

The Fulbright Program: Changing Hearts and Minds
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The History of the Fulbright Program in Sri Lanka

For over 65 year, the United States-Sri Lanka Fulbright Commission (US-SLFC) has been the cornerstone of educational exchange between the U.S. and Sri Lanka; to foster of mutual understanding between the U.S. and Sri Lanka and to strengthen bi-lateral relationships. The US-SLFC is an autonomous bi-national commission established by the governments of the United States of America and Sri Lanka. Its activities began when representatives of the two governments initiated a short-term program by an executive Agreement signed on November 17, 1952. The Program gained permanent status in 1964 with the signing of an Agreement that created the organization. The US-SLFC is the only independent commission of its kind in the field of academic exchange in Sri Lanka and the only such entity that functions under a bi-national Board of Directors.

Program Aims and Objectives:

- To promote understanding between the people of the United States and the people of Sri Lanka through mutual educational exchange.
- To promote closer relations between Sri Lanka and the U.S. by increasing the number of Sri Lankans and Americans who have direct knowledge of both countries.
- To build capacity in Sri Lanka by addressing some of Sri Lanka's identified educational needs in fields where study opportunities, instructional facilities, institutional options and expertise are limited; especially in areas where the U.S. experience is strong.
- To encourage the participation of U.S educated alumni in support of U.S.-Sri Lanka academic exchange through a variety of follow-up programs.
- To strengthen institutional ties between the U.S. and Sri Lankan universities and research institutions.

Types of Fulbright Awards: The program has awards for mutual exchange of students and scholars

Grants from Sri Lanka to the U.S.:

- **Student Master's Awards:** For students, selected for their academic excellence and future promise, to pursue post-graduate (**master's degree level only**) study in American universities
- **Advanced Research and Lecturing Awards:** For Sri Lankan scholars who wish to pursue postdoctoral research and/or lecturing at a U.S. university or research institution
- **Professional Scholar Awards:** For professionals in fields that have no recourse to further training in Sri Lanka but wish to update their skills and knowledge by gaining exposure to latest developments in their respective fields in the U.S.
- **Hubert H. Humphrey Awards:** For mid-career professional who demonstrate a commitment to public service
- **Teaching Excellence and Achievement Awards:** Short-term professional development for teachers

Grants from the U.S. to Sri Lanka:

- ❖ **English Teaching Assistants (ETAs) Awards:** To assist in teaching English in Sri Lanka
- ❖ **Student (Study/Research) Awards:** To conduct study/research that will build capacity in Sri Lanka
- ❖ **Scholar Awards:** To teach/conduct research that will build capacity and expertise in Sri Lanka and lead to future collaborative engagement
- ❖ **Specialist Awards:** To provide expertise to areas of need in Sri Lanka
- ❖ **Regional Researcher Scholar Awards:** Multi-country awards for U.S. Scholars that includes Sri Lanka

Other Fellowships and Grant Programs: Other ad hoc awards administered by the US-SLFC to Sri Lankan and U.S. scholars for opportunities to study, teach and engage in research in each other's countries, as and when they become available. These include: Scholar-in-Residence Awards; The New Century Scholar Awards; The East-West Center's Changing Face Women's Leadership Seminar; Distinguished Humphrey awards, etc.

Since its inception, over 2000 Sri Lankan and American students and scholars have participated in various academic exchange programs administered by the Fulbright Commission and monitored by the J. William Fulbright Scholarship Board. They join 390,000 alumni globally from over 160 countries who will contribute to strengthen mutual understanding amongst countries and contribute to "a world with a little more knowledge and a little less conflict." ~ Senator J. William Fulbright

Impact of the Fulbright Program: Reflections of Grantees



Kasun Gajasinghe, Fulbright Sri Lanka Master's Alumnus, Cohort, 2017
MA in Applied Linguistics at Montclair State University

"My Fulbright experience is giving me an opportunity to examine, study and reflect upon the gap between research on English language teaching and actual practice in Sri Lanka. I got several opportunities to attend seminars and workshops on language teaching and learn how to empower teachers and students who come from underprivileged backgrounds. The education that I am receiving at Montclair State University has enabled me to better identify challenges faced by English language teachers in Sri Lanka and untapped opportunities that may lead to significant improvements in the field.

Most importantly, the exposure to passionate teachers coming from all over the world with shared goals and ambitions has created a community of learners that is enabling me to examine some of the systemic issues in the English language teaching situation in Sri Lanka from a global perspective. This has helped me to refashion some of the preconceived notions that I had before coming to the U.S. I will return with a stronger sense of commitment to improve English language teaching in Sri Lanka."

"My time in Sri Lanka underlined the power of sharing ideas not to convince, but to meet and embrace the nuance that rules our human experiences. I am now only further attuned to the universality of kindness and curiosity, whether expressed through a direct inquiry about my religious beliefs or the delivery of a homemade fish curry."

