

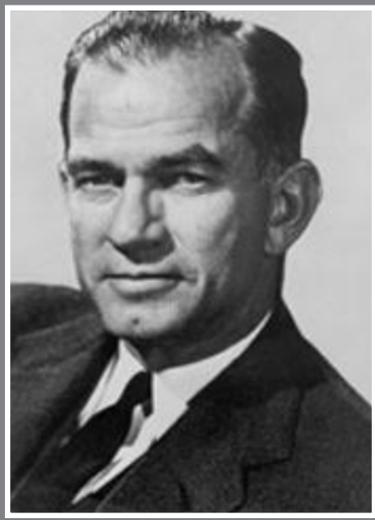
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2019-2020

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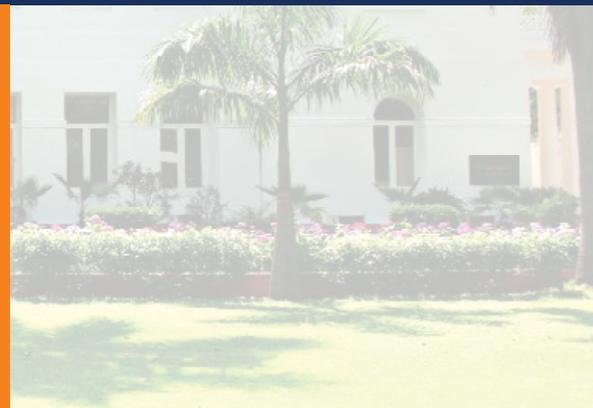
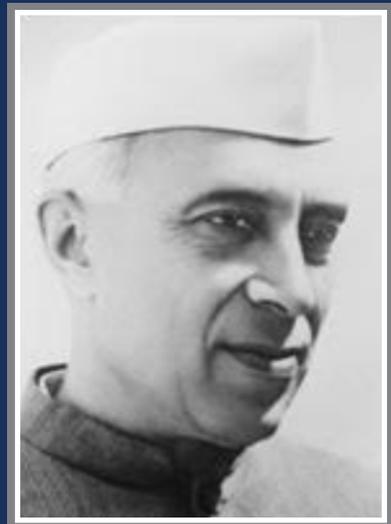


*"The essence of intercultural education is the acquisition of empathy – the ability to see the world as others see it, and to allow for the possibility that others may see something we have failed to see..."*

**J. William Fulbright**

*"Let us be a little humble; let us think that the truth may not perhaps be entirely with us."*

**Jawaharlal Nehru**



## Executive Director's Message



The United States-India Educational Foundation (USIEF), the Fulbright Commission in India, is pleased to announce a new round of fellowship competitions open to Indian citizens for 2019-2020. In addition to providing opportunities for personal, academic and professional growth, Fulbright-Nehru and other exchanges promote mutual understanding between the people of the U.S. and India.

Fulbright-Nehru and other fellowships have, over the years, helped bring people of India and the United States closer through educational exchanges. USIEF has administered 19,538 grants for Indians and the U.S. citizens. USIEF alumni have demonstrated strong leadership in all walks of life, including agriculture, arts, education, environment, humanities and social sciences, public health, and science and technology.

This e-brochure describes the fellowships, eligibility criteria, and procedures for applying. Once you find a fellowship of interest, I suggest that you visit the “Current Fellows” page on USIEF’s website to learn about recent proposals that have been successful. Please view the videos Indian Fulbrighters: Ambassadors of Change on YouTube where alumni share their Fulbright-Nehru experiences. Visit USIEF Facebook and Twitter pages for regular updates and success stories of Fulbright scholars and alumni. I also encourage you to talk with Fulbright and other alumni about their experiences in the United States. USIEF staff can help you get in touch with people in your field who will be glad to answer questions. When you are ready to apply, you can download the application material from the USIEF website.

Screening experts and selection committees look for talented individuals whose projects are important to India and the U.S. and who have the ability to be good “cultural ambassadors.” The ideal exchange fellow is one who both contributes important work in his/her field and encourages Indo-U.S. networking during and after the fellowship.

Please share this e-brochure with those who may be interested. Best wishes to all of you as you explore these exciting opportunities.

**Adam J. Grotzky**  
Executive Director

February 2, 2018

# Fellowships For Indian Citizens **2019-2020**

The United States-India Educational Foundation (USIEF) promotes mutual understanding between the people of the United States and India through academic and cultural exchange. Since 1950, the Fulbright Program has sponsored Indians from all walks of life to gain a greater understanding of U.S. society, culture, and values, and to foster a deeper appreciation of India amongst their American colleagues. USIEF is pleased to announce Fulbright-Nehru Fellowships and other opportunities for the academic year 2019-2020.

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Additional opportunities are announced throughout the year. Please visit USIEF's website [www.usief.org.in](http://www.usief.org.in)

## IMPORTANT:

- You can apply for only ONE Fulbright-Nehru fellowship category during a competition cycle.
- Plagiarism in the application will lead to disqualification.
- Unless otherwise specified, Fulbright applications are to be submitted online.
- Application deadlines vary. Applications received after the deadlines will NOT be considered.
- Extensions and transfer of visa sponsorship will not be permitted.

# Fulbright-Nehru Fellowships

## a. Fulbright-Nehru Master's Fellowships

The Fulbright-Nehru Master's Fellowships are designed for outstanding Indians to pursue a master's degree program at select U.S. colleges and universities in the areas of **Arts and Culture Management including Heritage Conservation and Museum Studies; Environmental Science/Studies; Higher Education Administration; International Legal Studies; Public Administration; Public Health; Urban and Regional Planning; and Women's Studies/Gender Studies.**

These fellowships are for highly motivated individuals who demonstrate leadership qualities, have completed the equivalent of a U.S. bachelor's degree, have at least three years professional work experience, and are committed to return and

contribute to their communities. The fellowships are for one to two years.

### Grant Benefits

The fellowship will provide the following benefits:

- J-1 visa support;
- Round-trip economy class air travel from fellow's home city to the host institution in the U.S.;
- Funding for tuition and fees\*, living and related costs; and
- Accident and sickness coverage per U.S. Government guidelines.

The Fulbright-Nehru Master's Fellowships provide no financial support for dependents.

*\*USIEF funding may not cover all costs and the scholar may need to supplement grant benefits with other resources.*



*Fulbright-Nehru Master's fellow Ravikant Sharma (fifth from left) with other students celebrating International TGIF Festival at Yale University, New Haven, CT*

## Eligibility Requirements

In addition to the General Prerequisites (page 27), the applicants:

- have completed an equivalent of a U.S. bachelor's degree from a recognized Indian university with at least 55% marks. Applicants should either possess a four-year bachelor's degree or a completed master's degree, if the bachelor's degree is of less than four years' duration;
- have at least three years' full-time (paid) professional work experience relevant to the proposed field of study by the application deadline;
- demonstrate experience in leadership and community service;
- must not have another degree from a U.S. university or be enrolled in a U.S. degree program; and
- if employed, must follow the instructions carefully regarding employer's endorsement. If applicable, please obtain the endorsement from the appropriate administrative authority on the FNMasters Employer's Endorsement Form. The employer must indicate that leave will be granted for the fellowship period. The applicant can download the FNMasters Employer's Endorsement Form from the USIEF website.

## Eligible Fields of Study

Each applicant should choose one field of study that matches his/her chief area of interest. The following field descriptions are illustrative and applicants should note that individual academic host institution programs of study may differ in course offerings, subspecialties, and academic requirements.

