

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.

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.



2019-2020 Fulbright-Nehru and other Fulbright Fellowships for Indian Citizens

Fulbright Experience

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



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 the 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 Khunti, Jharkand.

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



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 multidisciplinary 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



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Fulbright-Nehru Master's Fellowships: These fellowships are for outstanding Indians who demonstrate leadership qualities, have completed the equivalent of a U.S. bachelor's degree, and have at least three years of professional work experience, 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. *Application deadline: June 15, 2018.*

Fulbright-Nehru Doctoral Research Fellowships*: These pre-doctoral level research fellowships, for six to nine months, are designed for Indian scholars who are registered for a Ph.D. at an Indian institution. *Application deadline: June 15, 2018.*

Fulbright-Nehru Postdoctoral Research Fellowships*: These fellowships, for eight to 24 months, are designed for Indian faculty and researchers, who have a Ph.D. degree within the past four years. *Application deadline: July 16, 2018.*

Fulbright-Nehru Academic and Professional Excellence Fellowships*: These fellowships, for four to nine months, aim to provide Indian faculty, researchers, and professionals the opportunity to teach, conduct research, or carry out a combination of lecturing and research at a U.S. institution. Applicants can opt for four to six-month Flex Awards in two segments. *Application deadline: July 16, 2018.*

***Eligible Fields of Study:** 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. (Note: In addition to the above mentioned fields, Climate Change Sciences is offered for Fulbright-Nehru Academic and Professional Excellence Fellowships only.)



Fulbright-Nehru International Education Administrators Seminar: These fellowships are 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 mid 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. *Application deadline: August 31, 2018.*

Fulbright-Kalam Climate Fellowship: These fellowships aim at building long-term capacity in the U.S. and India by engaging scientific and technical research scholars and professionals related to climate research and education. These fellowships are offered for: a) Indian students registered for a Ph.D. at an Indian institution can apply for six to nine months pre-doctoral level research in the U.S.; b) Indian faculty and researchers who have a Ph.D. degree within the past four years can apply for eight to 12 months postdoctoral research in the U.S. *Application deadline: July 16, 2018.*

Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant Program: The Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant (FLTA) Program, funded by the U.S. Department of State is a nine-month, non-degree program for young and early career English teachers at college level or educators 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 U.S., while strengthening the instruction of foreign languages at U.S. colleges and universities. Selected Fulbright FLTA participants from India would be teaching assistants in Bengali, Hindi or Urdu classrooms at select U.S. campuses. *Application deadline: August 31, 2018.*

Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowships: For young and mid-career professionals, policy makers, planners, administrators, and managers in the government, public and private sectors, and NGOs for professional development 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; and Urban and Regional Planning. *Application deadline: June 15, 2018.*