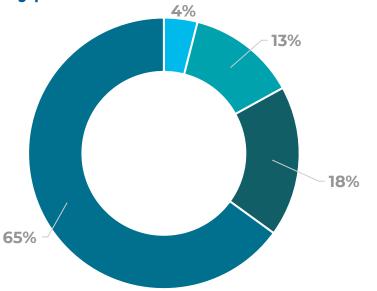
- Sign up opportunity announced in Fulbright Friday emails in late August
- Meetings will be held virtually in 2023
- Priority given to those who have not observed in the last three years
- Observers may not participate in discussion and must recuse themselves during discussion of candidates from their institution
- Great learning opportunity!





#### National Screening Committee Member Profile





- Associates Institutions
- Baccalaureate Institutions
- Masters Colleges and Universities
- Doctoral/Research Institutions

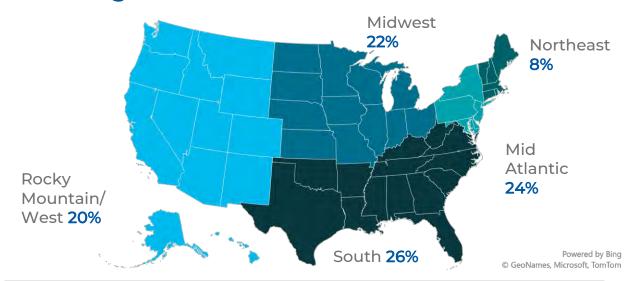
Private 34%

Public 66%



22%

#### U.S. Regions







39%



Referred by FPAs or NSC

37%



Served on NSC Before

67%















### English Teaching Assistantship



#### **Grant Purpose**

- Rationale/motivation for ETA Grant

- English Language Proficiency
- Supplementary project, if required

#### Qualifications & Background

Academic background Training / Experience

Accomplishments / Extracurricular activities

Work / Military experience

#### Personal Attributes & Fit with Fulbright Mission

## Academic Study/Research



## Project Proposal & Grant Purpose

Plan & Timeline Methodology Affiliation Feasibility

## Qualifications & Background

Academic background Training / Experience

Accomplishments /
Extracurricular
activities

Work / Military experience

# Personal Attributes & Fit with Fulbright Mission









Posts & Commissions may not have reviewers in the Arts, so they often rely on the Arts based NSC for a discipline specific review

#### **Qualifications category:**

Should have strong skills as an artist in their field

Artwork should be considered based on academic level and experience of candidate



















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