

## THE FULBRIGHT PROGRAM

The U.S. Government-funded Fulbright Program was established in 1946, soon after the 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 390,000 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.

### The Fulbright Experience

Teaching at the University of Minnesota was a great introduction to the American classroom culture. It was mere serendipity that I got acquainted with a new form of theatre in Minneapolis. This exposure in the U.S. made me venture into the villages of Rajasthan with an ancient Greek play. The exhilarating discussions that have followed with the audiences reaffirm for me the value of international exchanges in today's world.

– Anuradha Marwah, 2017 Fulbright-Nehru Academic and Professional Excellence Scholar at University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, Minneapolis, MN



This program helped me gain a nuanced understanding of global trends in higher education. With this knowledge, I now have a comparative perspective on some of the major challenges in Indian higher education, such as, diversity, equity and inclusion. The program has equipped me with skills and clarity on bringing transformation in higher education in India.

– Karan Bhola, 2018 Fulbright-Nehru Master's Fellow at Harvard University, Cambridge, MA



The research that I did at MIT Energy Initiative's Universal Energy Access group will have potential application to frame future regulatory and policy guidelines for the energy sector. Through vast academic resources at both MIT and Harvard Kennedy School, and a student-centred environment in Boston, I acquired knowledge that was far beyond my research objectives.

– Payal Dey, 2018 Fulbright-Nehru Doctoral Research Fellow at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA



Fulbright House, New Delhi  
Sketch: Sushanta Guha, 2002 Fulbright Arts Fellow

## 2021-2022 Fulbright-Nehru and other Fulbright Fellowships for Indian Citizens

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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' full-time (paid) 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; Economics; Environmental Science/Studies; Higher Education Administration; International Affairs; International Legal Studies; Public Administration; Public Health; Urban and Regional Planning; and Women's Studies/Gender Studies. **Application deadline: May 15, 2020.**

**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: July 15, 2020.**

**Fulbright-Nehru Postdoctoral Research Fellowships\*:** These fellowships, for eight to 24 months, are designed for Indian faculty and researchers who have a Ph.D. or a DM Degree, within the past four years. **Application deadline: July 15, 2020.**

**\*Eligible Fields of Study:** Agricultural Sciences; Anthropology; Bioengineering; Climate Change Sciences, 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.

**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 teaching and research at a U.S. institution. Applicants can opt for four to six-month Flex Awards in two segments. **Application deadline: July 15, 2020.**

**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 centres 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: October 15, 2020.**

**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: May 15, 2020.**

