



# Fulbright Specialist Program

**Bring the expertise of a U.S. scholar or professional to your institution!**

The Fulbright Specialist Program in Saudi Arabia provides Saudi higher education institutions as well as other types of organizations whose programs have an educational focus with the opportunity to draw on the expertise of U.S. scholars and professionals. In addition to sharing their expertise, U.S. Specialists can help develop linkages between Saudi host institutions and U.S. institutions.

**How Institutions Apply:** Please contact the Public Affairs Office of the U.S. Embassy Riyadh or U.S. Consulates in Jeddah and Dhahran to:

- Obtain more information about the program;
- Request an electronic and a hard copy of the Fulbright Specialist Project Request Form;
- Determine how your institution can best utilize the skills and knowledge of a Fulbright Specialist; and
- Prepare and submit the proposal.

## **The Program in Brief**

- Eligibility: Saudi post-secondary academic institutions and other education-focused organizations
- Grant Length: Grants are 14-42 days in length including travel days and weekends
- Funding: The Saudi host institution provides or funds the lodging, meals and any in-country program-related travel. The U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) pays for the grantee's international travel and a stipend

## **Possible Fulbright Specialist Activities**

- Conduct needs assessments, surveys, and research related to institutional or program development;
- Take part in specialized academic programs and conferences in conjunction with other scheduled activities;
- Consult with administrators and scholars on faculty development;
- Present lectures at the graduate and undergraduate level;
- Participate in or lead seminars or workshops;
- Develop and/or assess academic curricula or educational materials; and
- Conduct teacher-training programs at the tertiary level.

**Please note that these grants are not for research.**

## **Identifying a Fulbright Specialist for Your Institution**

Your institution can select a candidate from the thousands of pre-approved, highly qualified U.S. scholars and professionals in 26 academic disciplines and numerous specializations on the Fulbright Specialist Program roster. The Public Affairs Office of the U.S. Embassy Riyadh or the U.S. Consulates in Jeddah and Dhahran can help you search for the most appropriate candidates already on the roster. Scholars have a doctorate or equivalent terminal degree in their field, and professionals have recognized professional standing and accomplishments. Both academics and professionals must work in one of the eligible academic disciplines listed below and have a minimum of five years of either post-doctoral teaching experience or appropriate professional experience.

### **Eligible Academic Disciplines**

Agriculture • American (U.S.) Studies (The following specializations with a specific U.S. focus are eligible: art, art history, dance, history, literature, music, popular culture, religion, theater and women's studies) • Anthropology • Applied Linguistics-TEFL • Archaeology • Biology Education • Business Administration • Chemistry Education • Communications and Journalism • Computer Science and Information Technology • Economics • Education • Engineering Education • 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

### **The Project Proposal Review Process**

- The U.S. Embassy or the U.S. Consulate reviews the project.
- If approved, the project will be forwarded to the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) in Washington, D.C. for final approval.
- ECA reviews the project, and if approved, it is sent to the Council for International Exchange of Scholars (CIES) for processing.
- Upon receipt of an approved project, CIES matches projects with qualified candidates from the Fulbright Specialist roster.
- After a grantee is selected for a project, CIES administers the grant on behalf of ECA.

### **Timing**

Once a project has been submitted to ECA, a minimum of two months is needed to process a request for a scholar or professional already on the roster. A minimum of three months is needed for a scholar or professional not on the roster at the time of the request. Please take into account the peer review schedule for prospective roster candidates when proposing a timeframe for a project with a scholar who is not yet on the roster.

For more information on the Fulbright Specialist Program please visit [www.cies.org/specialists](http://www.cies.org/specialists) or contact:

U.S. Embassy Riyadh, Public Affairs Office (01-488-3800 ext 4995)

U.S. Consulate Jeddah, Public Affairs Office (02-667-0080 ext. 4152)

U.S. Consulate Dhahran, Public Affairs Office (03-330-3200 ext. 3115)