

THIRTY-NINE FULBRIGHT PROGRAM ALUMNI AWARDED THE NOBEL PRIZE

"It would have been impossible to do anything without Fulbright." **2008 Nobel Laureate in Chemistry Osamu Shimomura, Japan**

"Fulbright provided me the bridge to cross. I saw how things can be done differently in a different society.... I learned lessons which stood me in good stead when building up the Grameen Bank." **2006 Nobel Peace Prize Recipient Muhammad Yunus, Bangladesh**

"The Fulbright Program played a pivotal role in my professional development, both by providing me with an opportunity to broaden my intellectual horizons, and enabling me to see the world through quite different perspectives. This served me well, especially when I became chief economist and senior vice president of the World Bank." **2001 Nobel Laureate in Economics Joseph Stiglitz, USA**

"If it were not for the Fulbright fellowship, I would certainly not have had the good fortune of obtaining a Nobel prize. I think Fulbright is one of the world's greatest educational and cultural programs." **2000 Nobel Laureate in Chemistry Alan G. MacDiarmid, New Zealand**

Alumni of the Fulbright Educational Exchange Program increase international understanding and engagement, pursue collaborative projects of importance to the people of the world, and enrich our lives and culture. The Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the U.S. Department of State recognizes 39 alumni of the Fulbright Program from 11 countries (Bangladesh, France, Germany, Greece, Israel, Italy, Japan, New Zealand, Norway, Sweden, and the United States) who have been awarded the Nobel Prize for their contributions to humanity.

Jean-Marie Le Clézio – France, Nobel Laureate in Literature 2008,
Fulbright Scholar at University of California – Santa Cruz, 1979

Osamu Shimomura – Japan, Nobel Laureate in Chemistry 2008,
Fulbright Scholar at Princeton University, 1960

Leonid Hurwicz – USA, Nobel Laureate in Economics 2007
Fulbright Scholar in India, 1965-66

Muhammad Yunus – Bangladesh, Recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize
2006
Fulbright student at University of Colorado, Boulder and Vanderbilt
University, 1965-66

Aaron Ciechanover - Israel, Nobel Laureate in Chemistry 2004
Fulbright Scholar at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 1981-84

Riccardo Giacconi – Italy, Nobel Laureate in Physics 2002
Fulbright Student at Indiana University, 1956-58

Masatoshi Koshiba - Japan, Nobel Laureate in Physics 2002
Fulbright Student at University of Rochester, 1953-55

George A. Akerlof – USA, Nobel Laureate in Economics 2001
Fulbright Scholar in India, 1967-68

Joseph Stiglitz – USA, Nobel Laureate in Economics 2001
Fulbright Student in the United Kingdom, 1969-70

Alan G. MacDiarmid – New Zealand, Nobel Laureate in Chemistry 2000
Fulbright Student at University of Wisconsin, 1950



Muhammad Yunus receives the Nobel Peace Prize. Photo Credit: Reuters, December 10, 2006

THIRTY-NINE FULBRIGHT PROGRAM ALUMNI AWARDED THE NOBEL PRIZE

Douglass C. North – USA, Nobel Laureate in Economics 1993
Fulbright Scholar in Uruguay, 1990

Erwin Neher – Germany, Nobel Laureate in Medicine 1991
Fulbright Student at University of Wisconsin, 1966

Trygve Haavelmo – Norway, Nobel Laureate in Economics 1989
Fulbright Scholar at University of Chicago, 1957-58



President George W. Bush during a ceremony honoring the U. S. Nobel Laureates in the East Room of the White House, Nov. 27, 2001. Fulbright Program alumni George Akerlof and Joseph Stiglitz are first and sixth from the left, respectively. White House photo by Tina Hager

Susumu Tonegawa – Japan, Nobel Laureate in Medicine 1987
Fulbright Student at University of California, San Diego, 1963

Franco Modigliani – USA, Nobel Laureate in Economics 1985
Fulbright Scholar in Italy, 1961-62