Maggie Gratz, Fulbright U.S. English Teaching Assistant Alumna, Cohort 2018 at Chundikuli Girl's College, Jaffna



Sulara Nanayakkara, Fulbright Sri Lanka Master's Alumnus, Cohort, 2017. *MA in Violin Performance at Temple University*



"I study violin performance at the Esther Boyer College of Music of Temple University in Philadelphia. I had the privilege of performing under renowned conductors such as Maestro Andreas Delfs and Kensho Watanabe. I also had the privilege of performing in the TUSO at prestigious concert halls such as the Verizon hall at the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts in Philadelphia. This has been a dream come true."

"The Fulbright Program offered me an opportunity to immerse myself in a culture and place very different from what I am accustomed to. Although this was challenging for me, I learned a lot about myself and how I perceive the world. My time in Sri Lanka taught me to be grateful for many of the things my country provides and to expect more from some of the things it does not. I learned that visiting a foreign country for a week will never allow one to fully understand a nation's history, conflict, beauty, and diverse population. Instead of idealizing or criticizing foreign countries like Sri Lanka, Fulbright allowed me to appreciate and analyze all the island's complexities and see it in a new light. As I grow and learn more about myself and the world, I will be reminded of Sri Lanka and how it reshaped my beliefs."

Jonathan Joyner, Fulbright U.S. Study-Research Alumnus, Cohort 2017. *Researcher at large with several institutions.*





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Fulbright Master's Fellowship Awards

General Information about the Fulbright Program and the Fulbright Master's Fellowship Awards:

The Fulbright Program: The Fulbright program is a prestigious international exchange program that is administered worldwide. The Fulbright program promotes mutual understanding between the United States and Sri Lanka through educational and cultural exchange programs. Over the years, the Fulbright program has witnessed an exchange of students/scholars and professionals between the two countries and provided opportunities for personal, academic and professional growth, and built capacity in both countries. The Fulbright program aims at fostering bi-lateral relationships and bringing the people of the United States and people of Sri Lanka closer together.

The Fulbright Masters Fellowship Awards: The United States-Sri Lanka Fulbright Commission (US-SLFC) invites applications from outstanding candidates for the Fulbright Master's Fellowship Awards for the academic year 2023-2024. Applications are accepted in all disciplines (except clinical medicine) with priority given to fields of study that will strengthen expertise and build capacity in Sri Lanka. The awards fund graduate study for a limited number of students, selected for their academic excellence, to pursue a Master's degree in universities in the U.S. Applicants who have not had extensive prior exposure to the United States are encouraged to apply and will be given preference.

The fellowship award will provide the following benefits: U.S. university admission advising and placement support including support for standardized tests; round-trip economy class air travel from Sri Lanka to the host institution in the U.S.; tuition, fees and living related costs/stipend combined with cost-sharing from U.S. universities; health insurance as per U.S. government guidelines; Fulbright enrichment activities; and immigration advising and immigration sponsorship support. The Fulbright program does not provide any financial support for accompanying dependents.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Be Sri Lankan citizens and have continuously resided in Sri Lanka for a minimum of 2 years immediately prior to the award application deadline
- Possess a 4-year bachelor's degree from a recognized Sri Lankan university. Those with degrees from non-Sri Lankan universities are welcome to apply provided they possess the equivalent of a 4-year Sri Lankan degree. Applicants with 3-year degrees from Sri Lanka and India are required to possess a relevant post-graduate qualification (for example, a post-graduate diploma or a Master's degree)

- Have a high level of academic/professional achievement
- Must demonstrate proficiency in the English language and superior communication skills to undertake graduate studies; to foster understanding between the people of the U.S. and people of Sri Lanka; and to transition to the U.S. successfully
- Possess at a minimum, 1 year of full time (paid) post-qualifying, professional work experience in the proposed field of study by the application deadline
- Be below the age of 35 years by the application deadline
- Must not have another degree from a U.S. university or be enrolled in a U.S. degree program
- Must not be applying for or holding permanent resident visas (green cards) in the United States; must not be a dual citizen; (U.S. & Sri Lanka) and must not hold work or resident visas in another country
- If employed, must provide evidence that leave will be granted for the fellowship period if selected

IMPORTANT GUIDELINES:

- Each applicant may not apply to more than one award category during a competition cycle.
- All successful candidates will be required to reside in Sri Lanka for a minimum of 2 years following the completion of the grant.
- Dependents will not be supported financially on this grant, but selected grantees may take their dependents at their own expense, per program policies prevailing at the time.
- Material misrepresentation (e.g., plagiarism) at any time during the application or grant period is grounds for selection withdrawal or grant termination, as well as ineligibility for application to any US-SLFC grants in the future.
- Applications (including all support documents) received after the deadline will NOT be considered.
- Staff and immediate family members of organizations/programs affiliated with the Fulbright Program (such as the Fulbright Commission, U.S. Embassy, USAID, IIE, reviews) are not eligible to apply.
- Prospective Fulbright awards applicants should be aware that public health conditions, availability of consular services and travel, as well as U.S. institutional operating status and policies may affect their ability to travel to the U.S. and participate in academic programs.
- Due to the large number of applications for this award, US-SLFC is unable to acknowledge receipt of applications, and only candidates shortlisted for interviews will be notified.