- **Arts and Culture Management including Heritage Conservation and Museum Studies:** The study of all aspects of art and culture management, including arts administration, heritage conservation and museum studies, management of profit and not-for-profit art institutions, among others. These fellowships are not for pursuing graduate degrees in fine or applied art and design or art history, but for the management of the arts.
- **Environmental Science/Studies:** The study of the environment in all its complexities. Subspecialties include: environmental toxicology, natural resource management, pollution prevention, environmental law, environmental engineering and environmental policy analysis, among others.
- **Higher Education Administration:** The study of all aspects of higher education administration including policy planning and management, student affairs, academic affairs, admissions and enrollment management, curriculum design, learning assessment, financial management, alumni and community relations, internationalization of higher education, quality assurance, use of technology in higher education, among others.
- **International Legal Studies:** The study of all aspects of international legal studies including business law, commercial and trade law, employment and labor law, environmental law, global health law, human rights, intellectual property rights and law, international organizations, securities and financial regulations, litigation law, and tax law, among others.
- **Public Administration:** The study of management as it relates to the government sector (local, state, federal) or organizations serving the public. Subspecialties include: policy analysis, non-profit management, international development, public sector management, public finance, healthcare management, and city/urban development, among others.
- **Public Health:** The study of all aspects of public health including biostatistics, environmental and occupational health, epidemiology, health law, bioethics and human rights, health policy and management, public health delivery systems, international health, and reproductive, maternal and child health, among others.
- **Urban and Regional Planning:** The study of all aspects of urban and regional planning, including sustainable infrastructure, transportation policy, planning and improvements, water and sanitation, town and rural planning, equitability, public space

programming and governance, land use, community visioning, urban resilience, housing and real estate development, and waste management, among others.

- **Women's Studies/Gender Studies:** The study of issues relevant to women, feminism, and gender including development, health, history, education, sexuality, law, and policy, among others.

### How to Apply

Applications must be submitted online. Please visit the Fulbright-Nehru Master's Fellowships webpage at [www.usief.org.in](http://www.usief.org.in) for fellowship details and application instructions.

### Application Deadline: June 15, 2018

#### Timeline and Placement Process

##### June 15, 2018

Application due date for 2019-2020 awards

##### June-July 2018

Field-specific experts review applications to short-list candidates

##### Mid-August 2018

National interviews of short-listed candidates in Delhi

##### End August 2018

USIEF notifies principal and alternate nominees that they are recommended. Nominees take tests (such as TOEFL and GRE)

##### September 2018

USIEF forwards applications of recommended candidates to the U.S. for J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board (FFSB) approval and placement

##### March-April 2019

USIEF notifies finalists

##### July-August 2019

Pre-academic training in the U.S. (if required)

### August-September 2019

Degree program begins

Placement of successful candidates is done by the Institute of International Education (IIE), New York. Recommended applicants do not need to apply to U.S. institutions on their own. IIE/Fulbright Program will apply to four different institutions on their behalf, taking into consideration the candidates' preferred institutions and the candidates' competitiveness. If a recommended candidate has previously applied to U.S. institutions and has requested a deferral from the institution, the candidate must notify USIEF immediately.

### b. Fulbright-Nehru Doctoral Research Fellowships

The Fulbright-Nehru Doctoral Research Fellowships are designed for Indian scholars who are registered for a Ph.D. at an Indian institution. These fellowships are for six to nine months.

#### Applications are invited in the following fields only:

Agricultural Sciences; Anthropology; Bioengineering; Computer Science (including, but not limited to, cyber security, digital economy, quantum computing, artificial intelligence, machine learning and big data analytics); Economics; Education Policy and Planning; Energy Studies; History; International Law; International Security and Strategic Studies; Materials Science (with emphasis on environmental applications); Mathematical Sciences; Neurosciences; Performing Arts; Physical Sciences; Public Health; Public Policy; Sociology; Urban and Regional Planning (with emphasis on smart cities and waste management); Visual Arts; and Women's and Gender Studies.

#### Affiliation

The applicant will be affiliated to one U.S. host institution for the grant. USIEF strongly recommends all applicants to identify institutions

*The training received during my studies as a master's student has prepared me to contribute effectively to discussions in India on how to incorporate disability issues in higher education reforms in the country. As part of my coursework for the master's degree, I had the opportunity to create a podcast for the "Disability and Design" course with my classmate. We designed the content, conducted informational interviews, ethnographic research and transcribed and edited the video clip for the podcast.*

— Sanchet Sharma, 2016 Fulbright-Nehru Master's Fellow at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI.





*Fulbright-Nehru Doctoral Research fellows with Fulbright scholars from other countries during a gateway orientation at the University of Nevada, Reno, NV*

with which they wish to be affiliated and to correspond, in advance, with potential host institutions. If the applicant has secured a letter of invitation from a U.S. institution, please include it as a part of the online application.

### **Grant Benefits**

The fellowships provide J-1 visa support, a monthly stipend, Accident and Sickness Program for Exchanges per U.S. Government guidelines, round-trip economy class air travel, applicable allowances and modest affiliation fees, if any. Selected scholars will have opportunities to audit non-degree courses, conduct research and gain practical work experience in suitable settings in the U.S. No allowances are provided for dependents. The grant is not sufficient to support family members.

### **Eligibility Requirements**

In addition to the General Prerequisites (page 27):

- applicant should have done adequate research in the relevant field, especially in the identification of resources in India and the U.S. Applicant should be registered for Ph.D. at an Indian institution by August 1, 2017. In the online application form, one of the recommendation letters should be from the Ph.D. supervisor that comments on applicant's research work and the usefulness of the fellowship, and indicates the Ph.D. registration date and topic;
- this grant is intended for Ph.D. students to conduct research essential to their dissertations/thesis. Therefore, the expected Ph.D. thesis submission date should not be earlier than three months after the Fulbright-Nehru grant end date. For example, if May 2020 is the grant end date, applicant cannot submit the thesis before August 2020. Please indicate the Ph.D. registration date and the expected Ph.D. thesis submission date in the Applicant Annexure. The applicant can

*While on the Fulbright-Nehru grant, I attended three major conferences in the U.S. and had the opportunity to present my research. These events provided a platform for me to network and discuss various issues that impact the bilateral ties between India and U.S. My experience in the U.S. during the Fulbright Program has helped me in my role as an educator. Currently, I lead an English Language Enhancement Program for tribal teachers and students across 113 government schools in Kfiunti, Jharkhand.*

— *Diksha Dhar, 2015 Fulbright-Nehru Doctoral Research Fellow at the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA.*



download the Applicant Annexure from the USIEF website;

- if the applicant is employed, please follow the instructions carefully regarding employer's endorsement. If applicable, please obtain the endorsement from the appropriate administrative authority on the FNDR Employer's Endorsement Form. The employer must indicate that leave will be granted for the fellowship period. The applicant can download the FNDR Employer's Endorsement Form from the USIEF website; and
- the applicant should upload a 'writing sample' such as a copy of an article or paper published/presented or extracts from the Masters'/M.Phil. thesis in the online application form.

**Note:** These fellowships are for pre-doctoral level research. Applicants with Ph.D. degrees or those at the final stage of Ph.D. thesis submission will not be considered.

### How to Apply

Applications must be submitted online. Please visit the Fulbright-Nehru Doctoral Research Fellowships webpage at [www.usief.org.in](http://www.usief.org.in) for fellowship details and application instructions.

