



Fulbright–Hays Seminars Abroad Program Fiscal Year 2015 Webinar

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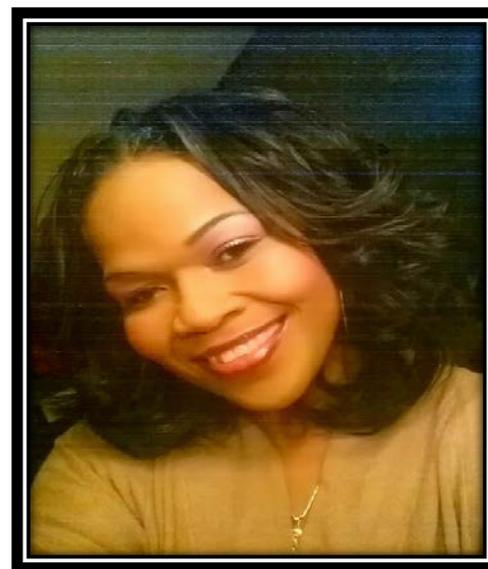
Fulbright–Hays Seminars Abroad (SA) Program

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Program Purpose

The Seminars Abroad program provides 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.

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Program Purpose

Individual: Grants to support short-term overseas study and curriculum development in the fields of social sciences, social studies and the humanities

Outcomes:

- curriculum development project and
- conducting outreach in their schools and communities upon return.
- curriculum projects are due no later than 90 days upon returning to the United States.

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Financial Provisions

- **Funds are provided for:**
 - Lodging and meals
 - International flights
 - Local travel (China)
 - Educational materials
 - Honoraria/meeting room space
 - Local administrative services
- **Participants are responsible for:**
 - Participant fee; Passport fees; inoculations; insurance coverage; personal expenditures (gifts, phone calls, etc.)
 - Participant fees are \$450

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Applicant Eligibility

- ✓ U.S. K–12 School System
- ✓ State Education Agency
- ✓ Local Education Agency
- ✓ U.S. Library System
- ✓ U.S. Museum

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Applicant Eligibility

An individual is eligible to participate in SA Program if s/he has:

- ✓ Citizenship – A U. S. citizen, national, or permanent resident of the United States
- ✓ Academic Preparation – must hold at least a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university.

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Applicant Eligibility

An individual is eligible to participate in SA Program if s/he has:

- ✓ Professional Experience – Eligible applicants meet the all of the following criteria:
 - ✓ Must have at least 3 years of full-time professional K-12 experience by the time of departure for the seminar;
 - ✓ Must be currently employed full-time (or its equivalent) in a teaching or administrative position at the level for which the candidate is applying;
 - ✓ Must be currently employed full-time (or its equivalent) in a U.S. K-12 school system, Local Education Agency, State Education Agency, library, or museum.

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Applicant Eligibility

An individual is eligible to participate in SA Program if the following rule applies to him/her:

50% Rule –

- ✓ Applications are accepted from those who work in two half-time permanent positions in two different schools or organizations, teaching or working at the same or similar academic levels.
- ✓ Applicants should indicate in the Curricula Vitae (CVs) their full or part-time status, including % Full-Time Equivalent for each position.

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Applicant Eligibility

- ✓ 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 that reflects participant’s readiness for travel
- ✓ Suitability and Adaptability – The applicant’s professional suitability and cross-cultural adaptability are assessed through the evaluation criteria, essay responses and letters of reference

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Applicant Eligibility

Applications from K-12 teachers/administrators who work at schools identified as:

✓ Title I Schools

OR

✓ Eligible for the Federal Student Aid Teacher Loan Forgiveness Program.

Applications from applicants who work at a school that falls into one of these categories will be awarded 10 additional points. Please indicate in your CV if your school is either eligible to be considered a Title I school or to participate in the Federal Student Aid Teacher Loan Forgiveness Program.

