

2018 Fulbright Specialist Program Opens for Submission of Project Requests



For the Spring/Summer Term 2018, applications must be submitted via the World Learning portal by February 28, 2018. For the Fall/Winter Term 2018, applications must be submitted via the World Learning portal by April 30, 2018.

The Fulbright Specialist Program in Kosovo is open for Kosovo host institutions to submit project ideas for qualified U.S. scholars and professionals. The program awards grants for projects that will last between 14 and 42 days. **Spring/Summer Term 2018** Projects cannot begin prior to June 1, 2018 and the projects for **Fall/Winter Term 2018** cannot begin prior to September 1, 2018.

Overview

The Fulbright Specialist Program, part of the larger Fulbright Program, was established in 2001 by the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA). The program is field-driven initiatives in which foreign host institutions conceptualize and design projects of interest within an eligible discipline that represent a priority for their respective organizations. These projects are then paired with a highly qualified U.S. academic or professional, who shares their expertise and assists with strengthening linkages between U.S. and foreign host institutions. Participating foreign host institutions benefit by:

- Gaining global perspectives from experienced U.S. academics and professionals;
- Executing projects that require a rapid response or flexible timeline through short-term, year-round exchanges; and

- Building sustained relationships with individuals and institutions in the U.S.

Eligibility Requirements for Host Institutions

Institutions that may be eligible to request a Fulbright Specialist include, but are not limited to:

- Institutions of Higher Education;
- Government Institutions (ministries or agencies, courts, parliamentary or congressional bodies);
- Cultural Institutions (conservatories, museums, etc.);
- Non-Governmental Organizations including issue-centered institutions and think tanks; and
- Medical Institutions (public health organizations, teaching hospitals, etc.).

Eligible Disciplines

Projects designed by prospective host institutions should focus on one of the below eligible disciplines: Agriculture, American Studies, Anthropology, Archeology, Biology Education, Business Administration, Chemistry Education, Communications and Journalism, Computer Science and Information Technology, Economics, Education, Engineering, Environmental Science, Law, Library Science, Math Education, Peace and Conflict Resolution Studies, Physics Education, Political Science, Public Administration, Public/Global Health, Social Work, Sociology, Urban Planning.

Fulbright Specialist Program Activities

The Fulbright Specialist Program encourages host institutions to tailor projects to their own needs. However, all projects should have an education or training focus. Due to the short-term nature of the exchange, projects should have concrete objectives that can be achieved over the course of the Specialist's visit. A Fulbright Specialist grant should include opportunities to collaborate with professional counterparts on curriculum and faculty development, institutional planning and a variety of other activities. For example, grantees may:

- Conduct needs assessments, surveys, institutional or program research
- Take part in specialized academic programs and conferences
- Consult with administrators and instructors from post-secondary institutions on faculty development
- Present lectures at graduate and undergraduate levels
- Participate in or lead seminars or workshops at overseas academic institutions
- Develop and/or assess academic curricula or educational materials
- Conduct teacher-training programs at the tertiary level

Note: Personal research projects, including clinical medical research or projects involving patient contact are not eligible for funding under the Fulbright Specialist Program.

Program Parameters

- All exchanges must range from 14 to 42 days in length, including weekends, holidays and travel days.
- Projects are restricted to one country, and all project activities must take place in the country requesting the project.
- Each project is limited to only one Fulbright Specialist grantee.
- If a host institution would benefit by having the Fulbright Specialist visit the host institution more than once, host institutions may apply for their project to be Multi-Visit. Please note that the majority of approved projects are not Multi-Visit, and host institutions will need to provide a strong justification for why this approach would strengthen project outcomes. Multi-Visit projects cannot include more than a total of three trips, and all trips must be completed within a one-year period by the same Fulbright Specialist. The one-year period is calculated by adding 12 months from the initial start date of the first visit through the end date of the final visit. Each visit must be a minimum of 14 days, and the total number of days across all visits cannot exceed six weeks (42 days).

Identifying Fulbright Specialists

Host institutions are not required to identify U.S. academics or professionals to serve as their project's Fulbright Specialist prior to submitting their project proposal. On the contrary, if a host institution's project is approved, the program's implementing partner, World Learning, will identify candidates on the Fulbright Specialist Roster whose professional experience, academic credentials and foreign language skills match the knowledge and skills articulated by the host institution in its project proposal as being critical to the project's successful implementation.

For more information on the Specialist matching process and the Fulbright Specialist Roster, please visit <http://fulbrightspecialist.worldlearning.org>

Cost Share for Host Institutions

Host institutions should provide the Specialist with lodging, meals, and in-country transportation, either through monetary or in-kind contributions, throughout their full stay in country. The stipend for in-country transportation should allow the Specialist to travel to and from their lodging and project activity site as well as allow the Specialist to conduct local activities such as grocery shopping or visiting a local market, pharmacy, etc. The U.S. Department of State covers roundtrip (economy class international airfare), enrollment in a limited health benefits program, and a daily honorarium for participating Fulbright Specialists.

Application Process for Host Institutions

Applications for the Fulbright Specialist Program are accepted on a rolling basis throughout the year via World Learning's online portal here:

<https://worldlearning-community.force.com/FSPHost>.

After a project proposal is received, it will be reviewed by the U.S. Embassy Pristina. Only project proposals that are completed in their entirety will be reviewed. Please note that U.S. Embassy Pristina sometimes receives more project proposals from prospective host institutions than it is able to support with limited funding. Therefore, not all proposals submitted will be approved.

If your project proposal is approved by the U.S. Embassy Pristina it must then be approved by multiple offices within the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. Therefore, we recommend that host institutions allow a minimum of 90 days between application submission and the anticipated project start date.

Individuals Interested in Serving as a Fulbright Specialists

Individuals interested in serving as a Fulbright Specialist must meet all eligibility requirements including:

- All applicants for the Fulbright Specialist Roster must be U.S. citizens.
- Applicants must have significant experience in their respective field, as demonstrated by professional, academic, or artistic achievements.

For a complete list of eligibility requirements and information on how to apply to join the Fulbright Specialist Roster, please visit <https://fulbrightspecialist.worldlearning.org/>.

U.S. academics and professionals interested in applying to join the Fulbright Specialist Roster, should direct all questions to World Learning at

fulbrightspecialist@worldlearning.org

Contact Information

Prospective host institutions should direct all questions to:

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<https://xk.usembassy.gov/2018-fulbright-specialist-program-opens-submission-project-requests/>

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