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APPLICATION FOR THE

FULBRIGHT-HAYS SEMINARS ABROAD PROGRAM

CFDA No. 84.018

CLOSING DATE:

September 12th, 2008

Elementary Education- India, Mexico, New Zealand & Mongolia

Secondary Education- China: Foreign Language, Poland, Turkey

Postsecondary Education- Jordan & Oman, China: History & Culture, Senegal

DATED MATERIAL – OPEN IMMEDIATELY

INSTRUCTIONS FOR TRANSMITTING APPLICATIONS

Applications for grants under the Fulbright-Hays Seminars Abroad Program, CFDA 84.018A must be submitted electronically using e-Application available through the Department's e-Grants system.

When using e-Application to complete the application, you will be entering data online. Do not e-mail an electronic copy of any part of a grant application to us. The data that is entered online will be saved into a database.

If you participate in e-Application, please note the following:

- You must submit the grant application electronically through the Internet using the software provided on the e-Grants Web site (<http://e-grants.ed.gov>) by 4:30 p.m., Washington, DC time, on the application deadline date. The regular hours of operation of the e-Grants Web site are 6:00 a.m. Monday until 7:00 p.m. Wednesday; and 6:00 a.m. Thursday until midnight Saturday, Washington, DC time. Please note that the system is unavailable on Sundays, and after 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays for maintenance, Washington, DC time. Any modifications to these hours are posted on the e-Grants Web site. We strongly recommend that you do not wait until the application deadline date to initiate an e-Application package.
- Our office will not accept any application in hard copy unless you have contacted our office and received permission to submit the application in hard copy. All requests for submitting applications in hard copy must be received and approved two weeks prior to the deadline.
- You will not receive additional point value because you submit the application in electronic format,
- After you submit your application to the Department, you will receive an automatic acknowledgement- via email, which will include a PR/Award number (an identifying number unique to your application).

Application Deadline Date Extension in Case of System Unavailability: If you are prevented from submitting your application on the application deadline date because the e-Application system is unavailable, we will grant you an extension of one business day in order to transmit your application electronically, by mail, or by hand delivery. We will grant this extension if--

1. The applicant is a registered user of e-Application and has initiated an e-Application for this competition; and
2. (a) The e-Application system is unavailable for 60 minutes or more between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., Washington, DC time, on the application deadline date; or (b) The e-Application system is unavailable for any period of time during the last hour of operation (that is, for any period of time between 3:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m., Washington, DC time) on the application deadline date.

We must acknowledge and confirm these periods of unavailability before granting you an extension. To request this extension or to confirm our acknowledgement of any system unavailability, you may contact either (1) the person listed above or (2) the e-Grants help desk at 1-888-336-8930.

Important Information for Applicants

To access an electronic copy of the application please go to our website:
www.ed.gov/programs/iegpssap/index.html

For answers to program related questions please contact the program officers:

Senior Program Officer:
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gale.holdren@ed.gov

Seminars Abroad Program Assistant:
Michelle Ward
202-502-7623
michelle.ward@ed.gov

PLEASE NOTE:
ALL APPLICANTS WILL BE NOTIFIED OF THE RESULTS OF THE COMPETITION
NO EARLIER THAN LATE **MARCH**

Dear Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in applying for a grant under the Fulbright-Hays Seminars Abroad (SA) program. Included in this application booklet are the program introduction, instructions, and forms needed to submit a complete application package to the U.S. Department of Education.

The SA program supports short-term study and travel seminars abroad for U.S. educators in the social sciences and humanities for the purpose of improving their understanding and knowledge of the peoples and cultures of other countries.

This letter highlights a few items in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2009 application package that will be important to you in applying for grants under this program. You should review the entire application package carefully before preparing and submitting your application. Information on the SA Program is accessible at the U.S. Department of Education Web site at:

www.ed.gov/programs/iegpssap/index.html

The application must be submitted on or before the deadline date. Electronic submission of applications is required; therefore, you must submit an electronic application unless you follow the procedures detailed in the SA application and qualify for one of the exceptions to the electronic submission requirement. The requirements for obtaining an exception to the electronic submission have changed. If you think you may need an exception you are urged to review the requirements promptly. Applications submitted late will not be accepted. **We suggest that you submit your application several days before the deadline date of September 12, 2008.** The Department is required to enforce the established deadline to ensure fairness to all applicants. No changes or additions to an application will be accepted after the deadline date.

A program officer is available to provide technical assistance if you have any questions after reviewing the application. Please refer to the introduction that follows for the names and telephone numbers of the contact persons.

We look forward to receiving your application and appreciate your efforts to promote excellence in international education.

