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FULBRIGHT SENIOR SPECIALIST PROGRAM - 2011

The Polish - U.S. Fulbright Commission is pleased to announce a new edition of the FULBRIGHT SENIOR SPECIALIST PROGRAM (FSSP). The program is designed as a shorter-term complement to the traditional Fulbright Senior Scholar Program and will provide U.S. academic experts to overseas institutions for 2 to 6 weeks in response to university and other education focused institution requests forwarded to Fulbright Commissions. The FSSP, funded by the U.S. Department of State and administered by Fulbright Commissions and the Council for International Exchange of Scholars, will be available for programming throughout the calendar year of 2011. The primary goals of the new program edition are to increase the number of leading U.S. scholars in Fulbright academic exchanges; to encourage new activities that go beyond the traditional Fulbright activities of lecturing and research; to promote increased connection between U.S. and overseas academic institutions in the Fulbright context.

The Polish - U.S. Fulbright Commission invites Polish schools of higher education as well as such other potential host institutions as government-related institutions (legislative, executive, judiciary branch); cultural institutions (independent libraries, museums, theatres); medical institutions (university affiliated hospitals and institutes) and research organizations/think tanks (government/non-governmental – policy oriented research institutes) to submit requests for Fulbright Senior Specialists (by name or by field of specialization) to undertake the following **kinds of activities**, over a two to six-week period at one or more academic institutions:

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

Note: Those institutions which do not grant post-secondary degrees are eligible for the FSSP if they provide an educational focus to their programming. Personal research is not funded via the Program.

Requests will be accepted and academic experts will be recruited for the following **fields**:

Agriculture	Computer Science and	Physics Education
American (U.S.) Studies	Information Technology	Political Science
Anthropology	Economics	Public Administration
Applied Linguistics/TEFL	Environmental Science	Public/Global Health
Archaeology	Law	Social Work
Biology Education	Library Science	Sociology
Business Administration	Math Education	Urban Planning
Chemistry Education	Peace and Conflict Resolution	Engineering Education
Communications & Journalism	Studies	Education

Please note that Fulbright Specialists project requests will now be accepted in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM), teaching or administration fields. These fields will include Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics education. Fulbright Senior Specialists will principally come from academic backgrounds. Participating professionals will generally be limited to the fields of art, journalism and law.

Costs for the Fulbright Senior Specialist program will be shared by the U.S. Department of State (international travel and a daily honorarium) and the host institution (per diem: lodging, meals, and in-country travel). In cases where a host institution is unable to cover its full share of program costs, the Fulbright Commission may use its own funds to complete the cost-share with the Department of State.

Fulbright Senior Specialist Roster

The Fulbright Senior Specialist Program differs from the traditional Fulbright Scholar competition in that the Council for International Exchange of Scholars will build rosters of specialists in a variety of fields through an open application process. Applicants recommended by specialist peer review committees and approved by the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board will become candidates for Fulbright Senior Specialist awards. As countries request Fulbright Senior Specialists through their local Fulbright Commission, candidates will be matched with appropriate programs. When a request is received, Fulbright Senior Specialist candidates will be contacted to ascertain their availability for final consideration.

Application:

Please submit application by mail and e-mail to the Polish – U.S Fulbright Commission. Application form is available on our page www.fulbright.edu.pl

The application must include:

Program Information

1. Field Requested (please select one field from the list printed above)
2. Type of Activity Requested (select all that apply from the list printed above)
3. Name and Address of Institution Hosting the Award
4. Contact person (address, phone, fax, e-mail)
5. Confirmation of Cost-share of the Program
6. Program Description (*Example: Specialist will work with university/institute department faculty members to develop political science curriculum*)
7. Purpose of the Program (*Please provide background on the issues and institutions involved, program objectives and type of work the specialist is expected to do*)
8. Length of Grant
9. Starting Date (***Please plan your projects for not earlier than May 2011 or October 2011***)
10. Preferred Arrival Time
11. Number of Program Days Requested
12. If a serial grant is requested, describe desired intervals, number of visits and length of each visit

Specialist Information

1. Type of Specialist Required (check one from Academic, Professional, Either)
2. Qualifications Preferred:
 - a. Degree
 - b. Years of teaching experience
 - c. Academic rank
 - d. Language requirements
 - e. Subject expertise desired
 - f. Specialization desired within that area
 - g. Audience(s): (One way of determining the level of grantee expertise needed for a program is to know with whom he/she will be working. if the name of the audience doesn't make clear their level of sophistication, please elaborate.)
 - h. Other

If this is a request for a specific individual (Name Request), please provide as much of the following as possible:

Name of Person Requested
Title of Person Requested
Institution
Department
Address
Telephone and Fax Numbers
E-mail Address
Confirmation of U.S. Citizenship (Passport number)
Brief justification for requesting that person

Please note that grant limits apply to previous Fulbright U.S. scholar and Specialists grantees, consult CIES web site for details (www.cies.org/specialists)

DEADLINES: December 1, 2010 (projects for not earlier than May 2011) or May 15, 2011 (projects for not earlier than October 2011). The Fulbright Commission's Selection Committee will review and rank the applications. The best proposals will be forwarded to the Department of State and CIES for review and final decisions.

Please note that the number of projects for the calendar year 2011 is limited.