



KSU: Boulevard for Global Scholars



How To Apply For Fulbright

Since 1945, the Fulbright Program has symbolized excellence in academics via the "promotion of international good will through the exchange of students in the fields of education, culture, and science" That mission has since expanded to include faculty and education administrators, explains Kent State's Fulbright Program Advisor, Sarah Hull: "There are over 500 grants for research, teaching purposes, or even a combination of both."

Students who have completed at least a Bachelor's, on the other hand, may pursue acceptance into the Fulbright Program for the purposes of research or coursework. While different in many ways,

the application process for both students and faculty can be very rigorous.

Students are required to submit biographical data, a letter of affiliation, a statement of purpose, a personal statement, among other documents. When the short list of final candidates has been posted, the remaining applicants are invited to interview with the Fulbright Commission. If awarded the grant, applicants will then be placed with a host university.

Fulbright Scholars are often viewed as being among the academic elite of their nation. Between the international educators who make their way to our campus through the program each year, and the plethora of tenured faculty who are former participants, Kent State has every reason to promote itself as a Boulevard for Global Scholars.

Fulbright information taken from:
<https://us.fulbrightonline.org>



Name: Nurbubu Asipova
Country: Kyrgyzstan
Institution: Kyrgyz-Turkish Manas University
Title: Professor of Education, Head of Education Department
Area of Interest: Challenges of Preparing Specialists in HIED
Sponsor Program: Fulbright
Faculty Advisor: Martha Merrill
Quote About Advisor: "She is very easy to work with, very polite and kind. She is always well-prepared."
Favorite Thing About Kent: "My husband (Salmorbek) and I like the people. Everybody is very polite and helpful."



Name: Mercelita Labial
Country: Philippines
Institution: Xavier University Ateneo de Cagayan
Title: Acting Director of the Xavier U. Center for Languages
Area of Interest: Technology in Education
Sponsor Program: Fulbright
Faculty Advisor: Richard Ferdig
Quote About Advisor: "He is supportive and insightful. He is very organized and helps give me a sense of direction."
Favorite Thing About Kent: "Maybe the shopping! No, I like the people in Kent."



Name: Jerry Anyan
Country: Ghana
Institution: University of Education, Winneba
Title: Senior Assistant Registrar
Area of Interest: Grants Administration, Practices, and Structure
Sponsor Program: IREX
Faculty Advisor: Grant McGimpsey
Quote About Advisor: "I ask him a lot of questions, but he answers and he shares a lot about his work."
Favorite Thing About Kent: "There is always activity, always things going on. It's a very lively campus."



Name: Filiz Acar
Country: Turkey
Institution: Duzce University
Title: Professor of Curriculum Development
Area of Interest: Professional Development
Sponsor Program: Government/University Sponsor
Faculty Advisor: Wendy Kasten
Quote About Advisor: "She is very warm and welcoming."
Favorite Thing About Kent: "Everybody is very polite and helpful."

Global Learning Scholars

In an institution-wide endeavor to internationalize academics, there is no doubt that Kent State's College of Education, Health, and Human Services is at the forefront of those efforts. One venture that has seen early success is "Global Learning Scholars."

Under this initiative, explains Jen Fisette, the goal was for faculty to select one course where they would embed global learning into the curriculum. By "utilizing global learning resources and gathering input from each program," the faculty worked together to create learning

outcomes for the students.

Joanne Arhar, Associate Dean and Co-Principal Investigator for the Longview Grant that funds the program, confirms that students must be able to do the following:

- Understand his/her behavior in a global and comparative context
- Adapt behavior to interact effectively with diverse populations
- Use knowledge, diverse culture frames of reference, and alternative perspectives to think critically and solve problems
- Be open-minded in learning from people of diverse populations

Once this step was completed, participating EHHS faculty (names listed below to the left) were asked to assimilate these outcomes into the assignments for the Fall section of their respective course.

Fisette clarifies, "The goal was to not only integrate global learning into our course, but then work with our colleagues to integrate global learning programmatically."

This adds to the dynamic in that the program extends beyond Kent State; participating EHHS faculty are expected to meet regularly with faculty from the University of Akron and Miami University. As Arhar points out, the program is also unique in that "current scholars mentor new scholars," thus reflecting the college's view on this as a professional development opportunity as well.

Those who have an interest in getting involved are invited to contact Mary Ann Devine, Averil McLelland, or Maureen Blankemeyer for more information.

2011-12 Global Scholars:

Jennifer Fisette
Karen Gordon
Maureen Blankemeyer
Mary Ann Devine

2012-13 Global Scholars:

Bette Brooks
Lisa Audet
Rhonda Hammond
Sloane Burgess

KSU Faculty: Former Fulbrights

Ken Cushner: Sweden
Michael Kalinski: Sweden
Andrew Lepp: Uganda
Martha Merrill: Kyrgyzstan
William Wilen: Malaysia & Ukraine

Interested in applying for Fulbright?
Contact Sarah Hull at:
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Resources Available to International Students

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* Teaches "Academic Orientation to the Discipline," an orientation course for international students to help prepare them for success in their academic endeavors within an American education system.

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Dr. Nurbubu Asipova
Fulbright Scholar from Kyrgyzstan

"Contemporary Challenges within Kyrgyzstan's Higher Education System"

Mercelita Labial
Fulbright Scholar from the Philippines

"Perspectives on the Evolution of the Philippino Educational System"