Sincerely,

Diane Auer Jones
Assistant Secretary
Office of Postsecondary Education

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board

The J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board has the overall responsibility for managing the Fulbright Program worldwide. The Board is composed of twelve members drawn from academic, cultural and public life who are appointed by the President of the United States. Their job is to set and interpret policies related to the administration of the Fulbright Programs, to approve the final selection of all Fulbright grantees and participants, and to supervise the conduct of the program both in the U.S. and abroad.

The Seminars Abroad Program

The Seminars Abroad Program, authorized by the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange (Fulbright-Hays) Act of 1961, provides opportunities for qualified U.S. educators to participate in short-term seminars abroad mainly on topics in the social sciences, social studies and the humanities.

The purpose of the program is **to help U.S. educators/administrators in humanities, languages, and/or area studies** to enhance their international understanding and increase their knowledge of the people and culture of another country through study abroad. **This program is designed for educators with limited or no experience in the host country (ies).** Upon their return, participants are expected to share their broadened knowledge and understanding of the host country (ies) with students, colleagues, civic and professional organizations, and the public in their respective home communities.

All seminars are composed of a pre-arranged, structured academic phase and a group travel phase. Due to the group nature of the seminar and the requirement that participants attend all scheduled activities, participants will not have time to engage in extensive individual research. The seminars' schedules provide only a limited amount of free time for participants to gather information related to their individual curriculum projects or other projects related to their current teaching responsibilities.

PROGRAM GUIDELINES

Eligibility Requirements:

In accordance with the Policy Statements of the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board, the basic eligibility requirements are:

1. Citizenship - must be a citizen of the United States or a permanent resident.
2. Academic Preparation - must hold at least a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university.
3. Professional Experience - (1) must have at least 3 years of full-time experience - by the time of departure for the seminar- (2) must be currently employed full-time in a U.S. school system, institution of higher education, Local Education Agency, State Education Agency, library, or museum. Teaching as a graduate or teaching assistant is not applicable toward the three years of required full-time professional experience.
4. Applications are accepted from those who teach two half-time permanent positions in two different institutions, teaching at the same or similar education levels. You must provide documentation that both positions add up to the equivalent of a full-time position.
5. Health –The candidate must be physically and psychologically able to participate in all phases of the seminar. Award recipients must provide a physician's statement to reflect participants' readiness for travel.
6. Suitability and Adaptability - The applicants' suitability and adaptability are assessed through the evaluation criteria and letters of reference.

Curriculum Project and Final Report

Any applicant who has participated in the Fulbright-Hays Seminars Abroad or Group Projects Abroad program (s) and has not completed the program requirement of a curriculum project and final report will have their application deemed ineligible.

All applications are reviewed and evaluated according to their *first choice* unless an applicant is deemed ineligible for his or her first choice. **Applicants are encouraged to list a second choice when applying. If an applicant selects a second choice and does not discuss the selection in the essay questions, points will be deducted.**

Applicants are considered for their second choice seminar if they score high enough in the competition but do not make the cut-off for their first choice seminar.

If too few applications are received for a given seminar that seminar will be cancelled. Applicants who have selected a cancelled seminar as their first choice will be reviewed for their second choice, if the applicant lists a second choice. If they meet the qualifications for those seminars, they will be selected to participate in either their second choice.

Program Requirement

The requirement to participate in the SA program is the completion of a curriculum project that must be submitted to the agency administering the seminar, 90 days after the conclusion of the seminar.

Ineligibility Factor

Those individuals who have participated in the Fulbright-Hays Seminars Abroad Program or Group Projects Abroad Program or the Japan Fulbright Memorial Fund must wait two summers before they are eligible to participate a second time; i.e., those individuals who participated in a seminar or group project in 2007 or 2008 are not yet eligible to reapply.

**U.S. Department of Education
Washington, DC 20006**

APPLICATION FOR FULBRIGHT-HAYS SEMINARS ABROAD PROGRAM
(P.L. 87-256, as amended)

PART A. APPLICATION INFORMATION

FORM APPROVED
OMB NO. 1840-0501
EXPIRATION DATE: 07/31/2009

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless such collection displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 1840-0501. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average four hours per response, including the time to review instruction, search existing data resources, gather the data needed, and complete and review the information collection. If you have any comments concerning the accuracy of the time estimate or suggestions for improving this form, please write to: U.S. Department of Education, Washington, DC 20202-4651. If you have comments or concerns regarding the status of your individual submission of this form, write directly to International Education and Graduate Programs Service, U.S. Department of Education, 1990 K Street, NW – 6th Floor, Washington, DC 20006-8521.

