



The Fulbright Specialist Program

Online Application Instructions for South Africa

About the Fulbright Specialist Program

The Fulbright Specialist Program (FSP), part of the larger Fulbright Program, was established in 2001 by the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA). The program consists of field-driven initiatives in which foreign host institutions conceptualize and design projects of interest within an eligible discipline that represent a priority for their respective organizations. These projects are then paired with highly qualified U.S. academics or professionals who share their expertise and assist with strengthening linkages between U.S. and foreign host institutions. Participating foreign host institutions benefit by:

- Gaining global perspectives from experienced U.S. academics and professionals;
- Executing projects that require a rapid response or flexible timeline through short-term exchanges, and
- Building sustained relationships with individuals and institutions in the U.S.

Eligibility Requirements for Host Institutions

Host Institutions must have an educational component to their mission. Eligible institutions include:

- Institutions of higher education;
- Government institutions (ministries or agencies, courts, parliamentary or congressional bodies, etc.);
- Cultural institutions (conservatories, museums, etc.);
- Non-governmental organizations (think-tanks and issue-centered institutions, etc.); and
- Medical Institutions (public health organizations, teaching hospitals, etc.).

Eligible Disciplines

Projects designed by host institutions should focus on one of the eligible disciplines:

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| o Agriculture | o Environmental Science |
| o American Studies | o Law |
| o Anthropology | o Library Science |
| o Archeology | o Math Education |
| o Biology Education | o Peace and Conflict Resolution Studies |
| o Business Administration | o Physics Education |
| o Chemistry Education | o Political Science |
| o Communications and Journalism | o Public Administration |
| o Computer Science and Information Technology | o Public/Global Health |
| o Economics | o Social Work |
| o Education | o Sociology |
| o Engineering Education | o Urban Planning |

Fulbright Specialist Program Activities

The Fulbright Specialist Program encourages host institutions to tailor projects to their own needs. However, all projects should have an education or training focus. Due to the short-term nature of the exchange, projects should have concrete objectives that can be achieved over the course of the Specialist's visit. Past Specialists have supported host institutions by conducting activities such as:

- 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
- Systems strengthening

Note: Personal research projects, including clinical medical research or projects involving patient contact, are not eligible for funding under the Fulbright Specialist Program.

Program Parameters

- All exchanges must range from 14 to 42 days in length, including weekends, holidays and travel days.
- Projects are restricted to one country, and all project activities must take place in the country requesting the project.
- Each project is limited to only one Fulbright Specialist grantee.

Multi-Visit (Serial Projects)

If a host institution would benefit by having the Fulbright Specialist visit the host institution more than once, host institutions may apply for their project to be Multi-Visit. Please note that the majority of approved projects for South Africa are not Multi-Visit. Host institutions must provide a strong justification for why the Multi-Visit request would strengthen project outcomes. Please find below some general program parameters for Multi-Visit projects.

- o Multi-Visit projects cannot include more than a total of three trips.
- o All trips must be completed within a one-year period by the same Fulbright Specialist. The one-year period is calculated by adding 12 months from the initial start date of the first visit to the end date of the final visit.
- o Each visit must be a minimum of 14 days and the total number of days across all visits cannot exceed six weeks (42 days).

Identifying Fulbright Specialists

Host institutions are not required to identify U.S. academics or professionals to serve as their project's Fulbright Specialist prior to submitting their project proposal. On the contrary, if a host institution's project is approved, the program's implementing partner, World Learning, will identify candidates on the Fulbright Specialist Roster whose professional experience, academic credentials and foreign language skills match the knowledge and skills articulated by the host institution. The

host institution should list the skills that are critical to the project's successful implementation. If a host institution has identified a candidate that it would like to serve as the Fulbright Specialist, please note that the following conditions must be met:

- The individual must be approved by Fulbright Office at the U.S. Embassy in Pretoria
- The individual must be approved to join the Fulbright Specialist Roster; and
- The J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board must approve that individual to be matched with the host institution's specific project.

For more information on the Specialist matching process and the Fulbright Specialist Roster, please visit <http://fulbrightspecialist.worldlearning.org>

Program Funding and Cost Share

The U.S. Department of State typically covers:

- Roundtrip economy class international airfare
- Enrollment in a limited health benefits program
- A daily honorarium for participating Fulbright Specialists

Host institutions in South Africa must be prepared to provide the Specialist with lodging, meals, and in-country transportation, either through monetary or in-kind contributions, throughout their full stay in country. The stipend for in-country transportation should allow the Specialist to travel to and from their lodging and project activity site as well as allow the Specialist to conduct local activities such as trips to the grocery, pharmacy or market for essential items.

Application Process for Host Institutions

Host Institutions in South Africa must create an account on the [World Learning site](#) and will then have the ability to complete their application. The online portal accepts project proposals on a rolling basis throughout the year. Specific deadlines for South Africa are posted on the U.S. [Embassy website](#)

Note: This document contains specific guidelines for South African host institutions. The online application is for worldwide use and includes more general information.

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