### Application Deadline: June 15, 2018

#### Timeline and Placement Process

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##### Late September 2018

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##### March-April 2019

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##### July-August 2019

Pre-academic training in the U.S. (if required)

##### August-September 2019

Program begins

## c. Fulbright-Nehru Postdoctoral Research Fellowships

These fellowships are designed for Indian faculty and researchers who are in the early stages of their research careers in India. The Postdoctoral Research Fellowships will provide opportunities to talented faculty and researchers to strengthen their research capacities. Postdoctoral fellows will have access to some of the finest resources in their areas of interest and will help build long-term collaborative relationships with U.S. faculty and institutions. These fellowships are for eight to 24 months.

**Applications are invited in the following fields only:** Agricultural Sciences; Anthropology;

Bioengineering; Computer Science (including, but not limited to, cyber security, digital economy, quantum computing, artificial intelligence, machine learning and big data analytics); Economics; Education Policy and Planning; Energy Studies; History; International Law; International Security and Strategic Studies; Materials Science (with emphasis on environmental applications); Mathematical Sciences; Neurosciences; Performing Arts; Physical Sciences; Public Health; Public Policy; Sociology; Urban and Regional Planning (with emphasis on smart cities and waste management); Visual Arts; Women's and Gender Studies.

### Affiliation

The applicant will be affiliated to one U.S. host institution for his/her grant. USIEF strongly recommends all applicants to identify institutions with which they wish to be affiliated and to correspond, in advance, with potential host institutions. The letter of invitation should indicate the duration of visit, preferably with dates. If applicant has secured a letter of invitation from a U.S. institution, it should be included as a part of the online application.



*Fulbright-Nehru Postdoctoral Research scholar Santosh Gupta (right) in his lab at the University of Texas, Edinburg, TX.*

### Grant Benefits

These fellowships provide J-1 visa support, a monthly stipend, Accident and Sickness Program for Exchanges per U.S. Government guidelines, round-trip economy class air travel, a modest settling-in allowance, and a professional allowance. Subject to availability of funds, a dependent allowance and international travel may be provided for one accompanying eligible dependent provided the dependent is with the grantee in the U.S. for at least 80% of the grant period.

### Eligibility Requirements

In addition to the General Prerequisites (page 27):

- the applicant must have a Ph.D. degree within the past four years. S/he must have obtained Ph.D. degree between July 16, 2014 and July 15, 2018. The applicant is required to upload his/her Ph.D. degree certificate/provisional Ph.D. certificate in the online application;
- the applicant must be published in reputed journals and demonstrate evidence of superior academic and professional achievement. Please upload a recent significant publication (copy of paper/article) in the online application; and
- if applicant is employed, please follow the instructions carefully regarding Letter of Support from Home Institution. If applicable, please obtain the endorsement from the appropriate administrative authority on the

FNPostdoc Letter of Support from Home Institution. The employer must indicate that leave will be granted for the fellowship period. The applicant can download the FNPostdoc Letter of Support from Home Institution from the USIEF website.

**Note:** In the application, the applicant is required to indicate the period in which s/he can complete the proposed project in the United States. The applicant must determine grant duration carefully. Should s/he be selected for a grant, it will be for the period specified in his/her application. The duration cannot be changed.

### How to Apply

Applications must be submitted online. Please visit the Fulbright-Nehru Postdoctoral Research Fellowships webpage at [www.usief.org.in](http://www.usief.org.in) for fellowship details and application instructions.

### Application Deadline: July 16, 2018

### Timeline and Placement Process

#### July 16, 2018

Application due date for 2019-2020 awards

#### August-September 2018

Field-specific experts review applications to short-list candidates



*Fulbright-Nehru Postdoctoral Doctoral Researcher Nayanee Basu (extreme right) with the participants of 2017 International Peace Village event at San Diego State University, San Diego, C.A.*

#### **Mid-October 2018**

National interviews of short-listed candidates in Delhi

#### **Late October 2018**

USIEF notifies principal and alternate nominees that they are recommended

#### **December 2018**

USIEF forwards applications of recommended candidates to the U.S. for J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board (FFSB) approval and placement

#### **March-April 2019**

USIEF notifies finalists

#### **August-September 2019**

Program begins

**As a Fulbright-Nehru Postdoctoral fellow at the Texas A&M University, I got the opportunity to work on the problem of inter-mingling of salt water with fresh water near the coastal areas. My research involves the influence of global climate changes on trace metal mobility in vulnerable environmental areas. I am engaged in a multi disciplinary research project that unravels another side of the global climate change impact in the coastal regions."**

*— Santanu Majumdar, 2016 Fulbright-Nehru Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the Texas A&M University, College Station, TX.*



## d. Fulbright-Nehru Academic and Professional Excellence Fellowships

The Fulbright-Nehru Academic and Professional Excellence Fellowships aim to provide Indian faculty, researchers, and professionals residing in India the opportunity to teach, conduct research, or carry out a combination of lecturing and research at a U.S. institution. Depending on the U.S. host institution, it is likely that the grantee may contribute towards developing curriculum and conducting workshops and seminars. These fellowships are for four to nine months. If you are applying for a Flex Award, the minimum length of the total grant is four months and the maximum is six months.

**Applications are invited in the following fields only:** Agricultural Sciences; Anthropology; Bioengineering; Climate Change Sciences; Computer Science (including, but not limited to, cyber security, digital economy, quantum computing, artificial intelligence, machine learning and big data analytics); Economics; Education Policy and Planning; Energy Studies; History; International Law; International Security and Strategic Studies; Materials Science (with emphasis on environmental applications); Mathematical Sciences; Neurosciences; Performing Arts; Physical Sciences; Public Health; Public Policy; Sociology; Urban and Regional Planning (with emphasis on smart cities and waste management); Visual Arts; and Women's and Gender Studies.

### Research

Applicants must demonstrate the relevance of the proposed research to India and/or the U.S., its benefit to the applicant's institution, the feasibility of accomplishing the research goal within the stipulated period, and the need to carry out the research in the U.S.

### Lecturing

Indian academics and professionals contribute to the internationalization of the curriculum at their U.S. host institutions and the understanding of recent developments not just in India but globally. The recipient will be affiliated as a visiting scholar at a U.S. institution, and will teach courses individually or team-teach.

Lecturing applications are especially welcome.

### Research and Lecturing

Applicants will carry out a combination of teaching and research activities at the U.S. host institution. Please specify the percentage of the grant for each activity and define this in your project statement. For instance, if you plan to spend 60 per cent of your grant duration for research and 40 per cent for teaching, your project statement should demonstrate this allocation. Teaching could include courses (individually or team-taught) or a series of seminars at the U.S. institution.

### Flex Awards

Flex Awards are designed for scholars who require multiple visits to the U.S. and for those who find it difficult to leave their home institutions during the academic year. This option allows grants to be conducted over short segments, preferably during the fall and/or spring semesters. Interested applicants should clearly indicate plans for Flex in their project statement, including a project timeline.

### Flex grant parameters

- Minimum length of the total grant is four months and the maximum is six months;
- The grant must have two segments. Minimum length for any grant segment is one month and the maximum is three months;
- Applicants may propose one-month segment only once;
- Grant segments may be spread over two consecutive years;
- Grants may begin any time from August 2019. Grants must begin but not later than March 31, 2020;
- Grant activities must be completed by August 31, 2021; and
- Only offered for research grants.

No more than 25 per cent of the total Fulbright-Nehru Academic and Professional Awards will be considered for the Flex option. USIEF will consider up to six Flex Grants. A maximum of two round-trip economy class air tickets for the grantee only will be provided (one ticket per trip). In addition to their research activities, Flex scholars agree to undertake activities recommended by USIEF, including: engaging with the host institution academic community, participating in seminars, giving public

talks, and mentoring students. Applications that propose grant periods during the host institution's academic year are preferred. Scholars who wish to visit the host institution outside of the academic year will need to demonstrate clearly how they will engage with the host institution community.