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Fields/Disciplines

■ Eligible Disciplines:

- ✓ Arts and Humanities
- ✓ Social Sciences

● Ineligible Disciplines:

- ✓ Accounting
- ✓ Counseling
- ✓ Engineering
- ✓ Math (Calculus, Trigonometry, Algebra, Statistics)
- ✓ Science (Biology, Chemistry, Physics)
- ✓ *** Those who are working in the “Primary Fields” but are not directly involved with curriculum development or classroom teaching**

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Selection Criteria

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Program Overview – Selection Criteria

1.	Curriculum Vitae	(10 points)
2.	International/Intercultural Experience	(10 points)
3.	Demonstrated Need	(35 points)
4.	Project Plan and Implementation	(35 points)
5.	References	(10 points)
6.	Competitive Priority	<u>(10points)</u>
	TOTAL	110 points

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Selection Criteria

Curriculum Vitae (10 Points)

- ❖ Please Include the Following:
 - ✓ Current position
 - ✓ Previous experience
 - ✓ Professional initiatives
 - ✓ Honors, awards and involvement in educational/professional organizations
 - ✓ Impact in and beyond the classroom
 - ✓ If Applicable:
 - ✓ 50% Rule
 - ✓ Title 1 or Federal Student Aid Teacher Loan Forgiveness Program
- Any part of the C.V. that exceeds the three page limit will not be considered.

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Selection Criteria

International/Intercultural Experience (10 Points)

- ❖ Demonstration of ability to learn from international and/or intercultural experiences, both at home and abroad based on the essay.
 - Relevant background includes travel, formal study, and demonstrated ability to adapt to/with new cultures – does not have to be an overseas experience
- ❖ Any essay that exceeds the three page limit will not be considered
- ❖ *All essays must be written in Times New Roman, 12 point font, and one inch margins*

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Selection Criteria

Demonstrated Need (35 Points)

- ❖ Please address the connection between the seminar and your current teaching and/or administrative responsibilities.
- ❖ Any essay that exceeds the three page limit will not be considered.
- ❖ *All essays must be written in Times New Roman, 12 point font, and one inch margins.*

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Selection Criteria

Project Plan and Implementation (35 Points)

- ❖ Please incorporate the seminar experience into your professional work to enhance audience's international/intercultural understanding.
- ❖ A strong application should discuss outlines for a curriculum development project as well as classroom and outreach strategies.
- ❖ Any essay that exceeds the three page limit will not be considered.
- ❖ *All essays must be written in Times New Roman, 12 point font, and one inch margins.*

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Selection Criteria

References (10 Points)

- ❖ Items to address include the following:
 - Knowledge of the field
 - Ability to work with colleagues
 - Ability to communicate effectively
 - Adaptability
 - Leadership
 - Resourcefulness
 - Impact in and beyond the classroom
 - ability to work and travel in a group setting
 - Ability to give a good impression abroad as a U.S. citizen
 - Ability to exercise good judgment

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Selection Criteria

Competitive Preference Priority (10 points)

- We invite applications from K-12 teachers/administrators who work at Title I schools or schools that are eligible for the Federal Aid Teacher Loan Forgiveness Program.
- Applications from individuals who work at a school that falls into one of these categories will be awarded 10 additional points.
- *Please indicate in your CV if your school is either eligible to be considered a Title I school or to participate in the Federal Student Aid Teacher Loan Forgiveness Program.*

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Selection Process

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Seminars Selection Process



1. Screen applications (eligibility requirements)
2. Review of applications by panels of academic specialists
3. Review of panel comments and budgets by program officers
4. Review by United States embassies and Fulbright Commissions
5. Award recommendations made to Secretary of Education
6. Final approval of award recommendation from Fulbright Scholarship Board

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Application Tips

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Get Organized

- Review FAQs on Web site
- Recommend all applicants have a valid passport
 - ✓ Passports must be valid for a period of at least six months after the end of the program
- Request References
 - ✓ Supervisor
 - ✓ Colleague
- Contact Program Officer

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Submitting Your Application

- Register on the www.g5.gov online system early to avoid any system issues
 - ✓ G5 Down from 12:00 AM on Saturday, March 14, 2015 until 6:00 AM on Monday, March 16, 2015
- Back up/save your written narratives to avoid any computer issue
- We encourage all applicants to work directly with their referees to ensure all references are submitted before the application closing date. If a referee tries to submit their reference after the applicant submits his/her application, the referee will receive an error message that his/her reference form is no longer valid.
- DO NOT wait until the last minute to submit!

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Award Notification

- By End of May 2015 (formally via written mail, informally via e-mail)
- Scores and comments sent to all applicants via mail
- Expected travel is Early July/Mid-August 2015
- For successful grantees, be prepared to “hit the ground running”

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For more information, please visit these Web sites.

Electronic grant application submission

<http://www.g5.gov>

Panel reviewer application submission

<http://www.g5.gov>

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Grantmaking at ED

<http://www2.ed.gov/fund/grant/about/grantmaking/index.html>

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Questions and Answers



Thank You