Duration of Award: A maximum of 2 academic years (awards are for a Master's degree only)

Application Deadline: Generally, at the End of May of the Award Year

Mandatory Interviews (of shortlisted candidates only): July/August of Award Year

If you have any questions regarding this program, please write to: inquiries@fulbrightsrilanka.org



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Fulbright Advanced Research and Lecturing Awards

General Information about the Fulbright Program and the Advanced Research and Lecturing Awards:

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Fulbright Advanced Research and Lecturing Awards: The United States Sri Lanka Fulbright Commission (US-SLFC) invites applications from Sri Lankan scholars who wish to pursue postdoctoral research and/or lecturing at a U.S. university or research institution. Open to all fields of study with priority given to fields and proposed research that will build capacity; will fill a gap in expertise; and will be sustainable in Sri Lanka. Preference will be given to applicants who have not had any previous U.S. experience.

Grant Benefits: Stipend and settling-in allowance; health insurance (accident and sickness coverage); pre-departure orientations program and other.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Be Sri Lankan citizens and have continuously resided in Sri Lanka for a minimum of 2 years immediately prior to the award application deadline
- Possess a Ph.D. from a recognized university
- Demonstrate evidence of superior academic and professional achievement
- Have a minimum of 5 years of experience in the proposed field
- Demonstrate a clear rationale for conducting the proposed research in the U.S.
- Possess a letter of invitation from a host institution in the U.S.
- Possess a letter of approval of leave from employer for the period of the grant
- Applicants from universities will be required to utilize air travel funds from their institutions
- Age: All things being equal, preference will be given to applicants who are not close to retirement
- Must not be applying for or holding permanent resident visas (green cards) in the United States; must not be dual U.S./Sri Lanka citizens; and must not hold work or resident visas in another country

IMPORTANT:

- Each applicant may not apply to more than one award category during a competition cycle.
- All successful candidates will be required to reside in Sri Lanka for a minimum of 2 years following the completion of the grant.
- Dependents will not be supported financially on this grant, but grantees may take their dependents at their own expense, per program policies prevailing at the time.
- Material misrepresentation (e.g., plagiarism) at any time during the application or grant period is grounds for selection withdrawal or grant termination, as well as ineligibility for application to any US-SLFC grants in the future.
- Applications received after the deadline will NOT be considered.
- Prospective Fulbright awards applicants should be aware that public health conditions, availability of consular services and travel, as well as U.S. institutional operating status and policies may affect their ability to travel to the U.S. and participate in academic programs

Duration of Award: 6 months

Application Deadline: Generally, October 01, 2022

Mandatory Interviews (Shortlisted candidates only): January/February of Award Year

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Fulbright Professional Scholar Awards

General Information about the Fulbright Program and the Professional Scholar Awards:

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Fulbright Professional Scholar Awards: The United States Sri Lanka Fulbright Commission (US-SLFC) invites applications from Sri Lankan professionals in all fields including the humanities, fine/performing art (such as music, theater, writing, painting, design, photography), sports, journalism, law, sciences, paramedical services and management. These awards provide grantees, through projects developed by the grantees, opportunities to gain exposure in the U.S. to the latest developments in their respective fields. Priority will be given to applicants who propose projects that will build capacity and will be sustainable in Sri Lanka. Preference will be given to applicants who have not had any previous U.S. experience.

Grant Benefits: Stipend and settling-in allowance; health insurance (accident and sickness coverage); pre-departure orientations program and other.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Be Sri Lankan citizens and have continuously resided in Sri Lanka for a minimum of 2 years immediately prior to the award application deadline
- Demonstrate aptitude and accomplishment in the field thorough professional involvement, awards received, achievements or output
- Have a minimum of 5 years of experience in the proposed field
- Demonstrate commitment to developing the proposed field in Sri Lanka and sharing knowledge with counterparts and the public in Sri Lanka
- Possess a letter of invitation from a host institution in the U.S.
- Possess a letter of approval of leave from employer for the period of the grant
- Applicants from universities will be required to utilize air travel funds from their institutions

- Age: All things being equal, preference will be given to applicants who are not close to retirement
- Must not be applying for or holding permanent resident visas (green cards) in the United States; must not be dual U.S./Sri Lanka citizens; and must not hold work or resident visas in another country
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IMPORTANT:

- Each applicant may not apply to more than one award category during a competition cycle.
- All successful candidates will be required to reside in Sri Lanka for a minimum of 2 years following the completion of the grant.
- Dependents will not be supported financially on this grant, but grantees may take their dependents at their own expense, per program policies prevailing at the time.
- Material misrepresentation (e.g., plagiarism) at any time during the application or grant period is grounds for selection withdrawal or grant termination, as well as ineligibility for application to any US-SLFC grants in the future.
- Applications received after the deadline will NOT be considered.
- Prospective Fulbright awards applicants should be aware that public health conditions, availability of consular services and travel, as well as U.S. institutional operating status and policies may affect their ability to travel to the U.S. and participate in academic programs

Duration of Award: 4 months

Application Deadline: Generally, October 01 of Award Year

Mandatory Interviews (Shortlisted candidates only): January/February of Award Year