### Affiliation

The applicant will be affiliated to one U.S. host institution for the grant. USIEF strongly recommends all applicants to identify institutions with which they wish to be affiliated and to correspond, in advance, with potential host institutions. If the applicant has secured a letter of invitation from a U.S. institution, please include it as a part of your online application.



*Fulbright-Nehru Academic and Professional Excellence scholar Kamala Jayanthi Pagadala Damodaram monitoring the spotted lantern fly in an apple orchard near Philadelphia, P.A.*

### Grant Benefits

The fellowships provide a J-1 visa support, a monthly stipend, Accident and Sickness Program for Exchanges per U.S. Government guidelines, round-trip economy class air travel (two round-trip economy class air tickets for Flex), a modest settling-in allowance, and a professional allowance. Subject to availability of funds, in case of grantees on eight or nine month grants, a dependent allowance and international travel may be provided for one accompanying eligible dependent provided the dependent is with the grantee in the U.S. for at least 80% of the grant period. Flex grantees are not eligible for dependent benefits.

### Eligibility Requirements

In addition to the General Prerequisites (page 27):

- faculty/researchers should have a Ph.D. degree or equivalent published work with at least five years of relevant teaching/research experience;
- professionals outside academe should have a master's degree or equivalent published work with recognized professional standing and at least five years relevant experience;
- the applicant should upload a recent significant publication (copy of paper/article) on the online application; and
- if the applicant is employed, please follow the instructions carefully regarding Letter of Support from Home Institution. The employer must indicate that leave will be granted for the fellowship period. The applicant must obtain the endorsement from the appropriate administrative authority on the FNAPE Letter of Support from Home Institution. The applicant can download the FNAPE Letter of Support from Home Institution from the USIEF website.

### How to Apply

Applications must be submitted online. Please visit the Fulbright-Nehru Academic and Professional Excellence Fellowships webpage at [www.usief.org.in](http://www.usief.org.in) for fellowship details and application instructions.

**Application Deadline: July 16, 2018**



Fulbright-Nehru Academic and Professional Excellence scholar Chochong Vareichung Shimray (right) at the National Science Teachers Association Conference held at Milwaukee, WI.

## Timeline and Placement Process

### July 16, 2018

Application due date for 2019-2020 awards

### August 2018

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### End October 2018

National interviews of short-listed candidates in Delhi

### November 2018

USIEF notifies nominees that they are recommended

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USIEF forwards applications of recommended candidates to the U.S. for J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board (FFSB) approval and placement

### March-April 2019

USIEF notifies finalists

### August-September 2019

Program begins

**While on the Fulbright-Nehru grant, I was able to make considerable progress on two research papers as a result of access to excellent library resources and a peer group with whom I could share ideas. I was invited by two U.S. universities to deliver lecture on health communication. I was invited by a community group in Texas to address school students on communication skills. My experience as a Fulbright-Nehru scholar will find productive expression in my teaching and research in India.**

— Usha Raman, 2016 Fulbright-Nehru Academic and Professional Excellence Scholar at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA



### e. Fulbright-Nehru International Education Administrators Seminar

The Fulbright-Nehru International Education Administrators Seminar (IEAS) aims to provide Indian college and university administrators the opportunity to familiarize themselves with the U.S. higher education system.

The two-week U.S. visit in October 2019 will enable participants to learn about various facets of U.S. higher education, including the types of institutions, accreditation, curriculum development, fund-raising, student services and international education on U.S. campuses, as well as share knowledge on Indian higher education. Topics addressed during visits and meetings at select campuses and organizations will also include research collaborations, faculty and student exchanges, and study abroad.

This seminar is designed for Indian college and university administrators with at least two years of experience in international program development and management at their institutions in India. Applicants must be middle to senior-level college or university administrators (vice chancellors, deans, department heads, directors of international centers or offices, foreign student advisors, registrars etc.)

who have substantial responsibility for enhancing the international dimension of their institutions and who wish to build capacity of their faculty and students through international collaborations and exchange and innovative curricular design.

Twelve Indian higher education administrators will be selected to participate in the two-week seminar scheduled in October 2019. Participants will have to submit a report of their visit.

#### Grant Benefits

Selected participants will receive J-1 visa support, Accident and Sickness Program for Exchanges per U.S. Government guidelines, round-trip economy class air travel from India to the U.S., travel within the U.S., lodging and a per-diem. Dependents are not allowed to accompany during the seminar.

#### Eligibility Requirements

In addition to the General Prerequisites (page 27):

- be mid to senior-level college or university administrators (vice chancellors, department heads, directors of international centers/offices, foreign student advisors, or registrars etc.) working at Indian institutions;
- have at least two years' experience in the relevant field;



*Fulbright-Nehru International Education Administrators Seminar Fellows at Howard University, Washington, D.C.*

- have the responsibility of enhancing the international dimension of their institutions and should wish to build capacity of their faculty and students through international collaborations and exchange and innovative curricular design; and;
- have a high level of academic/professional achievement

### How to Apply

Applications must be submitted online. Please visit the Fulbright-Nehru International Education Administrators Seminar webpage at [www.usief.org.in](http://www.usief.org.in) for fellowship details and application instructions.

**Application Deadline: August 31, 2018**

### Timeline and Placement Process

**August 31, 2018**

Application deadline for 2019-2020 awards

### End November 2018

Experts review applications to short-list candidates for interviews

### Early February 2019

National interviews of short-listed candidates in Delhi

### Mid-February 2019

Principal and alternate nominees are notified that they are recommended

### March 2019

USIEF forwards applications of recommended candidates to the U.S. for J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board (FFSB) approval and placement

### October 2019

Program begins

*During my Fulbright-Nehru tenure at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, I did a public concert with my faculty hosts that was a unique blend of poetry and music. The most rewarding experience was to introduce and spread Rabindranath Tagore's music to school children through the high school band in the community. As a performing artist and music educationist, the connection with the local community as a Fulbright scholar was most rewarding...*

— Rajeeb Chakraborty, 2016 Fulbright-Nehru Academic and Professional Excellence Scholar at University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI.



# Fulbright-Kalam Climate Fellowship

In a September 2014 Joint Statement, the President of the United States of America and the Prime Minister of the Republic of India launched U.S.-India Climate Fellowship Program to build long-term capacity to address climate change related issues in both countries.

In pursuance of the Joint Statement, the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of India desiring to promote further mutual understanding between the two peoples by a wider exchange of knowledge and professional talents – intend to partner to build long-term capacity in the United States and India by engaging scientific and technical research scholars from both countries related to climate research and education through the Fulbright-Kalam Climate Fellowship.

The United States-India Educational Foundation (USIEF) administers the Fulbright-Kalam Climate Fellowship on behalf of both the governments.

## Fulbright-Kalam Climate Fellowships are offered for:

**a. Doctoral Research:** These fellowships are designed for Indian scholars who are registered for a Ph.D. at an Indian institution. These fellowships are for six to nine months.

**b. Postdoctoral Research:** These fellowships are designed for Indian faculty and researchers who are in the early stages of their research careers in India. Fulbright-Kalam Climate Fellowships will provide opportunities to talented faculty and researchers to strengthen their research capacities. Postdoctoral fellows will have access to some of the finest resources in their areas of interest and will help build long-term collaborative relationships with U.S. faculty and institutions. These fellowships are for eight to 12 months.