1. Applicant's Basic Data (please print or type)

A. Name: _____ **B. Mr. Mrs. Ms. Dr.**
(Last) (First) (M.I.)

C. Home Address: _____
(Number and Street including Apt. #)

(City) (State) (Zip Code)

D. Home Telephone: _____ **E. Date of Birth:** __ - __ - 19__ **F. Place of Birth:** _____

G. Home email: _____

H. Seminar Preference Elementary Education	Seminar Preference Secondary Education	Seminary Preference Postsecondary Education	I. US Citizen/ Permanent Resident <small>Please Circle YES NO</small>
First Choice	First Choice	First Choice	J. Veteran's Status <input type="radio"/>
Second or Third Choice <small>(optional)</small>	Second or Third Choice <small>(optional)</small>	Second or Third Choice <small>(optional)</small>	

K. Emergency Contact
Name: _____ **Telephone:** _____
(Last) (First) (M.I.)

Home Address: _____
(Number and Street including Apt. #)

(City) (State) (Zip Code)

2. Previous Fulbright- Hays or Fulbright Memorial Fund

Title of Grant/Award _____ Host Country _____ Date of Award (month/year) _____

3. Present Employment

Number of years in present position _____ **Full Time** _____ **Part Time** _____

A. Position/Title Date of Employment: _____

Name of Institution/School: _____
 Address _____

Telephone Number: _____ Fax Number: _____ Work E-mail: _____

Academic Level Taught (Please check the appropriate academic level)

Elementary School _____ Middle School _____ Secondary School _____

Postsecondary (2yr.) _____ Postsecondary (4yr.) _____

Curriculum Specialist _____ Other: _____

Technical Review Form

You will be evaluated by the following selection criteria.
Please complete the following pages to the best of your ability.

1. Curriculum Vitae	20 points
2. International Experience	20 points
3. Demonstrated Need	25 points
4. Project plan and implementation	25 points
5. References	10 points
Total	100 points

Evaluation Criterion: Curriculum Vitae: This section is worth 20 points.

1. PLEASE INCLUDE A COPY OF YOUR Curriculum Vitae (C.V). Your c.v. should contain the following pieces of information: current position, previous experience, professional initiatives, honors, awards, and involvement in educational/professional organizations, and impact in and beyond the classroom. Please be sure to include your passport information: Name as it appears on your passport, date of issue, date of expiration, passport number, and place of issue. Please limit your CV to no more than three pages. Any piece of the essay that exceeds the three page limit will not be considered.

Evaluation Criterion: International Experience: This section is worth 20 points.

2. PLEASE COMMENT ON YOUR ABILITY TO LEARN FROM INTERNATIONAL AND/OR INTERCULTURAL EXPERIENCES THAT YOU HAVE HAD. Please limit your essay to no more than three pages. Any piece of the essay that exceeds the three page limit will not be considered. (Relevant background includes travel, formal study, demonstrated ability to adapt to/with new cultures- Does not have to be an overseas experience.)

Evaluation Criterion: Demonstrated Need: This section is worth 25 points.

3. EXPLAIN YOUR NEED FOR THIS OVERSEAS EXPERIENCE AND WHY YOU WANT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SEMINAR (S) YOU SELECTED. Indicate why you require greater knowledge of the host country (ies) by traveling overseas. Include a discussion on what aspects of the society (ies) you are interested in learning about. You must demonstrate a direct connection between the seminar and your current teaching and/or administrative responsibilities. Please limit your essay to no more than three pages. Any piece of the essay that exceeds the three page limit will not be considered.

PLEASE ADDRESS ALL COUNTRY CHOICES

Points will be deducted for not discussing countries listed on Applicant Information Page

Evaluation Criterion: Project plan and implementation: This section is worth 25 points.

4. DESCRIBE HOW YOU PLAN TO INCORPORATE THE SEMINAR EXPERIENCE INTO YOUR PROFESSIONAL WORK TO ENHANCE INTERNATIONAL, INTERCULTURAL UNDERSTANDING. (such as teaching, curriculum development, and outreach activities). Please limit your essay to no more than three pages. Any piece of the essay that exceeds the three page limit will not be considered.

PLEASE ADDRESS ALL COUNTRY CHOICES

Points will be deducted for not discussing countries listed on Applicant Information Page

5. Reference Forms- Part 1
Evaluation Criterion: This section is worth 10 points.

Applicant Name: _____

First Country Choice: _____

Suitability and adaptability for participation in a seminar abroad.

PART B-1. SUPERVISOR REFERENCE FORM FOR APPLICANT

Is the applicant a full time teacher, administrator, faculty, or staff member? Yes No

Please draft a letter responding to the following criteria for the applicant:

- Knowledge of specific field
- Ability to work with colleagues, including those with differing views, and or different backgrounds
- Ability to communicate effectively
- Adaptability
- Leadership
- Resourcefulness
- Impact, in and beyond the classroom
- Ability to work and travel in a group setting
- Impression which will be made abroad as a U.S. citizen
- Ability to exercise sound judgment

Additional comments on the applicants' professional competence, experience, accomplishments, and personal qualities. Also, indicate any limitations.