For questions regarding this program, please write to: inquiries@fulbrightsrilanka.org



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Fulbright Specialist Awards

(Applications Currently Open)

General Information about the Fulbright Specialist Award:

The Fulbright Program: The Fulbright Program is a prestigious international exchange program that is administered worldwide. The Fulbright Program promotes mutual understanding between the United States and Sri Lanka through educational and cultural exchange. For 70 years, the Fulbright Program has witnessed an exchange of students, scholars, professionals and teachers between the two countries and provided opportunities for personal, academic and professional growth, and built capacity in both countries. The Program aims at fostering bi-lateral relationships and bringing the people of the United States and people of Sri Lanka closer together. The Fulbright Program is administered in Sri Lanka by the United States-Sri Lanka Fulbright Commission.

The Fulbright Specialist Awards: The United States Sri Lanka Fulbright Commission (US-SLFC) invites applications from Sri Lankan institutions to bring U.S. specialists in selected disciplines to meet specific educational or training needs of the institution for period of 2-6 weeks. The Fulbright Specialist Program is a unique program, and a cost-effective means for Sri Lankan institutions to identify or request recruitment of U.S. highly qualified academics and established professionals, in eligible fields, to engage in 2–6-week, project-based educational exchanges in Sri Lanka that will make a significant contribution to building capacity in Sri Lanka. The Program pairs highly qualified U.S. academics/professionals with the Sri Lankan institutions to meet specific and significant local project needs.

The benefits for participating host institutions include: Designing and implementing projects that address a key problem, challenge or knowledge gap at the institution; gain global perspectives from experienced U.S. academics and professionals; and build sustainable, collaborative relationships with individuals and institutions in the United States. Specialists exchange knowledge, build capacity, and establish partnerships benefiting participants, institutions, and communities both in the United States and Sri Lanka.

Comprehensive Award Information: <https://fulbrightspecialist.worldlearning.org/> (Overall program info) and <https://fulbrightspecialist.worldlearning.org/eligibility-host-institutions/> (information for host institutes).

To learn more about how the Fulbright Specialist projects are developed and administered, please visit: <https://fulbrightspecialist.worldlearning.org/program-timeline>

The Specialist Award Benefits: The Fulbright Specialist Award will cover round-trip air fare for travel, a daily honorarium and a provide health benefit coverage. The local host institution must provide housing and local transportation.

Guidelines for Sri Lankan Host Institutions:

Eligible Institutes: The Sri Lankan institutes must have an educational focus in their programs, to foster program goals of creating collaborative linkages between U.S. and Sri Lankan academic institutions

- Institutions of Higher Education (recognized degree-granting, post-secondary academic institutions)
- Government Institutions (ministries or agencies, courts, parliamentary or congressional bodies)
- Cultural Institutions (conservatories, museums, etc.)
- Non-Governmental Organizations including non-partisan, issue-centered institutions and think tanks
- Medical Institutions (public health organizations, teaching hospitals, etc.)

Institutions that are ineligible to host a Fulbright Specialist include for-profit organizations and businesses, partisan organizations, and international governmental organizations such as those that are UN-affiliated or sponsored by USAID.

Eligible Fields: The U.S. Specialist should demonstrate expertise in one of the following fields, including areas of specialization within each field. See list: “Eligible academic fields and areas of specialization within each academic field”

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| • Agriculture | • Environmental Science |
| • American (U.S.) Studies | • Law |
| • Anthropology | • Library Science |
| • Archaeology | • Math Education |
| • Biology Education | • Peace and Conflict Resolution Studies |
| • Business Administration | • Physics Education |
| • Chemistry Education | • Political Science |
| • Communication and Journalism | • Public Administration |
| • Computer Science and Information Technology | • Public/Global Health |
| • Economics | • Social Work |
| • Education | • Sociology |
| • Engineering Education | • Urban Planning |

Eligible Project Activities: The Fulbright Specialist Program encourages host institutions to tailor projects to meet 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. Examples of eligible activities include but are not limited to: Teaching or training at the undergraduate/post-graduate level; delivering seminars or workshops; developing academic or training curricula and/or teaching/educational materials; conducting needs assessments for a program or institution; consulting on faculty or workforce development and institutional planning; and building capacity of faculty, administrators, or staff.

Note: Personal research projects, including clinical medical research or projects involving patient contact, are not eligible for funding under the Fulbright Specialist Program. In addition, proposals requesting a Specialist to assist with activities focused specifically on English language such as designing curriculum or conducting a needs assessment, teacher training or high-level educational consultations, are not eligible for the general Fulbright Specialist Program.

Project Parameters: All projects must meet the following criteria.

