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Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence Program Overview and Institutional Application Walkthrough

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Today's Topics

- Overview of the Scholar-in-Residence Program
- Application Components
- Tools/Resources Available
- Q&A



*2024-2025 Fulbright S-I-Rs at Howard University,
Washington D.C.*





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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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



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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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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:

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Institutional Information

- Location
- Size and Characteristics of student body and faculty
- Mission
- Scope of Academic Offerings
- Previous S-I-R host
- Single or Joint Proposal

Institutional Contacts

- Responsible Administrative Official
 - Letter Limit: 2 pages for individual institution; 4 for joint proposals
- Principal Contact for Academic and Non-Academic Arrangements
- Oversight for Program and Scholar



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Program Information

- Program Dates and Length
- Summary of Activities
- Themes
- Teaching Responsibilities
- Sample Syllabi
- Campus Activities
- Community Outreach



Dr. Jane Frances Banseka, from Cameroon, at Georgia Gwinnett College, in Georgia



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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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Scholar Profile

Named

- Academic Discipline
- Biographical Data
 - Country of Citizenship/Residence
 - Dependents
- Relation to institution
- Reasons for selecting scholar/country
- Academic & Teaching Credentials
- English Proficiency
- Scholar's CV (*6-page maximum*)
- 2 Letters of Recommendation

Recruited

- Academic Discipline
- World Region and up to 2 Countries
- Rationale for Region/Countries
- Scholar's Desired Qualifications
 - Subject/Issue Expertise
 - Academic degree level
 - Years of teaching experience



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Project Information

Essay questions:

- Current Experience
- Institutional Goals (1-5 years)
- Fulbright Impact
- American Interactions
- Post-Grant Plans



Dr. Angela Requena Suarez, S-I-R from Peru, hosted by University of Central Florida, at a campus visit in Washington D.C.



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Institutional Support

In-Kind Support and Cost-Sharing

- Transportation
- Housing Options
- Workspace
- Professional Enrichment



Katarina Prochazkova, Spring 2023, of the Slovak Republic, hosted by 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



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Upcoming S-I-R Information Sessions

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

April 24: [U.S. Colleges and Universities Reflect: Fulbright S-I-R Impacts on Campus and in the Local Community](#)

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
Email: 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



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