## Affiliation

The selected candidate will have affiliation with one U.S. host institution during the grant. USIEF strongly recommends all applicants to identify institutions for affiliation and correspond in

advance with potential host institutions. If the applicant has a letter of invitation from a U.S. institution, it should be included as a part of the online application. The letter of invitation should indicate the duration of visit, preferably with dates.

## Grant Benefits

These fellowships provide J-1 visa, support, a monthly stipend, Accident and Sickness Program for Exchanges, round-trip economy class air travel between India and the U.S., a modest settling-in allowance, and a professional allowance.

In case of postdoctoral research grantees, and subject to availability of funds, a dependent allowance and international travel may be provided for one accompanying eligible dependent provided the dependent is with the grantee in the U.S. for at least 80% of the grant period.

## a. Eligibility Requirements for Fulbright Kalam Climate Fellowship for Doctoral Research

In addition to the General Prerequisites:

- Applicants registered for their Ph.D. should have conducted adequate research in the relevant field, especially in the identification of resources in India and the U.S. The applicant must be registered for a Ph.D. at an Indian institution on or before August 1, 2017. In the online application form, one of the referees should be Ph.D. supervisor. S/he should comment on the research work and the usefulness of the fellowship, and indicate the Ph.D. registration date and topic.
- Ph.D. students will conduct research essential to their dissertations/thesis. Therefore, the expected Ph.D. thesis submission date should not be earlier than three months after grant end date. For example, if May 2020 is the expected grant end date, applicant cannot submit their thesis before August 2020.

Please indicate the Ph.D. registration date and the expected Ph.D. thesis submission date in the "Applicant Annexure." The applicant can download the "Applicant Annexure." from the USIEF website;



*Fulbright-Kalam Climate Doctoral Research fellow Tamanna Subba (left) volunteering for the AID Penn State event at Penn State University, College Park, PA.*

## b. Eligibility Requirements for Fulbright Kalam Climate Fellowship for Postdoctoral Research

In addition to the General Prerequisites:

- Applicants should have been awarded a Ph.D. degree within the past four years. Applicants must have obtained a Ph.D. degree between July 16, 2014 and July 15, 2018. Applicants are required to upload their Ph.D. degree certificate/provisional Ph.D. certificate in the online application;
- Applicants must be published in reputed journals and demonstrate evidence of superior academic and professional achievement. Please upload a recent significant publication (copy of paper/article) in the online application; and
- If employed, applicants should follow the instructions carefully regarding employer's endorsement. If applicable, please obtain the endorsement from the appropriate administrative authority on the "Letter of Support from Home Institution." The employer must indicate that leave will be granted for the fellowship period. Applicants can download the "Letter of Support from Home Institution" from the USIEF website.

**Note:** In the application, the applicant is required to indicate the period in which s/he can complete the proposed project in the United States. The applicant must determine grant duration carefully. Should s/he be selected for a grant, it will be for the period specified in the application. The duration cannot be changed.

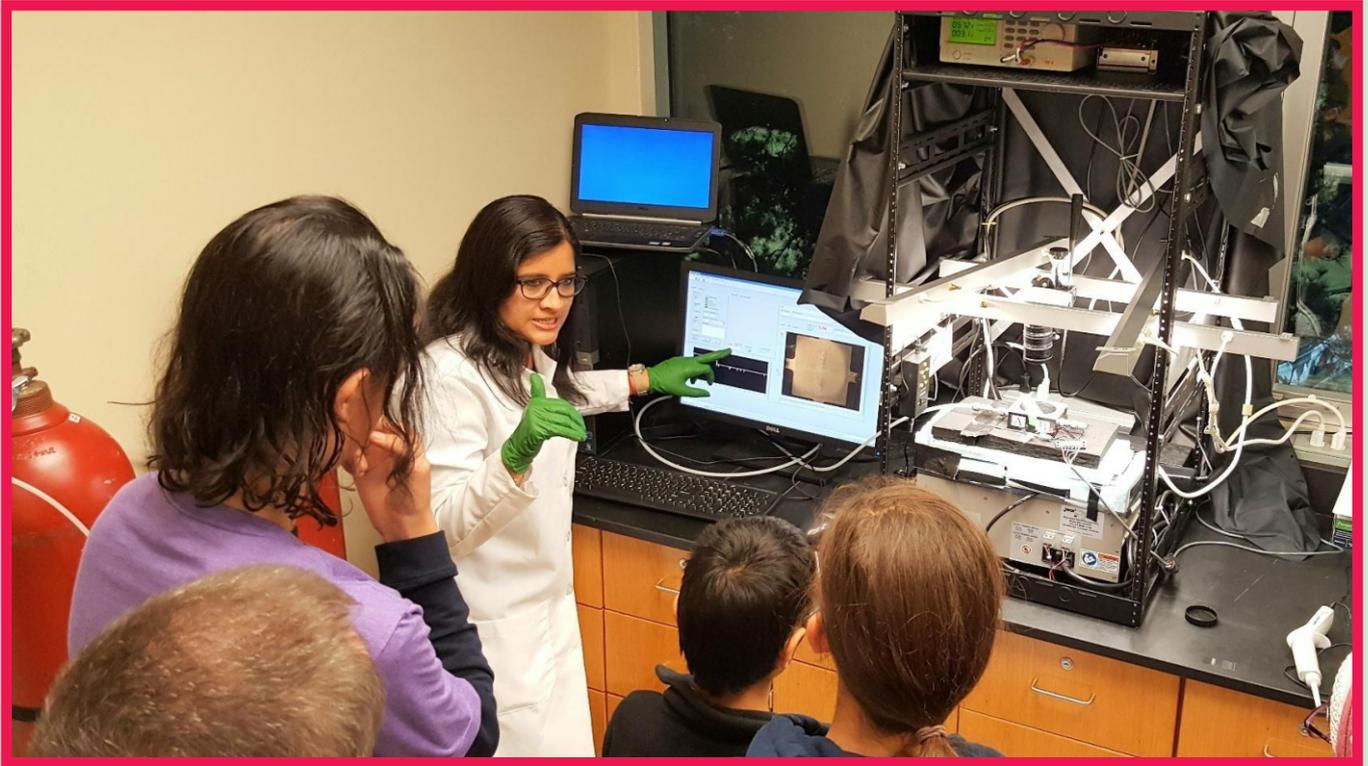
### How to Apply

Applications must be submitted online. Please visit the Fulbright-Kalam Climate Fellowship webpage at [www.usief.org.in](http://www.usief.org.in) for fellowship details and application instructions

**Application Deadline: July 16, 2018**

- If employed, applicants should follow the instructions carefully regarding employer's endorsement. If applicable, the applicant must obtain the endorsement from the appropriate administrative authority on the "Employer's Endorsement Form". The employer must indicate that leave will be granted for the fellowship period. Applicants can download the "Employer's Endorsement Form" from the USIEF website; and
- Applicants should upload a 'writing sample' such as a copy of an article or paper published/presented or extracts from the Master's/M.Phil. thesis in the online application form.

**Note:** These fellowships are for pre-doctoral level research. Applicants with Ph.D. degrees or those at the final stage of Ph.D. thesis submission will not be considered.