- **One country per project:** Fulbright Specialist projects are restricted to one country. All project activities must take place in Sri Lanka, but can include multiple locations within Sri Lanka.
- **Two methods for identifying the suitable specialist:** When a prospective Sri Lankan host institution completes the project proposal, which is a required part of the application, the institution can identify their project as either an "open project" or "named project." To learn more about the two types of projects, please visit Step Three of the Program Timeline at: <https://fulbrightspecialist.worldlearning.org/program-timeline>
- **One Specialist per project:** A Fulbright Specialist project is restricted to one Specialist grantee.
- **Length of project:** The length of a Fulbright Specialist project must be a minimum of 14 days and a maximum of 42 days, including travel days and weekends.
- **Time between projects for Specialists:** A Specialist candidate will not be approved for a second Fulbright Specialist grant unless two years have passed from the date of completion of the previous Fulbright Specialist grant.
- **Program Costs/Host Institution Cost-Share:** Sri Lanka host institutions should 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.

Application Process: Prior to completing the Application for Specialist, kindly review the document "Host Institution Application Instructions" and the country-specific requirements for Sri Lanka.

The application for the Fulbright Specialist Program is an online application that is administered by our cooperating partner organization World Learning. The first step to submit an application requires the Sri Lankan host institution to create an online account, prior to submitting an application. Instructions on creating the online account can be found in the attached PDF "Host Institution Application Instructions". Once you create an online account, proceed to the online application site at <https://worldlearning-community.force.com/FSPHost/> and use your new username and password, provided in the email you received when you created the online account, to submit your application. Detailed instructions on submitting an application, including the Project Proposal details are included in the "Host Institution Application Instructions".

All applicants must complete the form "Cost Share Support Commitment Confirmation from Host Institution" and attach it to the application form and send it via email to inquiries@fulbrightsrilanka.org.

A sample/template of the host institution project proposal form can be reviewed “Host Institution Project Proposal Form (Template)” in advance of submitting the online application.

Note on Identifying a Specialist: The Fulbright Specialist program matches and pairs a Specialist to match the needs of the project. Specialist are either identified by the Sri Lankan Institution or identified by World Learning from the roster of Specialist who have already applied to be a part of the Specialist program. Please note that you are NOT required to identify an individual to serve as the Fulbright Specialist. If no individual is identified, World Learning will match the project with a qualified individual from the Fulbright Specialist Roster. If the Sri Lankan institution has identified a potential scholar/professional for the project who is not in the Fulbright Specialist Roster, the Fulbright Commission and World Learning will advise the Sri Lankan host institution and the potential scholar/professional how he/she can apply to be part of the Fulbright Specialist Roster. Please contact the Fulbright Commission (inquiries@fulbrightsrilanka.org) if you require further guidance or assistance on this prior to submitting the application.

Information for U.S. faculty and professionals who wish to apply to be part of the Fulbright Specialist roster and eligibility criteria: <https://fulbrightspecialist.worldlearning.org/eligibility-specialists>

Duration of Award: Two to Six weeks (minimum 14 days and maximum 42 days including travel days and weekends) in duration. The Fulbright Commission in Sri Lanka does not permit serial visit requests.

Important: Projects for the 2023 awards cycle, must begin before December 31, 2023. In determining preferred start-date, please allow for sufficient lead time required to complete all the steps necessary to process the application. A minimum of three months is required from the application deadline if you are requesting a Specialist not already approved and in the Specialist roster.

Applications: Currently Open

Application Deadline: May 31, 2023 (including all support documents)

Notification of Selection: By August 31, 2023

IMPORTANT

- **Material misrepresentation (e.g., plagiarism) at any time during the application or grant period is grounds for selection withdrawal or grant termination, as well as ineligibility for application to any US-SLFC grants in the future.**
- **Applications received after the deadline will NOT be considered.**

Due to the large volume of applications for this award, US-SLFC is unable to acknowledge receipt of applications, and only candidates shortlisted for interviews will be notified.



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Fulbright–National Archives Heritage Science Fellowship

General Information about the Fulbright Program and the Fulbright-National Archives Heritage Science Awards:

The Fulbright Program: The Fulbright program is a prestigious international exchange program that is administered worldwide. The Fulbright program promotes mutual understanding between the United States and Sri Lanka through educational and cultural exchange programs. Over the years, the Fulbright program has witnessed an exchange of students/scholars and professionals between the two countries and provided opportunities for personal, academic and professional growth, and built capacity in both countries. The Fulbright program aims at fostering bi-lateral relationships and bringing the people of the United States and people of Sri Lanka closer together.

Fulbright-National Archives Heritage Science Fellowship: The Fulbright-National Archives Heritage Science Fellowship, provides an opportunity for Fulbright visiting scholars to connect with National Archives scientists and experts while conducting research at the National Archives' state-of-the-art [Heritage Science Research and Testing Lab](#) in College Park, Maryland.

This Fellowship is made possible through a partnership between the U.S. Department of State and the National Archives and Records Administration, an independent agency of the United States government charged with the preservation and documentation of U.S. government and historical records. The award was established to support archival science education, conservation, and research.

Grant Benefits: J-1 visa sponsorship, J-1 visa compliant health benefits, Round trip international travel to the United States. Also, modest stipend to cover living expenses, settling in, and professional development allowances, and if applicable, a modest dependent allowance.

In addition, invitation to participate in Fulbright Scholar Enrichment Activities, Outreach Lecturing Fund and access to diverse, active, worldwide network of alumni who carry the impact of their transformational Fulbright experience far beyond the period of their exchange programs.