James M. Buchanan – USA, Nobel Laureate in Economics 1986
Fulbright Scholar in Italy, 1955-56; in the United Kingdom, 1961-62

Carlo Rubbia – Italy, Nobel Laureate in Physics 1984
Fulbright Student at Columbia University, 1958-59

William Alfred Fowler – USA, Nobel Laureate in Physics 1983
Fulbright Student in the United Kingdom, 1954-55

Bengt Samuelsson – Sweden, Nobel Laureate in Medicine 1982
Fulbright Scholar at Harvard University, 1961



Legacy of Leadership

THIRTY-NINE FULBRIGHT PROGRAM ALUMNI AWARDED THE NOBEL PRIZE

Philip W. Anderson – USA, Nobel Laureate in Physics 1977
Fulbright Scholar in Japan, 1953-54

Rosalyn S. Yalow – USA, Nobel Laureate in Medicine 1977
Fulbright Scholar in Portugal

Milton Friedman – USA, Nobel Laureate in Economics 1976
Fulbright Scholar in the United Kingdom, 1953-54

Henry Kissinger – USA, Recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize 1973
Fulbright Specialist in India, 1962-63

Wassily Leontief – USA, Nobel Laureate in Economics 1973
Fulbright Scholar in France, 1961-62

Kenneth Arrow – USA, Nobel Laureate in Economics 1972
Fulbright Scholar in Italy, 1995

Paul Samuelson – USA, Nobel Laureate in Economics 1970
Fulbright Scholar in Asia, 1972

Hannes Alfvén – Sweden, Nobel Laureate in Physics 1970
Fulbright Scholar at the University of Maryland, 1954-55

Lars Onsager – USA, Nobel Laureate in Chemistry 1968
Fulbright Scholar in the United Kingdom, 1951-52

Hans Bethe – USA, Nobel Laureate in Physics 1967
Fulbright Scholar in the United Kingdom, 1955

Robert Sanderson Mulliken – USA, Nobel Laureate in Chemistry 1966
Fulbright Scholar in the United Kingdom, 1952-54

Charles Hard Townes – USA, Nobel Laureate in Physics 1964
Fulbright Scholar in France and Japan, 1955-56; Europe, 1972

Giorgos Seferis – Greece, Nobel Laureate in Literature 1963
Fulbright Scholar at Princeton University, 1968-69

Linus Pauling – USA, Recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize 1962
Fulbright Scholar in Yugoslavia, 1988

John Steinbeck – USA, Nobel Laureate in Literature, 1962
Fulbright Specialist in Europe, 1963

James D. Watson – USA, Nobel Laureate in Medicine 1962
Fulbright Scholar in Argentina, 1986

Emilio Segre – USA, Nobel Laureate in Physics 1959
Fulbright Scholar in Italy, 1950



Legacy of Leadership

THIRTY-NINE FULBRIGHT PROGRAM ALUMNI AWARDED THE NOBEL PRIZE

Joshua Lederberg – USA, Nobel Laureate in Medicine 1958
Fulbright Scholar in Australia, 1957

Chen Ning Yang – USA, Nobel Laureate in Physics 1957
Fulbright Scholar in Brazil, Venezuela, Poland, Egypt and Malaysia, 1974

Linus Pauling – USA, Nobel Laureate in Chemistry 1954
Fulbright Scholar in Yugoslavia, 1988

Felix Bloch – USA, Nobel Laureate in Physics 1952
Fulbright Scholar in Israel, 1959

Fulbright Impact: The Legacy is Leadership – The U.S. Department of State sponsors Fulbright scholarships (www.fulbright.state.gov) for students, scholars, teachers and professionals from the United States and more than 155 countries. For information, contact James A. Lawrence, Public Affairs Officer, Office of Academic Exchange Programs (ECA/A/E), Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. Phone: (202) 453-8531; Fax: (202) 453-8125; E-mail: fulbright@state.gov

(ECA/A/E 10/08)