Please be sure to close the letter with your full contact information and connection to the applicant.

Use Additional page if necessary.

Reference Forms - Part 2

Applicant Name: _____

First Country Choice: _____

PART B-2. REFERENCE FORM FOR APPLICANT

Please draft a letter responding to the following criteria for the applicant:

- Knowledge of specific field
- Ability to work with colleagues, including those with differing views, and or different backgrounds
- Ability to communicate effectively
- Adaptability
- Leadership
- Resourcefulness
- Impact, in and beyond the classroom
- Ability to work and travel in a group setting
- Impression which will be made abroad as a U.S. citizen
- Ability to exercise sound judgment

Please be sure to close the letter with your full contact information and connection to the applicant.

Use additional page if necessary.

Reference Forms- Part 3

Applicant Name: _____

First Country Choice: _____

PART B-3. REFERENCE FORM FOR APPLICANT

Please draft a letter responding to the following criteria for the applicant:

- Knowledge of specific field
- Ability to work with colleagues, including those with differing views, and or different backgrounds
- Ability to communicate effectively
- Adaptability
- Leadership
- Resourcefulness
- Impact, in and beyond the classroom
- Ability to work and travel in a group setting
- Impression which will be made abroad as a U.S. citizen
- Ability to exercise sound judgment

Please be sure to close the letter with your full contact information and connection to the applicant.

Use additional page if necessary.

CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING

Applicants must review the requirements for certification regarding lobbying included in the regulations cited below before completing this form. Applicants must sign this form to comply with the certification requirements under 34 CFR Part 82, "New Restrictions on Lobbying." This certification is a material representation of fact upon which the Department of Education relies when it makes a grant or enters into a cooperative agreement.

As required by Section 1352, Title 31 of the U.S. Code, and implemented at 34 CFR Part 82, for persons entering into a Federal contract, grant or cooperative agreement over \$100,000, as defined at 34 CFR Part 82, Sections 82.105 and 82.110, the applicant certifies that:

(a) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the making of any Federal grant, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal grant or cooperative agreement;

(b) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal grant or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form - LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions;

(c) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subgrants and contracts under grants and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I hereby certify that the applicant will comply with the above certification.

NAME OF APPLICANT	PR/AWARD NUMBER AND / OR PROJECT NAME
PRINTED NAME AND TITLE OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE	
SIGNATURE	DATE

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Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion -- Lower Tier Covered Transactions

This certification is required by the Department of Education regulations implementing Executive Order 12549, Debarment and Suspension, 34 CFR Part 85, for all lower tier transactions meeting the threshold and tier requirements stated at Section 85.110.

Instructions for Certification

1. By signing and submitting this proposal, the prospective lower tier participant is providing the certification set out below.
2. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was entered into. If it is later determined that the prospective lower tier participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.
3. The prospective lower tier participant shall provide immediate written notice to the person to which this proposal is submitted if at any time the prospective lower tier participant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
4. The terms "covered transaction," "debarred," "suspended," "ineligible," "lower tier covered transaction," "participant," "person," "primary covered transaction," "principal," "proposal," and "voluntarily excluded," as used in this clause, have the meanings set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of rules implementing Executive Order 12549. You may contact the person to which this proposal is submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations.
5. The prospective lower tier participant agrees by submitting this proposal that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency with which this transaction originated.
6. The prospective lower tier participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include the clause titled Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility, and Voluntary Exclusion-Lower Tier Covered Transactions, without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions.
7. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that it is not debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant may decide the method and frequency by which it determines the eligibility of its principals. Each participant may but is not required to, check the Nonprocurement List.
8. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.
9. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph 5 of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.

Certification

- (1) The prospective lower tier participant certifies, by submission of this proposal, that neither it nor its principals are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency.
- (2) Where the prospective lower tier participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

ASSURANCES - NON-CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS

OMB Approval No. 0348-0040

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 15 minutes per response, including time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project (0348-0040), Washington, DC 20503.

PLEASE DO NOT RETURN YOUR COMPLETED FORM TO THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET. SEND IT TO THE ADDRESS PROVIDED BY THE SPONSORING AGENCY.

Note: Certain of these assurances may not be applicable to your project or program. If you have questions, please contact the awarding agency. Further, certain Federal awarding agencies may require applicants to certify to additional assurances. If such is the case, you will be notified.

