



RESEARCH IN THE UNITED STATES

2009 Fulbright Awards for Scholars and Professionals from the Caribbean and Central America

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Research and/or Academic Training awards for a minimum of two months and a maximum of three months are offered under the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act (Fulbright Program) for scholars and professionals from countries of the Caribbean and Central America. Training programs of less than two months must be paired with a research affiliation.

ELIGIBILITY AND SELECTION

University faculty and professionals are eligible to apply. Applicants must have at a minimum a master's degree and either three years of university teaching experience or five years of professional experience.

This program is not designed for study toward a graduate degree, for the completion of a doctoral dissertation or conference attendance. Candidates who have not visited the United States for an appreciable period within the past five years will be given preference. **Candidates must demonstrate an adequate knowledge of English.** Applicants must be Citizens or permanent residents of the country from which they apply. Persons holding permanent U.S. visas are not eligible.

RESEARCH OR TRAINING TOPICS

Applications will be accepted in all fields, but the Public Affairs Section in the U.S. Embassy may prioritize some disciplines.

GRANT PROVISIONS

Round-trip economy international travel for grantee only.

- A lump sum grant of U.S. \$10,000. This amount is meant to cover all expenses, including settling-in costs, room and board, associated research costs, and academic training program costs (if applicable).
- Sickness/accident insurance.

Please note: Grantees are responsible for identifying, independently registering for, and paying all fees for a training program should they choose that option. Academic training programs may require full or partial payment in advance of the program, but grant funds will not be dispersed until a grantee arrives in the United States. Grantees should be prepared to cover any fees required in advance from personal funds.

APPLICATION

Application forms and guidelines are available from the U.S. Embassy Public Affairs Section (PAS) or online at www.cies.org/fulbrightagency.htm. Completed applications should be submitted to the U.S. Embassy (PAS) - Clayton by **October 1, 2008**. Applicants will be notified of selection or non-selection by late January, 2009. Grants may take place during any **2 to 3 month period between April 1- December 31, 2009.**

ACADEMIC AFFILIATION

The Council for International Exchange of Scholars (CIES) in Washington, D.C. can help arrange or confirm academic affiliations for grantees, issues grant documents, disburses grant funds and provides administrative services.

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