*Fulbright-Kalam Climate Postdoctoral Research scholar Shweta Yadav demonstrating a cold-stage instrument experimental setup at North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC.*

## Timeline and Placement Process

### July 16, 2018

Application deadline for 2019-2020 awards

### Early August 2018

Screening committee/field-specific experts review applications and shortlist candidates for interviews

### Early September 2018

National interviews of shortlisted candidates in Delhi

### Mid-October 2018

Principal and alternate nominees are notified that they are recommended. Doctoral research nominees take TOEFL

### Late October 2018

USIEF forwards applications of recommended candidates to the U.S. for J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board (FFSB) approval and placement

### April-May 2019

Placement confirmations

### August-September 2019

Program begins

*My experience as a Fulbright-Kalam visiting student researcher has been extremely enriching. I get to work with and learn from some of the leading experts in climate science and attend conferences in the field. Classes expose me to technologies and techniques immensely useful for my research. The fellowship provides me an opportunity to interact with people from various cultures and broaden my horizons and shape me into a global citizen.*

— Tamanna Subba, 2017 Fulbright-Kalam Climate Doctoral Research Fellow at the Pennsylvania State University, State College, PA.



## Other Fulbright Fellowships

### a. Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program

The Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program, which is a Fulbright program, brings accomplished young and mid-career professionals from developing countries to the United States for ten months of non-degree graduate study and related practical professional experiences. The Humphrey program was initiated in 1978 to honor the memory and accomplishments of the late Senator and Vice-President of the United States, Hubert H. Humphrey.

The program is designed to meet the requirements of policy makers, planners, administrators, and managers in the government, public and private sectors, and non-governmental organizations, who have a public service commitment, demonstrated leadership potential, and commitment to their own country's development. The fellowships are awarded in the fields of: **Agricultural and Rural Development; Communications/Journalism; Economic Development; Educational Administration, Planning and Policy; Finance and Banking; Higher Education Administration; HIV/AIDS Policy and Prevention; Human Resource Management; Law and Human Rights; Natural Resources, Environmental Policy, and Climate Change; Public Health Policy and Management; Public Policy Analysis and Public Administration; Substance Abuse Education, Treatment and Prevention; Teaching of English as a Foreign Language (Teacher Training or Curriculum Development); Technology Policy and Management; Trafficking in Persons, Policy and Prevention; Urban and Regional Planning.** In case of 'Teaching of English as a Foreign Language,' applications are invited from curriculum specialists and teacher trainers who work in teacher training institutes, public or private organizations concerned with English language teaching and development. Applications from all the listed fields are welcome. **Qualified women and candidates from minority and disadvantaged groups are encouraged to apply.**

Appropriate candidates are young and mid-career professionals in leadership positions who have a

commitment to public service and the potential for professional advancement. Candidates should demonstrate the required experience, skills, and commitment while also indicating how they can benefit from this program in ways that they have not experienced previously and are not likely to experience without the Humphrey program.

Candidates should be proficient in both written and spoken English and will be required to take Internet-based Test (iBT) of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL).

The Humphrey program is now offering a Long-Term English (LTE) language training opportunity to facilitate the participation of candidates from non-elite populations, rural areas, minority groups and others who may be excellent candidates but lack the necessary language skills. LTE participants will be brought to the U.S. for an intensive 20-25-week pre-academic program to improve their language skills.

The Humphrey fellows undertake master's level work directly related to their professional needs and fields of interest but does not result in the awarding of a degree. They are assigned in clusters of 8-15 to the institution offering the most appropriate program in their area of interest. These clusters are balanced geographically, permitting interaction among fellows from various countries. The host universities are chosen for their excellence in the Humphrey fields and for the resources and support they offer Humphrey Fellows. **For 2017-2018, host universities were: American University, Washington College of Law; Arizona State University; Boston University; Cornell University; Emory University; Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Michigan State University; Pennsylvania State University; Syracuse University; University of California, Davis; University of Minnesota, Humphrey School of Public Affairs; Vanderbilt University; Virginia Commonwealth University.** Placement at a specific university requested by a candidate **cannot** be arranged.

Programs arranged for the Humphrey fellows will begin in August 2019. They include academic course work at the master's level, and place considerable emphasis on activities such as seminars, special projects, field trips, attendance at professional meetings and conferences, networking with professional counterparts, and professional



*Humphrey fellows Fawzja Tarannum (extreme left) and Ranjana Das (sixth from left) with other Humphrey participants during an outdoor team-building activity at Cornell University, Ithaca, NY.*

affiliations with appropriate organizations. These activities provide fellows with practical experience in their fields outside the university setting. Each fellow designs his/her individual program with the Humphrey coordinator's assistance.

During their Humphrey year, fellows are expected to be resourceful, display initiative, and network with U.S. organizations and professionals.

*All fellows participate in a one-week workshop in Washington, D.C. in the Fall of 2019.*

### **Humphrey/ National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) Fellowships**

These fellowships are designed to provide training in prevention research, epidemiology, treatment and substance abuse policy research. Candidates in this field may be focused on problems of alcohol, drug and tobacco abuse as well as broader areas of public health that relate to substance abuse, such as HIV/AIDS, mental health, medicine, psychology, social work and counseling. Previous Fellows in the substance abuse field have come from schools and universities, community-based treatment and prevention program, hospitals, criminal justice settings and local or national policy agencies.

### **Grant Benefits**

A Humphrey fellowship provides tuition and fees, a monthly maintenance allowance, Accident and Sickness Program for Exchanges per U.S. Government guidelines, a modest allowance for books and supplies, round-trip international air travel to the host institution, domestic travel to the Washington, D.C. workshop, and allowances for professional activities such as field trips, professional visits, and conferences. These fellowships do not provide an allowance for dependents, and the stipend provided under the grant is not sufficient to support family members. The program will involve a number of activities where it will be difficult to include dependents.

### **Eligibility Requirements**

In addition to the General Prerequisites (page 27), the applicant must:

- preferably have a master's degree or a professional degree of at least four years' duration;
- have at least five years of substantial professional experience in the respective field, and be eligible for leave;

- have demonstrated leadership qualities;
- have a record of public service in the community; and
- give an undertaking to return to India on completion of the fellowship.

**Candidates meeting any of the following descriptions will be rendered technically ineligible to participate in the Humphrey Program.**

- Individuals with less than five years of full-time professional experience prior to August 2019.
- University teachers with no management or policy responsibilities, except for teachers of English as a foreign language and specialists in substance abuse prevention and treatment.
- Individuals who have attended a graduate school in the United States for one academic year or more during the seven years prior to August 2019.
- Individuals who have had more than six months of U.S. experience during the five years prior to August 2019.
- Individuals with dual U.S. citizenship or U.S. permanent resident status.

**How to Apply**

Applicants can download the application materials from the Humphrey Fellowships webpage at [www.usief.org.in](http://www.usief.org.in)

**Application Deadline: June 15, 2018**

**Timeline and Placement Process**

**June 15, 2018**

Application due date for 2019-2020 awards

**Early July 2018**

Screening applications to short-list candidates

**Mid-August 2018**

National interviews of the short-listed candidates in Delhi

**End August 2018**

USIEF notifies the nominees. Nominees take TOEFL.

**Late September 2018**

USIEF forwards applications of nominees to the Humphrey Program Office in Washington, D.C.

**February-March 2019**

USIEF receives the Humphrey selection cable from Washington, D.C.

**February-March 2019**

USIEF notifies the finalists

**May 2019**

Pre-Departure Orientation

**June-July 2019**

Pre-academic training in the U.S. (if required)

**August-September 2019**

Humphrey program begins

Visit <https://www.humphreyfellowship.org/> for more details on Humphrey Fellowship Program.

**b. Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant Program**

Applications are invited from early career English teachers teaching at college level or professionals in related fields (e.g., American Studies, American/English Literature, etc.) for the Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant (FLTA) Program. Selected FLTAs from India will teach Bengali, Hindi, or Urdu at select U.S. campuses during their nine-month non-degree grant beginning August/September 2019.