As the duly authorized representative of the applicant I certify that the applicant:

1. Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance, and the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay the non-Federal share of project cost) to ensure proper planning, management, and completion of the project described in this application.
2. Will give the awarding agency, the Comptroller General of the United States, and if appropriate, the State, through any authorized representative, access to and the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the award; and will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards or agency directives.
3. Will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain.
4. Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the awarding agency.
5. Will comply with the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. 4728-4763) relating to prescribed standards for merit systems for programs funded under one of the 19 statutes or regulations specified in Appendix A of OPM's Standards for a Merit System of Personnel Administration (5 C.F.R. 900, Subpart F).
6. Will comply with all Federal statutes relating to nondiscrimination. These include but are not limited to: (a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin; (b) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C. 1681-1683, and 1685-1686), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex; (c) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. 794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicaps; (d) the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. 6101-6107), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age; (e) the Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-255), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of drug abuse; (f) the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-616), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of alcohol abuse or alcoholism; (g) 523 and 527 of the Public Health Service Act of 1912 (42 U.S.C. 290 dd-3 and 290 ee 3), as amended, relating to confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records; (h) Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3601 et seq.), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination in the sale, rental or financing of housing; (i) any other nondiscrimination provisions in the specific statute(s) under which application for Federal assistance is being made; and (j) the requirements of any other nondiscrimination statute(s) which may apply to the application.
7. Will comply, or has already complied, with the requirements of Titles II and III of the uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-646) which provide for fair and equitable treatment of persons displaced or whose property is acquired as a result of Federal or federally assisted programs. These requirements apply to all interests in real property acquired for project purposes regardless of Federal participation in purchases.

8. Will comply, as applicable, with the provisions of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. 1501-1508 and 7324-7328) which limit the political activities of employees whose principal employment activities are funded in whole or in part with Federal fun
9. Will comply, as applicable, with the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. 276a to 276a-7), the Copeland Act (40 U.S.C. 276c and 18 U.S.C. 874) and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 327-333), regarding labor standards for federally assisted construction subagreements.
10. Will comply, if applicable, with flood insurance purchase requirements of Section 102(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-234) which requires recipients in a special flood hazard area to participate in the program and to purchase flood insurance if the total cost of insurable construction and acquisition is \$10,000 or more.
11. Will comply with environmental standards which may be prescribed pursuant to the following: (a) institution of environmental quality control measures under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190) and Executive Order (EO) 11514; (b) notification of violating facilities pursuant to EO 11738; (c) protection of wetlands pursuant to EO 11990; (d) evaluation of flood hazards in floodplains in accordance with EO 11988; (e) assurance of project consistency with the approved State management program developed under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. 1451 et seq.); (f) conformity of Federal actions to State (Clear Air) Implementation Plans under Section 176(c) of the Clear Air Act of 1955, as amended (42 U.S.C. 7401 et seq.); (g) protection of underground sources of drinking water under the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended, (P.L. 93-523); and (h) protection of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended, (P.L. 93-205).
12. Will comply with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968 (16 U.S.C. 1721 et seq.) related to protecting components or potential components of the national wild and scenic rivers system.
13. Will assist the awarding agency in assuring compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. 470), EO 11593 (identification and protection of historic properties), and the Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. 469a-1 et seq.).
14. Will comply with P.L. 93-348 regarding the protection of human subjects involved in research, development, and related activities supported by this award of assistance.
15. Will comply with the Laboratory Animal Welfare Act of 1966 (P.L. 89-544, as amended, 7 U.S.C. 2131 et seq.) pertaining to the care, handling, and treatment of warm blooded animals held for research, teaching, or other activities supported by this award of assistance.
16. Will comply with the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. 4801 et seq.) which prohibits the use of lead- based paint in construction or rehabilitation of residence structures.
17. Will cause to be performed the required financial and compliance audits in accordance with the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 and OMB Circular No. A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations.
18. Will comply with all applicable requirements of all other Federal laws, executive orders, regulations and policies governing this program.

Standard Form 424B (Rev. 7-97) Back



Certification of Eligibility for Federal Assistance in Certain Programs

I understand that 34 CFR 75.60, 75.61, and 75.62 require that I make specific certifications of eligibility to the U.S. Department of Education as a condition of applying for Federal funds in certain programs and that these requirements are in addition to any other eligibility requirements that the U.S. Department of Education imposes under program regulations. Under 34 CFR 75.60 – 75.62:

I. I certify that

A. I do not owe a debt, or I am current in repaying a debt, or I am not in default (as that term is used at 34 CFR Part 668) on a debt:

