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# Fulbright S-I-R Impacts on Campus and in the Local Community

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# The Fulbright Program

## Program History

- Created in 1946 by U.S. Congress and funded by the U.S. Government
- Sponsored by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA), as its flagship program
- Administered by the Institute of International Education
- Supports research, teaching, seminar attendance, and professional projects in 100+ countries

## Program Goal

- *Our mission is to foster mutual understanding between nations*
- *Cultural Ambassadorship*
- *Fulbrighters inspire, innovate, and contribute to finding solutions to challenges facing our communities and our world.*



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# Today's Topics

- Overview of the Scholar-in-Residence Program
- Host Impact: Benefits to Campus and Local Community
  - Presentation
  - Panel Discussion
- Competition Timeline
- Tools/Resources Available
- Q&A



*2024-2025 Fulbright S-I-Rs at Howard University*





# Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence Program

- Driven by the goals U.S. institutions of higher education to enhance curriculum development and teaching needs
- Brings scholars and professionals from abroad to campuses that do not often host visiting scholars
- S-I-Rs:
  - Teach courses and/or guest lecture (up to 2 courses per semester)
  - Assist in curriculum development
  - Develop study abroad/exchange partnerships
  - Provide an International perspective
  - Engage with the campus and the local community
- Full academic year or one semester options
- Grant length minimum 3 months, maximum 10 months



*Vandana Sexana, 2022-23, of India, at Mississippi Valley State University*





# Program Benefits: Increased Mutual Understanding

- Host institutions gain new knowledge, new courses and new perspectives from scholar
- U.S. students learn about an academic discipline and particular world region or country
- Experience impacts scholar's field, career, home institution, and home community
- Outcomes and Impact:
  - Teach new or existing courses
  - Develop new curriculum
  - Expand an existing international program
  - Study Abroad program
  - Virtual Exchange/online courses



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# Eligibility

- Open to all accredited U.S. institutions of higher education. Non-U.S. institutions are ineligible.
- Non-U.S. citizens who reside outside the U.S. are eligible to serve as Scholars-in-Residence. U.S. citizens and permanent residents are ineligible.
- Proposals shall not authorize engagement in professional religious activities or activities for which a license to practice medicine or nursing is required.
- Preference will be given to institutions that have not recently hosted a Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence (within the previous two years).
- Proposals will be accepted from single institutions as well as jointly from two institutions.



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# Program Information: Themes\*

- Artificial Intelligence and Emerging Technology
- STEM Leadership and Innovation
- International Business and Economics
- Freedom of Speech and Open Dialogue
- Education and National Security
- Energy Security, Maritime, and Critical Minerals
- Cultural Heritage and Preservation
- Sports Diplomacy, Leadership and International Engagement
- Workforce Skills and Career Readiness

*\*Note: Applicants may propose projects in any discipline; the program especially encourages institutions to propose activities that support the themes listed.*



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# 2025-2026 S-I-R Participating Institutions

Adelphi University  
California State University, Los Angeles  
CUNY Brooklyn College  
Hollins University  
Holy Cross College  
Indiana University  
Iowa State University  
Ithaca College  
Liberty University  
Michigan State University  
Middle Tennessee State University  
Millersville University of Pennsylvania

Northern Illinois University  
Pennsylvania State University  
Rutgers University  
Stockton University  
SUNY Oneonta  
University of Arkansas  
University of Central Florida  
University of Colorado Boulder  
University of Kansas  
University of Minnesota, Twin Cities  
University of North Carolina, Asheville  
University of Georgia  
Villanova University



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# Impact on U.S. Campus Community

- Metropolitan Community College, Longview Campus  
– 2023-2024 Colombia
- University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill  
– 2023-2024, Tanzania
- University of Dubuque  
– 2023-2024, Hungary



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# Metropolitan Community College, Longview Campus

Dr. Eric Sullivan

English Department faculty, and  
Exploratory Division Chair

Fall 2023, Dr. Agnes Brekke Arenas,  
Colombia, taught in the Theater  
Department.



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# Metropolitan Community College, Longview



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# University of Dubuque

Dr. Adam Hoffman, PhD

Vice President for Academic  
Affairs

2023-2024, Dr. Csongor Gedeon,  
Hungary, taught in the  
Department of Natural and  
Applied Sciences.



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# University of Dubuque



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## University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

Dr. Suzanne Maman, PhD

Department Chair & Professor, Health  
Behavior

Associate Dean for Global Health in the  
UNC Gillings School of Global Public  
Health

2023-2024, Dr. Lusajo Kajula,  
Tanzania, taught in the School of  
Public Health.



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# University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill



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# S-I-R Host Application for 2027-28 Academic Year

Online through Slate: <https://apply.iie.org/sirhost>

Deadline: **June 1, 2026 5:00pm ET**

Contents:

- Institutional Information
- Institutional Contacts
- Program Information
- Scholar Profile
- Project Information
- Institutional Support



*Katarina Prochazkova, Spring 2023, of the Slovak Republic teaching a Leadership and Team Development course at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse*



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# Application Resources

- [S-I-R Program Website](#) and FAQs
- [Application Guidelines](#)
- Tips for a Successful S-I-R Application
- [Information for named or recruited S-I-R Candidates](#)
- [Webinars](#)
- [Individual Advising Sessions](#) (through interest survey)
- Alumni Host Mentors



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# Tips for a strong application:



Read through all **application resources**



**Start an online application** as soon as possible



**Attend webinars, sign up for an advising session** and read guides on our website





# Upcoming S-I-R Information Sessions

S-I-R Program Webinars  
1-2pm ET

**May 8: [Application Q&A - Last Call](#)**



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# Other Opportunities to Bring Non-U.S. Citizens Fulbrighters to your Campus

## Outreach Lecturing Fund (OLF)

Host current Fulbright Visiting Scholars or Scholars-In-Residence for short-term lectureships of 2 – 5 days on discipline and cultural topics

Website: [fulbrightscholars.org/olf](https://fulbrightscholars.org/olf)  
Email: [OLF@iie.org](mailto:OLF@iie.org)

## Foreign Language Teaching Assistant (FLTA) Program

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

Website: <https://foreign.fulbrightonline.org/host-institutions/flta-program>  
Email: [Dcook@iie.org](mailto:Dcook@iie.org)





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