The Fulbright FLTA Program, an integral part of the Fulbright Student Program, funded by the U.S. Department of State, is a nine-month, non-degree program for early career English teachers teaching at college level or professionals in related fields. Fulbright FLTA participants have the opportunity to refine their teaching skills, increase their English language proficiency and extend their knowledge of the society and culture of the United States, while being teaching assistants for their native language to U.S. students and strengthening foreign language instruction at U.S. colleges and universities. The participants also interact with their host communities in conversation groups, extracurricular activities, and community outreach projects. India is one of the countries participating in the 2019 competition. The FLTA program promotes cross-cultural understanding in the U.S. and in the home countries of the FLTA fellows. U.S. universities

benefit from the presence of a native speaker on their campuses. FLTA fellows provide teaching assistance, by serving in various capacities, which may include teaching up to two classes per semester, and typically facilitate cultural events, language clubs and language tables. FLTA fellows are required to enroll in at least two courses per semester, one of which must be in U.S. Studies. Fellows and U.S. students have a unique opportunity to learn about each other's cultures and customs, and to build mutual understanding between the U.S. and other countries. FLTA fellows must return to their home countries upon completion of the program. As a result of the program, FLTA alumni return with a high proficiency in English and are able to speak with authenticity and authority about the United States, its values and its people.

### Grant Benefits

All FLTA fellows receive a monthly stipend, health insurance and travel support. U.S. host institutions provide tuition awards to support the required coursework. The FLTA program does not provide J-2 visas for spouses or dependents.

### Eligibility Requirements

In addition to the General Prerequisites, the applicants must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Applicants must clearly demonstrate maturity, dependability, integrity and professionalism.
- Fluency in English is mandatory. A score of no less than 213 (CBT), 79-80 (iBT) or 550 (PBT) on the TOEFL is required. TOEFL scores are not required at the time of application. Candidates recommended by the selection committee will have to appear for the TOEFL in November 2018. USIEF will provide fee vouchers towards the TOEFL exam.
- Indian applicants must have at least a master's degree by June 2019 with a good academic record. The master's degree should be in fields such as English language, English/American Literature, American Studies, Linguistics, Comparative Literature and related areas.
- Applicant is a young teacher of English at the college level or training to become a teacher of English, or is a young professional in a related field.
- Prior teaching experience is preferred in case of English language teachers or those training to become teachers of English.



Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant Deeplata Rabul (extreme left) at a Hindi teaching workshop at Brown University, Providence, RI.

**Important:**

The FLTA Program is a NON-DEGREE and non-renewable program and those wishing to pursue degree studies in the U.S. should not apply. All FLTA fellows must return to their home countries upon completion of the nine-month program. No extension requests will be supported. No dependents are allowed to accompany fellows on this program. Pregnant candidates may not participate in this program if the birth is due during the program period.

**FLTA Applicant Profile**

FLTA candidates should be energetic, early career educators capable of succeeding in the dual role of teaching assistant and student. They must have a sincere interest in teaching their native language and culture to U.S. students. They should have leadership skills and the ability to motivate students to learn. FLTAs should have a desire to meet people and become a part of the community by participating in community events and campus activities. They should be creative and self-reliant team players, who are able to maintain excellent relationships with faculty, staff and students. They must be open to living with their U.S. student peers in undergraduate or graduate level campus housing and also engaging with faculty and staff with maturity and professionalism.

Fellows must be flexible with placements at smaller or more ethnically diverse U.S. academic institutions. At the conclusion of the program, Indian fellows will be expected to return to India, making an immediate impact by utilizing the skills gained and sharing the experiences gleaned from their time in the U.S.

**How to Apply**

Applications must be submitted online. Please visit the Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant (FLTA) Program Fellowships webpage at [www.usief.org.in](http://www.usief.org.in) for fellowship details and application instructions.

Employed applicants need to submit their applications through proper channel by the application deadline.

**Application Deadline: August 31, 2018****Timeline and Placement Process****August 31, 2018**

Application Deadline

**End September 2018**

Screening applications to short-list candidates

**Mid-October 2018**

National interviews and proficiency test (in the language of nomination) of the short-listed candidates in Delhi

**November 2018**

USIEF notifies the nominees. Nominees take TOEFL

**December 2018**

USIEF forwards applications of nominees to the U.S. for J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board (FFSB) approval and placement

**March/April 2019**

Notifications of finalists

**June 2019**

Pre-Departure Orientation Program in India

**August/September 2019**

Program begins

Applications of recommended candidates will be forwarded to the U.S. for further review. The final selection is dependent on the ability to match requests of U.S. host institution with language skills of the candidates.

For any further queries, you can write to Dr. Gayatri Singhal at [gayatri@usief.org.in](mailto:gayatri@usief.org.in)

*As a Fulbright Language Teaching Assistant fellow at the University of Kansas, I did a course on the methods of TESOL, which helped me in my career as an English teacher. At present, I teach both English as a Second Language (ESL) and literature at The British School, Delhi which is possible because of the training received as a FLTA.*

— Amanpreet Sawhney, 2016 Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant at University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS.



### c. Fulbright Distinguished Awards in Teaching Program for International Teachers

The Fulbright Distinguished Awards in Teaching Program for International Teachers (FDAI) is designed for full-time Indian teachers teaching any subject at any level (primary, middle or secondary) at a school in India. This program is also open to primary and secondary level library media specialists, guidance counselors, curriculum specialists, special education coordinators, and administrators who spend at least fifty percent of their time teaching or working directly with students. Teacher trainers are also eligible. The program brings teachers from Bangladesh, Botswana, Brazil, Finland, Greece, Kenya, India,

Indonesia, Israel, Mexico, Morocco, New Zealand, Philippines, Senegal, Singapore, Taiwan and Uganda for a semester-long program at a U.S. university. Up to four teachers from India participate in the program. The program provides with a unique opportunity to pursue individual or group projects, take courses for professional development at a host university, and observe and share their expertise with teachers and students at the host university or local primary and secondary schools. Cultural enrichment, mentoring, and support is provided throughout the program.

#### How to Apply

The competition for 2019 is likely to be announced in November/December 2018. Application materials and program details will be available on the USIEF website [www.usief.org.in](http://www.usief.org.in)



*Fulbright Distinguished Awards in Teaching fellows enjoying a candid moment at Indiana University, Bloomington, IN*

#### d. Fulbright Teaching Excellence and Achievement Program

The Fulbright Teaching Excellence and Achievement (FTEA) Program is a six-week non-degree, non-credit academic program at a U.S. University which provides selected teachers with a unique opportunity to develop greater expertise in their subject areas, enhance their teaching skills, and increase their knowledge about the United States. The international participants travel to the United States for one of two six-week professional development programs in either spring or fall of an academic year. The Fulbright TEA program provides academic seminars on teaching methodologies and strategies, curriculum development, lesson planning, and instructional technology training. Intensive English language instruction is offered to teachers who need additional practice. The program also includes a practicum of at least 40 hours with a U.S. partner teacher in a U.S. secondary school near the host university to actively engage participants in the U.S. classroom environment. Cultural enrichment, mentoring, and support is provided to participants throughout the program. For India, the program is open for full-time school teachers (6th to 12th grades) teaching English, English as a Foreign Language (EFL), Social Studies, Mathematics, Science, or Special Education at schools in India.

