

# 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*





# 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 from all backgrounds inspire, innovate, and contribute to finding solutions to challenges facing our communities and our world.*





# Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence Program

- Driven by the goals U.S. institutions of higher education to enhance internationalization efforts on their campuses
- Brings scholars and professionals from abroad to campuses that do not often host visiting scholars
- S-I-R grantees
  - Teach courses and/or guest lecture (up to 2 courses per semester)
  - Assist in curriculum development
  - Develop study abroad/exchange partnerships
  - Provide cross-cultural/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 celebrating Holi with colleagues and students at Mississippi Valley State University (MVSU).*



# Program Benefits: Increased Mutual Understanding and Internationalization

- Host institutions gain new knowledge, new courses and new perspective from scholar
- U.S. students learn about a particular world region or country
- Experience impacts scholar's field, career, home institution, and home community
- Outcomes and Impact:
  - Develop new world area studies programs
  - Add an international dimension to existing coursework
  - Expand an existing international program
  - Study Abroad program
  - Virtual Exchange/online courses







# 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.





# S-I-R Host Application for 2026-27 Academic Year

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

Deadline: **June 2, 2025 5:00pm ET**

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## Institutional Information

- Location and MSI designation
- 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







# Program Information

- Program Dates and Length
- Summary of Activities
- Teaching Responsibilities
- Sample Syllabi
- Campus Activity Engagement
- Community Outreach
- Letters of Support



*Dr. JaneFrances Banseka, from Cameroon, S-I-R  
at Georgia Gwinnett College*



# Scholar Profile

## Named

- Academic Discipline and Specialization
- 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 and Specialization
- 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





# Project Information

## Essay questions:

- Current International Experience
- Internationalization Goals (1-5 years)
- Fulbright Impact
- Sustainability



*Dr. Angela Requena Suarez, S-I-R from Peru at University of Central Florida, during a campus visit at Gallaudet University*



# Institutional Support

## In-Kind Support and Cost-Sharing

- Transportation
- Housing Options
- Workspace
- Professional Enrichment



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



# 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](#)
- Alumni Host Mentors





# Tips for a strong application:



UTILIZE  
RESOURCES

Read through all  
**application resources**



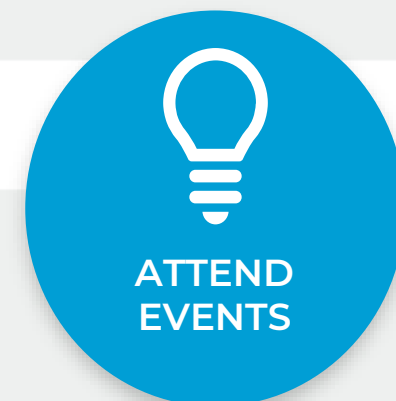
START ONLINE

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



COLLECT  
LETTERS

**Gather letters of support** from  
community partners



ATTEND  
EVENTS

**Attend webinars and Office Hours** and read  
guides on our website





# Upcoming S-I-R Information Sessions

**S-I-R Program Webinars  
2-3pm ET**

**February 26: [How an S-I-R Exchange Contributes to an Institution's Internationalization Efforts](#)**

**March 20: [S-I-R Opportunities for Community Colleges and Minority-Serving Institutions](#)**

**May 2: [Application Q&A - Last Call](#)**





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

## Outreach Lecturing Fund (OLF)

Host current Fulbright Visiting Scholars for short-term lectureships of 2 – 5 days on discipline or cultural topics to internationalize the campus

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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