



Fulbright Specialist Program

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Today's Presentation

- Overview of the Fulbright Specialist Program
- Benefits for Participating Specialists
- Sample Project Activities
- Applicant Eligibility Criteria
- Applying to the Fulbright Specialist Roster and Project Matching Process
- Grant Implementation
- Q&A

About the Fulbright Program



- Founded in 1946
- A program of the United States Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs
- ECA Mission: To increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries by means of educational and cultural exchanges that assist in the development of peaceful relations
- For over 70 years, the Fulbright Program has provided international exchange opportunities to more than 370,000 participants across 160 countries

The Fulbright Specialist Program

- Established in 2001
- World Learning serves as implementing partner of the program
- U.S. academics and established professionals complete short-term (2-6 weeks) projects designed by host institutions abroad

ACCOMPLISH HOST GOALS

by matching qualified candidates from the Roster with projects developed by host institutions

STRENGTHEN CONNECTIONS

between U.S. institutions and their global counterparts

BUILD CAPACITY

of host institutions to carry out project activities following the completion of the grant

SHARE KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS

to increase global cooperation and partnerships



150+ participating countries and other areas
425+ individuals are awarded grants year-round

Benefits for Participating Specialists

- Participate in cross-cultural professional development and gain international exposure
- Build institutional and professional connections
- Share your expertise with overseas counterparts and learn about your field from a new perspective
- Access a global network of Fulbright alumni

Fulbright Specialist was

**A GREAT OPPORTUNITY
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CREATIVE WAY**

...It opened so many doors and is a perfect example of cooperative learning and innovation.

Benefits for Participating Specialists

- **The U.S. Department of State** provides funding for round-trip economy class international airfare, a transit allowance (\$100), daily honorarium (\$200), and a limited health benefits plan
- **Host institutions** provide lodging, meals, and in-country transportation for the duration of the grant period



Eligible Project Fields

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

For information about the English Language Specialist program, please visit <https://elprograms.org/specialist/>

Types of Eligible Host Institutions

INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION

- Public universities
- Private universities
- Community colleges

GOVERNMENT INSTITUTIONS

- Ministries or agencies
- Courts
- Parliamentary or congressional bodies

CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS

- Conservatories
- Museums
- Libraries

NON - GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Non-partisan, issue centered organizations and think tanks

MEDICAL INSTITUTIONS

- Public health organizations
- Teaching hospitals

Sample Project Activities



- Delivering a **seminar or workshop**
- Consulting on **faculty or workforce development**
- **Developing academic or training curricula** and materials
- **Lecturing** at the graduate or undergraduate level
- Conducting **needs assessments or evaluations** for a program or institution
- **Supporting accreditation** process for a university

Grand Bassa Community College (GBCC), Liberia

Specialist: Ana Gil-Garcia, Professor of Education at
Northeastern Illinois University

- Dr. Gil-Garcia supported faculty at GBCC, Liberia's largest community college, to align its curriculum with national requirements and standardize the course syllabi format across all of its programs
- Dr. Gil-Garcia also provided training on instructional methodology, student assessment and teaching best practices
- She is now working to create a link between City Colleges of Chicago and GBCC



Center for Scientific Investigation and Higher Education en Ensenada (CICESE), Mexico

Specialist: Dr. Patrick Dobson, an expert in geothermal energy from the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory

- Dr. Dobson provided seminars to CICESE scientists on geothermal exploration and production, and took a group of students and technicians to a geothermal field to practice gas collection methods
- As a result of this exchange, Dr. Dobson's home laboratory has hosted two CICESE graduate students
- CICESE and the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory intend to create an MOU for future academic exchange



Dalat University, Vietnam

Specialist: Dr. Quan Vu Le, Associate Professor of Economics and Director of the International Business Program at Seattle University