##### How to Apply

The competition for 2019 is likely to be announced in November/December 2018. Application materials and program details will be available on the USIEF website [www.usief.org.in](http://www.usief.org.in)

#### e. Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence Program

The Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence (SIR) Program brings scholars and professionals from other countries to lecture at U.S. colleges and universities that do not often host visiting scholars. Under this program, interested U.S. institutions submit proposals to invite scholars for one or both terms of the academic year to teach courses in area

studies, in inter-disciplinary programs that focus on global issues, or in courses where participation of the foreign scholar can provide a cross-cultural or international perspective. The SIR program is especially appropriate for small liberal arts colleges, minority-serving institutions and community colleges in the U.S.

##### How to Apply

This is a program for which U.S. institutions of higher education apply. They can either name a scholar or request recruitment of one through the Fulbright agencies worldwide. Therefore, Indian scholars should draw the SIR program to the attention of their U.S. counterparts. Further information is available on the CIES website <https://www.cies.org/program/fulbright-scholar-residence-program>.

#### Fulbright-Nehru Fellowships for Indian Citizens: General Prerequisites

The applicant:

- must be a responsible Indian citizen who can contribute to a full and fair picture of the culture and civilization of India, and thereby help to promote understanding and friendship between the peoples of the United States of America and India;
- should have a high level of academic/professional achievement;
- must demonstrate proficiency in the English language to undertake the proposed project/program and adjust to life in the U.S. The applicant may be required to take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL);
- if shortlisted for an interview, must appear in person for interview at the USIEF office in New Delhi;
- must inform USIEF well in advance if s/he needs to travel abroad (e.g. conference) during the application cycle July 2018 – June 2019;
- must be eligible for leave, if employed;
- must be in good health;
- must not be applying for or holding permanent residence (green card) in the United States; and

- must give an undertaking to return to India on the completion of the fellowship.

**Note:** Preference will be given to candidates who have not had extensive recent U.S. experience. Some fellowship programs may have prerequisites and guidelines in addition to those described above. Please review the eligibility criteria for specific fellowships carefully. Material misinterpretation (e.g. plagiarism) at any time during the application or grant period is grounds for selection withdrawal or grant termination, as well as ineligibility for future participation.

### Application Procedure and Guidelines

Applicants for the following fellowship categories have to complete an online application. Application instructions can be downloaded from the website [www.usief.org.in](http://www.usief.org.in). Please visit the webpages of these fellowship categories for specific details.

1. Fulbright-Nehru Master's Fellowships
2. Fulbright-Nehru Doctoral Research Fellowships
3. Fulbright-Nehru Postdoctoral Research Fellowships
4. Fulbright-Nehru Academic and Professional Excellence Fellowships
5. Fulbright-Nehru International Education Administrators Seminar
6. Fulbright-Kalam Climate Fellowship
7. Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant Program

**You can apply for only ONE Fulbright-Nehru fellowship category during a competition cycle.**

**Incomplete or late applications will not be accepted.**

**If you are employed, please follow the instructions carefully regarding employer's endorsement. The employer must indicate that leave will be granted for the fellowship period. Please obtain the endorsement from the appropriate administrative authority.**

Applicants request referees to submit their

reference letters online by the application due date. Only Humphrey applicants should request referees to send the reference letter to the **Senior Program Officer, Indian Program, USIEF, Fulbright House, 12 Hailey Road, New Delhi 110 001** in the prescribed format by the application due date.

### Selection Process

Experts will review all eligible applications. Applicants recommended by the experts will be required to appear for an interview in person with the USIEF National Selection Committee in New Delhi.

Selection panels will generally use the following criteria to evaluate applications:

- Academic credentials and professional ability
- Merit of the proposed Fulbright project
- Communication skills
- Commitment to community or national service
- Need to conduct research in the U.S.
- Outcomes, Potential Impact and Benefits
- Motivation, Seriousness of Purpose, Maturity, Leadership, Cultural Adaptability
- Ability to contribute as a cultural ambassador beyond his/her specific field of study

Decisions taken by the reviewers/committees in connection with the selection process will be final and requests for reconsideration will NOT be entertained.

Applicants are encouraged to seek guidance from Fulbright alumni on basic preparation for a Fulbright application such as:

- familiarity with resources in India before proposing research abroad;
- a proposal with a clear focus;
- a sense of how the proposed work is relevant to the Indian context;
- identification of resources in the U.S.; and
- the role of an exchange participant as a cultural ambassador of India beyond his/her specific field of study.

USIEF offices organize Fulbright mentoring workshops for potential applicants. These workshops guide applicants on the elements of a strong application. Please contact the USIEF office in your region for information on the mentoring workshops.



## The Fulbright Program

The U.S. Government-funded Fulbright Program was established in 1946, soon after World War II, under legislation introduced by former Senator J. William Fulbright. Designed to “*increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries...*,” the program has grown into one of the largest academic and cultural exchange programs in the world. The Fulbright Program offers grants to U.S. citizens and nationals of other countries for teaching, advanced research, graduate study and professional development. Since its inception, approximately 380,000 scholars have participated in the Fulbright Program. The Fulbright Program awards approximately 8,000 new grants annually.

The primary sources of funding for the Fulbright Program are annual appropriations made by the U.S. Congress to the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education. In addition, participating governments, private organizations and host institutions in many countries and in the U.S., contribute financially through cost-sharing and other forms of support. In the U.S. Department of State, the program for foreign and U.S. scholars is administered by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs <http://exchanges.state.gov> under policy guidelines established by the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board (FSB) <http://eca.state.gov/fulbright/about-fulbright/j-william-fulbright-foreign-scholarship-board-ffsb/ffsb-policies>. The Board is a Presidentially-appointed independent body of educational and public leaders responsible for the final selection of all Fulbright grantees and the formulation of the policies, procedures, and selection criteria governing the program. Currently, the program operates in 160 countries. It is administered by binational Fulbright Commissions and Foundations in 49 countries and by U.S. Embassies in others. Under a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Department of State, the Institute of International Education (IIE) [www.iie.org](http://www.iie.org) also assist in administering the Fulbright Program for students, teachers and professionals worldwide.

Visit <http://eca.state.gov/fulbright> for more information on the Fulbright Program.



## USIEF - The Fulbright Commission in India

The Indo-U.S. agreement on educational exchange, signed by Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru and U.S. Ambassador Loy Henderson on February 2, 1950 in New Delhi, established the United States Educational Foundation in India to administer the Fulbright Program in India. On July 4, 2008, the Government of India (GOI) and the U.S. Government (USG) signed a new agreement to strengthen educational exchanges between the two countries. The Foundation was renamed as United States-India Educational Foundation (USIEF) awarding Fulbright-Nehru Scholarships and Grants. USG and GOI are now equal partners for implementing Fulbright Program in India. A 10-member Board of Directors, five Americans living in India nominated by the U.S. Diplomatic Mission and five Indians nominated by the Government of India, governs USIEF.

Since 1950, USIEF has awarded approximately 10,811 Fulbright Fellowships to Indians and Americans. In addition to these programs sponsored by the U.S. Department of [State www.state.gov](http://www.state.gov), USIEF has also administered approximately 8,727 fellowships funded by the U.S. Department of Education [www.ed.gov](http://www.ed.gov), the East-West Center [www.eastwestcenter.org](http://www.eastwestcenter.org) and other entities.

USIEF's activities may be broadly categorized as follows:

- Administration of Fulbright-Nehru and other fellowships for Indian and American students, faculty, researchers and professionals.
- Promotion of dialogue among Fulbrighters and their communities as an outgrowth of educational exchange.
- EducationUSA Advising Services for Indian students interested in pursuing higher education in the U.S., and for U.S. students in India.
- Serving as a resource for fostering linkages between institutions of higher education in the U.S. and India.

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