1. To the Federal Government under a nonprocurement transaction (e.g., a previous loan, scholarship, grant, or cooperative agreement); or
2. For a fellowship, scholarship, stipend, discretionary grant, or loan in any program of the U.S. Department of Education that is subject to 34 CFR 75.60, 75.61, and 75.62, including:
 - Federal Pell Grant Program (20 U.S.C. 1070a, et seq.);
 - Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG) Program (20 U.S.C. 1070(b), et seq.);
 - State Student Incentive Grant Program (SSIG) 20 U.S.C. 1070c, et seq.);
 - Federal Perkins Loan Program (20 U.S.C. 1087aa, et seq.);
 - Income Contingent Direct Loan Demonstration Project (20 U.S.C. 1087a, note);
 - Federal Stafford Loan Program, Federal Supplemental Loans for Students [SLS], Federal PLUS, or Federal Consolidation Loan Program (20 U.S.C. 1071, et seq.);
 - Cuban Student Loan Program (20 U.S.C. 2601, et seq.);
 - Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship Program (20 U.S.C. 1070d-31, et seq.);
 - Jacob K. Javits Fellows Program (20 U.S.C. 1134h-1134i);
 - Patricia Roberts Harris Fellowship Program (20 U.S.C. 1134d-1134g);
 - Christa McAuliffe Fellowship Program (20 U.S.C. 1105-1105i);
 - Bilingual Education Fellowship Program (20 U.S.C. 3221-3262);
 - Rehabilitation Long-Term Training Program (29 U.S.C. 774(b));
 - Paul Douglas Teacher Scholarship (20 U.S.C. 1104, et seq.);
 - Law Enforcement Education Program (42 U.S.C. 3775);
 - Indian Fellowship Program (29 U.S.C. 774(b));

OR

B. I have made arrangements satisfactory to the U.S. Department of Education to repay a debt as described in A.1. or A.2. (above) on which I had not been current in repaying or on which I was in default (as that term is used in 34 CFR Part 668).

II. I certify also that I have not been declared by a judge, as a condition of sentencing under section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988 (21 U.S.C. 862), ineligible to receive Federal assistance for the period of this requested funding.

I understand that providing a false certification to any of the statements above makes me liable for repayment to the U.S. Department of Education for funds received on the basis of this certification, for civil penalties, and for criminal prosecution under 18 U.S.C. 1001.

Name or Number of the USDE program under which this certification is being made: **FULBRIGHT-HAYS SEMINARS ABROAD PROGRAM, CFDA NO. 84.018**

The Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA)

What is GPRA?

The Government Performance and Results Act of 1993 (GPRA) is a straightforward statute that requires all federal agencies to manage their activities with attention to the consequences of those activities. Each agency is to clearly state what it intends to accomplish, identify the resources required, and periodically report their progress to the Congress. In so doing, it is expected that the GPRA will contribute to improvements in accountability for the expenditures of public funds, improve congressional decision-making through more objective information on the effectiveness of federal programs, and promote a new government focus on results, service delivery, and customer satisfaction.

How has the Department of Education Responded to the GPRA Requirements?

As required by GPRA, the Department of Education has prepared a strategic plan for 2002-2007. This plan reflects the Department's priorities and integrates them with its mission and program authorities and describes how the Department will work to improve education for all children and adults in the United States. The Department's goals, as listed in the plan, are:

- Goal 1: Create a Culture of Achievement
- Goal 2: Improve Student Achievement
- Goal 3: Develop Safe Schools and Strong Character
- Goal 4: Transform Education into an Evidence-based Field
- Goal 5: Enhance the Quality of and Access to Postsecondary and Adult Education
- Goal 6: Establish Management Excellence

The performance indicators for the International Education Programs are part of the Department's plan for meeting Goal 5: Enhance the Quality of and Access to Postsecondary and Adult Education.

What are the Performance Indicators for the International Education Programs?

The Department's specific goal for the International Education programs is "to meet the nation's security and economic needs through the development and maintenance of a national capacity in foreign languages, and area and international studies." The Department has established objectives and performance indicators for the Title VI and Fulbright Hays programs and data are collected through the Evaluation of Exchange, Language, Area and International Studies (EELIAS) performance reporting system. The indicators for the International Education programs focus on the following areas: (1) expansion of critical languages; (2) employment in field; and (3) improved language competency.

All grantees are required to submit annual performance reports through EELIAS that describe the projects' accomplishments and provide GPRA data. Data collected from each of the fourteen International Education programs are used to assess the success of meeting the performance objectives.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE PARTICIPANTS
IN U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
GRANT AND CONTRACT PROGRAMS**

GRANTS

Applicants for grants from the U.S. Department of Education (ED) have to compete for limited funds. Deadlines assure all applicants that they will be treated fairly and equally, without last minute haste. For these reasons, ED must set strict deadlines for grant applications. Prospective applicants can avoid disappointment if they understand that:

Failure to meet a deadline will mean that an applicant will be rejected without any consideration.