Award Activity

This National Archive research facility is focused on scientific research to assist in the conservation, preservation, and ongoing public accessibility of cultural and historic artifacts, records, and documents. The selected Fellow will work with a team of heritage science experts and get hands-on laboratory experience by working on a diverse range of projects that leverage institute scientists' expertise in analytical chemistry, physics, computational modeling and materials science. The National Archives collection includes materials ranging from paper and parchment to photographs, modern film,

magnetic audio/visual tapes and digital files. Increasing knowledge about the collections and how to reduce the risks of damage and loss are the inspiration for research projects. The Fellow will be encouraged to participate by presenting his/her progress, collaborating on publications, and building peer networks.

Scientists are also active in professional organizations and regularly present and publish work that benefits the heritage science community. The Fellow will be encouraged to participate by presenting progress, collaborating on publications, and building peer networks. Strong applicants will be emerging or established experts in scientific and technical fields relevant to heritage preservation and conservation, with projects that align with the work and goals of the [National Archives Heritage Science Research and Testing Laboratory](#). Increasing knowledge about the collections and how to reduce the risks of damage and loss are the inspirations for research projects. Current project interests include sustainable environmental (temperature and humidity) management, developing early mold detection systems, and polymer characterization and aging. High quality projects will contribute to international collaborations in heritage science, and build relationships with U.S. experts and institutions.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Be Sri Lankan citizens and have continuously resided in Sri Lanka for a minimum of 2 years immediately prior to the award application deadline
- Holder of at least a Master's degree but a Ph.D. or equivalent professional experience is preferred. Advanced Doctoral researchers completing dissertation projects related to heritage science are also eligible to apply
- Age: All things being equal, preference will be given to applicants who are not close to retirement
- Must not be applying for or holding a permanent resident visa (green card) in the United States; must not be a dual U.S./Sri Lanka citizen; and must not hold a work or resident visa in another country
- Note: Strong applicants will be emerging or established experts in scientific and technical fields relevant to heritage preservation and conservation even though past experience with heritage science or archival research is not required.

Eligible disciplines:

- Heritage/Conservation Science
- Preventative Preservation
- Chemistry
- Physics
- Materials Science and Engineering
- Microbiology
- Statistics

Areas of Interest:

- Cultural heritage preservation and conservation
- Applications of technology to complex issues in heritage preservation and risk management
- Data analysis and visualization

Important Notes:

- Each applicant may not apply to more than one award category during a competition cycle.
- All successful candidates will be required to reside in Sri Lanka for a minimum of 2 years following the completion of the grant.
- Dependents will not be supported financially on this grant, but grantees may take their dependents at their own expense, per program policies prevailing at the time.
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- Applications received after the deadline will NOT be considered.
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Award Length and Dates: Minimum of 5 months and maximum of 12 months

Application Deadline: Generally, October 15 of Award Year

For further information on the Fulbright-National Archives Heritage Science Fellowship, please visit the website: <https://fulbrightscholars.org/fulbrightnationalarchives>

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Fulbright Teaching Excellence and Achievement (Fulbright TEA) Awards

General Information

The Fulbright Program: The Fulbright Program is a prestigious international exchange program that is administered worldwide. The Fulbright Program promotes mutual understanding between the United States and Sri Lanka through educational and cultural exchange programs. Over the years, the Fulbright Program has witnessed an exchange of students/scholars and professionals between the two countries and provided opportunities for personal, academic, and professional growth, built capacity in both countries. The Fulbright Program aims at fostering bi-lateral relationships and bringing the people of the United States and people of Sri Lanka closer together.

Fulbright Teaching Excellence and Achievement (Fulbright TEA) Awards: United States-Sri Lanka Fulbright Commission (US-SLFC) invites applications from current, full time Sri Lankan secondary-level schoolteachers of English, English as a Foreign Language, Math, Science, and Social Studies, including Special Education, at institutions serving primarily a local population, for the Fulbright TEA Program awards. The Fulbright TEA Program is a six-week, non-degree, non-credit academic program at a U.S. University, to take academic seminars for professional development and to observe and share their expertise with teachers and students at the host university and at local secondary schools.

The Fulbright TEA Program brings approximately 160 outstanding international secondary-level schoolteachers from across the globe and provides general academic seminars focusing on new teaching methodologies, student-centered learning, content-based instruction, lesson planning, and instructional technology training for teachers. Intensive English language instruction will be offered to teachers who need additional practice. The program will also include a practicum of at least 40 hours with a U.S. partner teacher in a secondary school near the host university to actively engage participants in the U.S. classroom environment. Cultural enrichment, mentoring, and support will be provided to participants throughout the program.