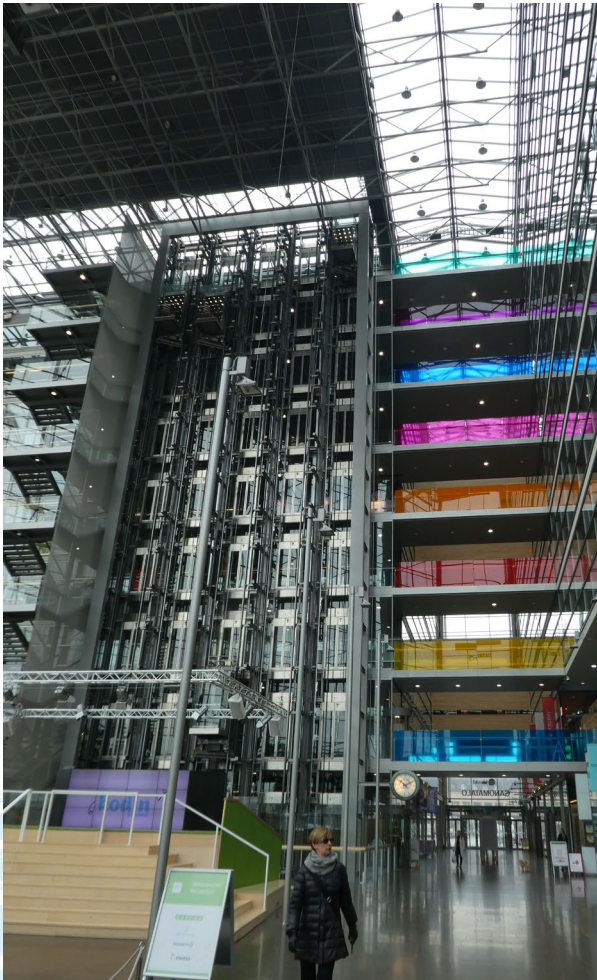
- Dr. Le reviewed the Faculty of Business Administration's curriculum and consulted with faculty on the university's application for ASEAN University Network accreditation
- Dr. Le also supported the launch of the Dalat University Entrepreneurship Facilitator Center
- As a result of the exchange, Dr. Le made connections that enabled him to return to Vietnam with six students and launch an initiative with the Entrepreneurship Facilitator Center, resulting in the sale of a new, sustainably-farmed Vietnamese coffee brand on Seattle University's campus



CU Fulbright Specialist Perspective: June J. Pilcher

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Fulbright Specialist Roster

The Fulbright Specialist Roster is a pre-vetted group of individuals who are eligible to be matched to Specialist projects designed by host institutions abroad

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Submit an online application to join the Fulbright Specialist Roster

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Application is evaluated by a Peer Review Panel

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Approved applicants join Roster for a three-year tenure and are eligible to be matched to projects