The rules, including the deadline, for applying for each grant are published, individually, in the Federal Register. A one-year subscription to the Register may be obtained by sending \$555.00 to: Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402-9371. (Send check or money order only, no cash or stamps.) In addition, the Federal Register is available on-line for free on Government Printing Office (GPO) Access: <http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara>. Depository Library location and Federal Register services: <http://www.nara.gov/fedreg>.

The instructions in the Federal Register must be followed exactly. Do not accept any other advice you may receive. No ED employee is authorized to extend any deadline published in the Register. No ED employees are authorized to extend any deadline published in the Federal Register. Questions regarding submission of applications may be addressed to:

U.S. Department of Education
Application Control Center
Washington, DC 20202-4260

CONTRACTS

Competitive procurement actions undertaken by the ED are governed by the Federal Acquisition Regulations and implementing Department of Education Acquisition Regulations.

Generally, prospective competitive procurement actions are synopsisized in the Commerce Business Daily (CBD). Prospective offerors are therein advised of the nature of the procurement and where to apply for copies of the Request for Proposals (RFP). All of ED's RFP's are now available on-line for downloading at the following url: <http://www.ed.gov/offices/ocfo/contracts/currrfp.html>.

Offerors are advised to be guided solely by the contents of the CBD synopsis and the instructions contained in the RFP. Questions regarding the submission of offers should be addressed to the Contracts Specialist identified on the face page of the RFP. Offers are judged in competition with others, and failure to conform with any substantive requirements of the RFP will result in rejection of the offer without any consideration whatever.

Do not accept any advice you receive that is contrary to instructions contained in either the CBD synopsis or the RFP. No ED employee is authorized to consider a proposal which is non-responsive to the RFP. A subscription to the CBD is available for \$208.00 per year via second class mailing or \$261.00 per year via first class mailing. Information included in the Federal Acquisition Regulation is contained in Title 48, Code of Federal Regulations, Chapter 1 (\$49.00). The foregoing publication may be obtained by sending your check or money order only, no cash or stamps, to:

Superintendent of Documents
U.S. Government Printing Office
Washington, DC 20402-9371

In addition, the Commerce Business Daily is available on-line for free at the following url: <http://cbdnet.access.gpo.gov/>. The Federal Acquisition Regulations are available on-line at the following url: <http://www.arnet.gov/far/>. In an effort to be certain this important information is widely disseminated, this notice is being included in all ED mail to the public. You may therefore, receive more than one notice. If you do, we apologize for any annoyance it may cause you.

ED FORM 5348, 7/01

2009 FULBRIGHT-HAYS SEMINARS ABROAD PROGRAM TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE AWARD

Participants in the Seminars Abroad Program must comply with all terms and conditions of the award and directions from program staff. If a participant fails to comply with these terms and conditions and any additional directions, the U.S. Department of Education may terminate the grant, require the participant to repay the government for any funds spent to support the participant or bar the participant from any future seminars.

By accepting this award, the participant agrees to comply with all laws of the United States and the host country.

The participant agrees not to engage in any activities that are likely to give offense to the host country or to bring the United States into disrepute.

By accepting this award, the participant agrees to attend and participate in all seminar activities.

- Seminar activities are very intensive and *attendance at all activities is required*. Being joined by dependents, relatives, or friends in the host country during the period of the seminar is not permitted
- By accepting this award, the participant is agreeing that he/she is willing to endure certain discomforts that may arise, and that he or she is able to keep up with the high pace of the program.
- The candidate must be physically and psychologically able to participate in all phases of the seminar. Award recipients must provide a physician's statement to reflect participants' readiness for travel
- Participants are required to contribute \$400.00 as a cost share to help defer the costs of the seminar program.
- Participants are responsible for additional expenses which may include the following:
 - ◆passport and visa fees; ◆inoculations; ◆the purchasing of gifts to bring for any visits during the seminar; ◆charges for telephone calls and/or faxing to the overseas administering agency during the pre-departure period; ◆the purchasing of books/curriculum materials during the seminar; and ◆personal expenditures.
- All seminar participants are required to have health insurance that is valid in the host country (ies). The participant's insurance **must include emergency evacuation and repatriation of remains coverage**. If participant's current health insurance is not valid, he or she is required to purchase insurance through the United States Department of State (DOS) or some other group carrier.
- Participants are required to notify our office of any change in their physical or mental health prior to the beginning of the seminar.
- Participants are **required** to complete one curriculum project that is relevant to institutions' use. The project will be facilitated by the U.S. Department of Education's administering agency in the host country (ies), and is due within 90 days of the seminar end date.
- Participants are required to share their curriculum projects with colleagues and conduct outreach activities in their schools, institutions, and communities upon return to the U.S. (Participants will be asked to submit a detailed dissemination report on how this was accomplished.)
- Participants are required to complete an evaluation of the seminar using a form provided by the U.S. Department of Education.
- Travel must be taken in accordance with the ticket issued by the overseas administering agency.
- All announced seminars are subject to the availability of Federal funds and the cooperation of foreign nations. Seminars could be cancelled or changed due to a decrease in funding, situations in the host countries, or too few applications received.