The program equips teachers with a deeper understanding of best practices; creates among educators a more nuanced understanding of the U.S.; and develops productive and lasting relationships and mutual understanding between U.S. and international teachers and their students. The program improves teaching in schools and in communities by preparing participants to serve as stronger teacher leaders, who upon returning to Sri Lanka, will apply and share their experiences and skills with peers and students. Through the exchange with international teachers, U.S. students will become more aware of countries around the world.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Be Sri Lankan citizens and have continuously resided in Sri Lanka for a minimum of 2 years immediately prior to the award application deadline
- Have earned a Bachelor's degree or equivalent education qualification
- Have a minimum of 5 years post-qualifying teaching experience by the start of the Fulbright TEA program, in the TEA teaching disciplines: English, English as a Foreign Language (EFL), Social Studies (Civics, Geography, Global Studies, etc.), Mathematics, Science, or Special Education in the disciplines listed above
- Be full-time school secondary school teachers (6th to 12th grades) in schools that serve a primarily local (not expatriate) population. Preference will be given to applicants who:
 - Are members of or who work with students from under-served communities or traditionally underrepresented groups including but not limited to, people with disabilities, women, racial, ethnic, religious, and other minorities; and,
 - Have had few or no opportunities to travel to the U.S.

- Demonstrate a commitment and plan to continue working in secondary education for at least 5 years after the conclusion of the program
- Expected to share the knowledge and experience gained on the program with teachers and students in your home school and within your community
- Be educators who demonstrate strong leadership potential
- Demonstrate the ability to function well in an intensive and collaborative learning environment with teachers from around the world
- Be able to live and work closely with people from a variety of backgrounds and interact in a culturally sensitive way with students (minors) and colleagues in U.S. secondary schools.
- Be proficient in English. If selected, need to obtain minimum score of 61 on TOEFL iBT or equivalent English language examination such as IELTS (TOEFL/IELTS scores are not required at the time of application)
- Have not had substantial recent experience in the U.S., including study, teaching, research, or employment for a period totaling more than 9-months during the past five years
- Have not previously received a Fulbright teacher grant. Alumni of some U.S. government exchange programs are not eligible to apply. If applicants have participated in other U.S. government-funded professional development exchange programs, please contact US-SLFC to inquire about eligibility
- Must not be applying for or holding permanent resident visas (green cards) in the United States; must not be dual U.S./Sri Lanka citizens; and must not hold work or resident visas in another country
- Fulbright TEA is a program for practicing teachers. Ministry of Education officials, full-time principals or educational administrators, full-time teacher trainers, university faculty, private English Language tutors, etc., are not eligible
- Staff or families of staff at a U.S. Embassy or Fulbright Commission are not eligible to apply

Grant Benefits:

Pre-departure orientation program; Round-trip economy class air travel from Sri Lanka to the host institution in the U.S.; Academic program fees; Housing (generally shared with other program fellows) and meals; Health insurance (accident and medical/sickness coverage, excluding pre-existing conditions); Transportation to the practicum school (if necessary); Allowance for incidentals during the university academic program; A baggage allowance; and An end-of-program workshop in Washington, D.C.; professional development; and cultural activities.

Duration of Award: 6 weeks. Either Spring (January-March) or Fall (September-November) of award year

Applications: Open in January of award year

Application Deadline: March of award year

Mandatory Interviews: April/May of award year

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THE HUBERT H. HUMPHREY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

What is the Humphrey Program and who are Humphrey Fellows?

The Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program is a Fulbright exchange activity sponsored by the United States Department of State (DOS) and is administered in Sri Lanka by the U.S.-Sri Lanka Fulbright Commission (US-SLFC). Each year the Fulbright Commission nominates, through an open competition, candidate to the DOS to be considered for the Humphrey Fellowship. Humphrey Fellows are selected based on their potential for leadership and their commitment to public service in either the public or the private sector. The Humphrey Program fosters a mutual exchange of knowledge and understanding about issues of common concern in the United States and Sri Lanka.

Humphrey Fellows are and mid-career professionals from designated countries who are placed at U.S. universities for ten months of non-degree graduate-level academic study, leadership development and professional experiences and professional engagement with Americans and their counterparts from many nations. Fellows' design and implement individualized programs to acquire career-related knowledge, interact with colleagues and gain professional expertise. These experiences are supplemented by university classes, field trips and site visits, and special workshops and seminars.

Humphrey Fellowships provide full funding which includes a monthly maintenance allowance; an allowance for professional development activities; health insurance and a round-trip air ticket. In addition, all tuition fees at the assigned university and pre-academic English language training, if required, will also be paid.

More than 5,700 men and women globally have been honoured as Humphrey Fellows, since the inception of the program in 1978. Approximately 150 Fellowships are awarded annually world-wide. Thirteen major universities in the United States host Humphrey Fellows. These host universities are chosen for their excellence in the Program's designated fields of study and for the resources and support they offer to Humphrey Fellows.

More than 75 Hubert Humphrey Fellowships have been awarded to Sri Lankan nationals. The Sri Lankan Humphrey Alumni have brought back their experiences and made tremendous contributions to public service and their professions and assumed leadership positions.

The Humphrey Program aims to: Establish and enhance long-lasting productive partnerships and relationships between U.S. citizens and individuals from other parts of the world; develop leaders whose knowledge and skills have been informed by exposure to American values, models and ideas--leaders who will have a multiplier effect on their societies; and Increase U.S. citizens' knowledge and understanding of international issues and of other cultures and societies.