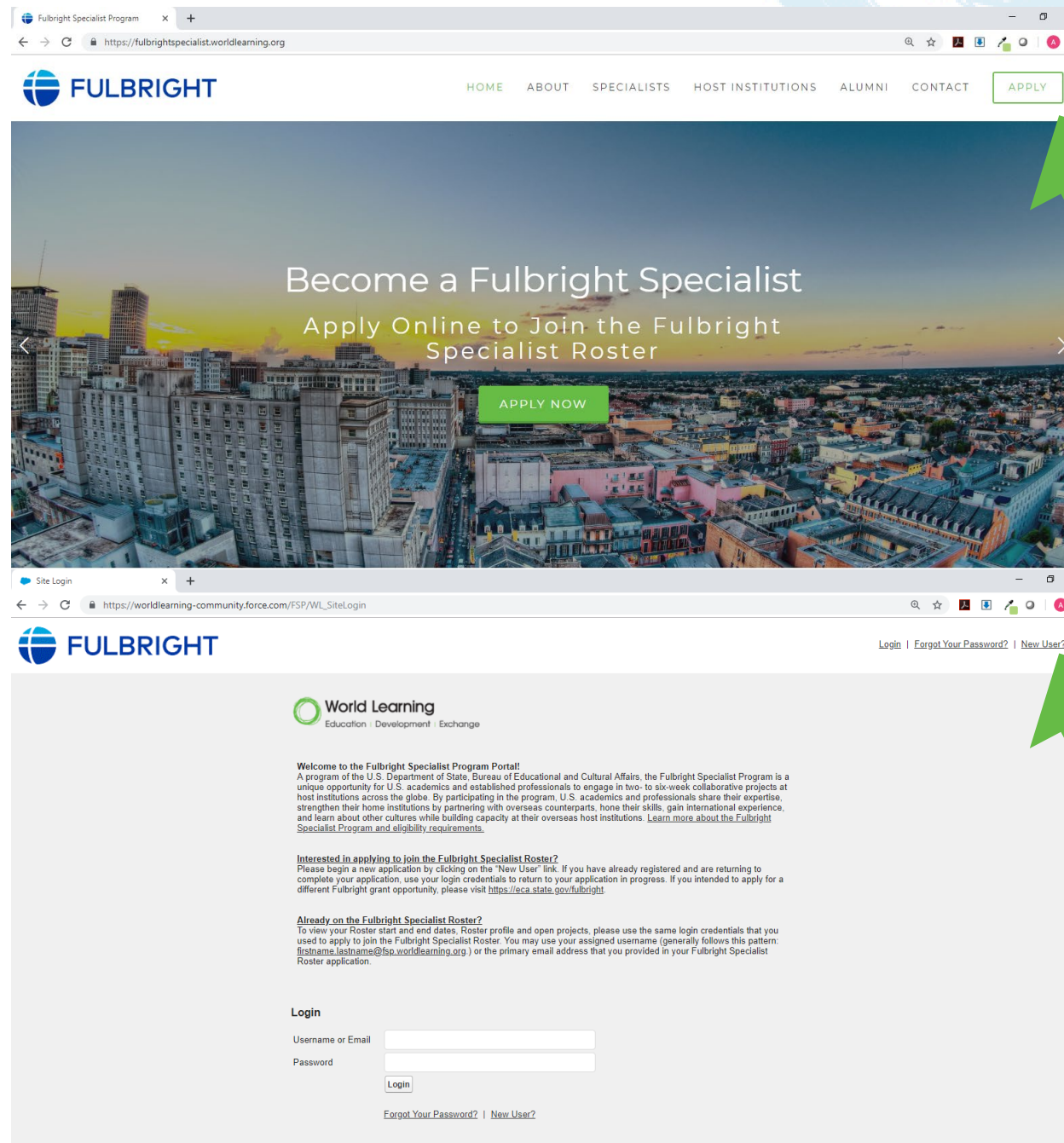
Key Eligibility Criteria to Join Roster

- Must be a U.S. citizen
- Have significant experience in your respective field, as demonstrated by professional, academic, or artistic achievements
- Must not have resided abroad for five or more consecutive years in the last six years
- Must not have participated in a Fulbright Specialist grant within the past 24 months
- U.S. Alumni of other Fulbright programs are eligible to apply

Visit the program website at fulbrightspecialist.worldlearning.org for a full list of eligibility requirements/ineligibility factors

Application Process to Join Roster

1. Visit fulbrightspecialist.worldlearning.org for application instructions and a link to the applicant portal
2. Click on “New User” and register for an account
3. Use the link in your confirmation email to set a new password
4. Begin a New Application



The screenshot shows the Fulbright Specialist Program website. The top navigation bar includes links for HOME, ABOUT, SPECIALISTS, HOST INSTITUTIONS, ALUMNI, CONTACT, and an APPLY button. The main banner features a cityscape background with the text "Become a Fulbright Specialist" and "Apply Online to Join the Fulbright Specialist Roster", along with an "APPLY NOW" button. A green arrow points to the top right corner of the banner area.

Below the banner is a "Site Login" section with the Fulbright logo and the text "World Learning Education | Development | Exchange". It includes a "Welcome to the Fulbright Specialist Program Portal!" message and instructions for new users and existing roster members. A "Login" form is provided with fields for "Username or Email" and "Password", and a "Login" button. A green arrow points to the "New User?" link in the top right corner of the login section.

Roster Application Sections

Required:

- Personal Information
- Education
- Employment
- Essays
- Resume/CV
- References

Optional:

- Geographic Preferences
- Languages

Essay One: Please describe why you are interested in serving as a Fulbright Specialist and how your participation would benefit a host institution abroad as well as your institution or employer in the U.S. Please include specific examples of activities that you may be interested in leading or completing at your host institution abroad as part of your program.

Essay Two: Please describe any previous experience working in an international environment and why you believe that you would be effective serving as a Fulbright Specialist at a host institution abroad. If you do not have prior experience in an international setting, please describe what strategies you would employ in order to be successful while serving as a Fulbright Specialist in a cross-cultural context.

The Peer Review Process

- Applications are accepted year-round and peer review panels are convened six times per year
- Peer review panels are comprised of three individuals from the same general field as the applicant
- Panels assess professional qualifications, cross-cultural skills and adaptability, potential for overall benefit to stakeholders, etc.

SPECIALIST APPLICATION DEADLINE (COMPLETED APPLICATION AND AT LEAST TWO COMPLETED REFERENCE FORMS)	SPECIALIST NOTIFICATION
NOVEMBER 6, 2019	DECEMBER 13, 2019
JANUARY 8, 2020	FEBRUARY 7, 2020

Visit the program website at
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for a full list of peer review panel criteria

The Matching Process



- Individuals accepted to the Roster receive access to an online Portal for the duration of their tenure
- Through the Portal, users can view and express interest in any available open projects by a set deadline
- A list of qualified candidates is then sent to the host institution to review. Factors that may impact selection include:
 - Relevant professional and academic experience
 - Foreign language proficiency
 - Availability during the host institution's preferred project dates
- **Host institutions may request an individual to serve as the Specialist for a particular project if they have a prior affiliation with the candidate or a candidate was recommended to them**

Grant Implementation

Once an individual on the Roster has been successfully matched to a project, World Learning staff will begin grant implementation including:

- Distributing and collecting all program forms
- Arranging international travel
- Disbursing honorarium payment
- Confirming safe arrival in the host country and return to the U.S.
- Conducting a mid-program call
- Serving as primary point of contact



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