THE J. WILLIAM FULBRIGHT FOREIGN SCHOLARSHIP BOARD
STATEMENT OF THE RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF AMERICAN GRANTEES

“Grants under the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961, as amended (Fulbright-Hays Act), involve certain obligations and responsibilities on the part of each grantee. A person accepting such a grant is not by virtue thereof an official or employee of the Department of State or other agency of the Government of the United States of America, or of an agency of the government of the host country.

Grantees are private citizens, retaining the rights of citizens to the personal and intellectual freedom generally accepted under the United States constitutional system and by the educational community.

The J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board believes, however, the individual grantees are responsible for protecting the nonpolitical character of the program during their grants. They should be aware that their public political statements or activity while abroad may, in certain circumstances, draw into the political arena an educational exchange program that has been characterized since its inception, as free and nonpolitical.

Further, it should be recognized that American citizens who make political statements abroad or who engage in activities with political connotations may thereby become involved in the domestic political processes of their host country even when they wish only to express agreement or disagreement with U.S. Government policy. Grantees should be aware that such activities are incompatible with the objectives of the program and that they are responsible for exercising discretion and judgment in all of their actions, both public and private.”

REVOCAION OR TERMINATION OF THE AWARD

Upon the recommendation of the bi-national commission, overseas posts, and the Secretary of Education, the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board may terminate your award.

“Grounds for revocation may include but are not limited to: (1) violations of the laws of the United States or of the host country; (2) misconduct; (3) failure to observe satisfactory academic or professional standards; (4) physical or mental incapacitation; (5) acts likely to give offense to the host country; and/or (6) engaging in political or unauthorized income-producing activities; or other activities which in the discretion of the Foreign Scholarships Board and the Department are inconsistent with the best interests of the program.”

CERTIFICATION

I certify that the information I provided on this application is correct to the best of my ability and that I agree to the terms and conditions of the award if selected.

Signature of Applicant

Date

INFORMATION ON THE PRIVACY ACT

In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 (Public Law No. 93-579, 5 U.S.C. 552a), you are hereby notified that: (1) The Department is authorized to collect information to implement the Fulbright-Hays Seminars Abroad Program/Bilateral Projects under the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961 (Public Law 87-256; 75 Stat. 527) and Section 4 of Executive Order 11034. In accordance with this authority, the Office receives and maintains personal information on applicants for use in processing applications and selecting participants. (2) The principle purpose for collecting this information is to administer the program, including use by program staff and field readers to determine eligibility and suitability for participation in a seminar abroad and use by program staff to ensure compliance with program requirements. (3) The information may be disclosed to third parties such as the U.S. embassies, agencies that the Department has authorized to assist in administering the seminars including binational commissions, the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board, and in some cases foreign governments for use in issuing visas.

Disclosure may be made to a Congressional office from the record of an individual in response to an inquiry from the Congressional office made at the request of that individual. If the Department or an employee of the Department is involved in litigation, the Department may send your information to the Department of Justice, a court, adjudicative body, or potential witness provided such disclosure is compatible with the purpose for which the information was requested. Disclosure may also be made to the Department of Justice for the purpose of obtaining its advice as to whether particular records are required to be disclosed under the Freedom of Information Act. When the appropriate office of Ed determines that an individual or an organization is qualified to carry out specific research, that official may disclose information to that researcher solely for the purpose of carrying out the research. When ED contracts with a private firm for the purpose of administering the seminar(s), relevant records will be disclosed to the contractor. The contractor shall be required to maintain Privacy Act safeguards with respect to such records. Information may be disclosed to any Federal, State, local or foreign agency or public authority responsible for enforcing, investigating, or prosecuting violations of administrative, civil, or criminal law or regulation where the information is relevant to any enforcement, regulatory, investigative, or prosecutive responsibility with the receiving entity's jurisdiction. Information may be disclosed in response to a subpoena issued by a Federal agency having the power to subpoena records or other Federal agencies. (4) You are not required to submit the information requested in this application, however the information will be used in the processing and evaluation of applications; and the effects of not providing all or any part of the requested information may delay the process or make it impossible to process an application (disclosure of your social security number is voluntary; failure to disclose such a number will not result in the denial of any right, benefit or privilege to which an individual is entitled).