The Humphrey Fellowship components are:

- **Humphrey Seminar:** Fellows are introduced to the skills and perspectives they will need as global leaders, share approaches to common issues and problems in their regions, and learn about many aspects of U.S. culture and society.

- **Academic Enrichment:** Fellows are placed in groups of seven to fifteen at selected U.S. universities, which serve as their academic and professional base.
- **Professional Development:** The Fellowship enriches the Fellows' professional skills and knowledge and provides them with opportunities to meet and exchange information and share experiences with their American counterparts and other Humphrey colleagues.
- **The Washington Global Leadership Forum:** All Fellows attend this four-day seminar in Washington, D.C. to learn more about U.S. institutions, federal agencies, and international organizations.
- **English Language Course:** Fellows who are otherwise strong Humphrey candidates but need improved English, participate in intensive English language training before the start of their Humphrey Fellowship Program.

Every year, US-SLFC invites applications from suitable candidates for the Hubert Humphrey Fellowships in 19 specific fields listed below. Candidates should ideally be mid-career professionals in leadership positions with a strong commitment to public service and with the potential for professional advancement. They may be employed in either the public or private sector.

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- Communications/Journalism
- Contagious and Infectious Diseases
- Substance Abuse Education, Treatment & Prevention
- Economic Development
- Finance and Banking
- Educational Administration, Planning & Policy
- Higher Education Administration
- HIV/AIDS Policy and Prevention
- International Religions Freedom
- Natural Resources, Environmental Policy & Climate Change
- Public Health Policy and Management
- Public Policy Analysis & Public Administration
- Technology Policy & Management
- Trafficking in Persons, Policy & Prevention
- Urban and Regional Planning
- Law and Human Rights
- Teaching of English as a Foreign Language

Eligibility Criteria:

- Be citizens of Sri Lanka.
- Possess a Bachelor's (special) degree and preferably a Master's degree.
- Have a minimum of five years of professional experience.
- Be able to show leadership qualities, display personal initiative and have an interest in the policies pertaining to their fields.
- Be proficient in both written and spoken English.
- Be below the age of 50 years on 1st October of an awarding year.

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"The essence of intercultural education is the acquisition of empathy--the ability to see the world as others see it, and to allow for the possibility that others may see something we have failed to see or may see it more accurately." Senator J. William Fulbright.

The mission of the U.S.-Sri Lanka Fulbright Commission (US-SLFC) is to strengthen the bi-lateral relationship and mutual understanding between the United States and Sri Lanka through educational exchanges. To this end, for over 65 years the Fulbright Commission has administered the flagship Fulbright awards program and provides an advising service and resources for students and scholars who wish to pursue study and research in the United States.

The United States continues to be the premier destination of choice for study by students and scholars from around the globe. As of 2017 a total of 3263 Sri Lankan students have enrolled in educational programs in the U.S. As of 2016 and a total of 145 American students have engaged in study and research in Sri Lanka constituting a 19.8% increase from the previous year.

The EducationUSA Advising Center is a U.S. Department of State supported advising center. that has trained advisors and resources for the public. EducationUSA is a network of over 425 international student advising centers in more than 175 countries. The network promotes U.S. higher education to students around the world by offering accurate, comprehensive, current and unbiased information about opportunities to study at accredited postsecondary institutions in the United States. EducationUSA Sri Lanka is located at the United States Sri Lanka Fulbright Commission and is equipped to guide Sri Lankan students through the selection of appropriate institutions of higher education and the application process.

Advising Services:

- Study in the USA lectures: (Undergraduate (UG) & Graduate (G))
- Individual Advising
- Workshops (Financial aid, application essay writing, etc.)
- Reference Library (M-F 10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.)
- Verification of U.S. credentials
- Pre-departure Orientation Programs
- Standardized Test Information (SAT I, SAT II, GRE, GMAT, TOEFL, IELTS)
- Standardized Test Administered (SAT I, SAT II, GRE Subject)
- Education Fairs
- Outreach activities at local schools and universities

Other Special Programs:

- **Opportunity Grant Program:** The Opportunity Grant Program assists students who have excelled academically and are likely to be awarded substantial institutional financial aid, but who would have difficulty paying the up-front costs of applying to U.S. universities. *This programme is offered to both graduates and undergraduate students.*
- **Competitive College Club:** The EducationUSA Competitive College Club (CCC) is an intensive group-advising program that assists high school students who want to apply to competitive U.S. colleges and universities and for students looking for financial aid. Students meet year-round and participate in lectures, book clubs, community service activities, cross-cultural exercises and test preparation. *This programme is offered only to undergraduate students.*

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- The admissions process and standardized testing requirements
- How to finance a U.S. education
- The student visa process and preparing for departure to the United States

EducationUSA Serves the U.S. Higher Education Community

EducationUSA advisers support accredited U.S. institutions' international student recruitment and internationalization efforts in a number of ways, including:

- Organizing school visits and college fairs, virtual and in-person
- Providing information about foreign educational systems and scholarship programs
- Connecting U.S. and foreign educational institutions and associations
- Analyzing regional student mobility trends

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