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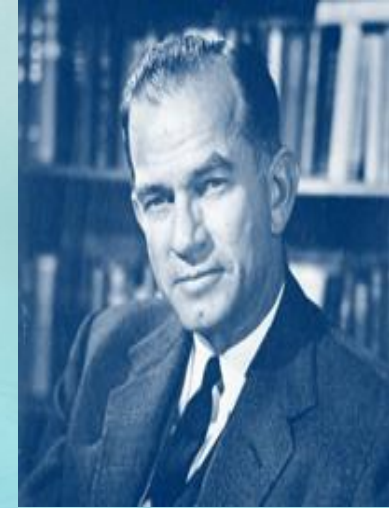
Fulbright Visiting Scholar Program
(10 Weeks)
**Application deadline is December
15, 2016.**

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Fulbright Program:

- Senator J. William Fulbright (1905-1995)
- Fulbright is a program of competitive, merit-based grants for international educational exchange for students, scholars, teachers, professionals, scientists and artists, founded by United States Senator J. William Fulbright in 1946.
- Sends U.S. academics and professionals overseas and brings scholars and professionals from abroad to the U.S.



Sponsors, Partners, and Hosts

- The Fulbright Visiting Scholar Program for Iraq is **funded** by the by the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA).
- The program is administered by the Council for International Exchange of Scholars (CIES),
- U.S. host institutions were selected based on an open competition to implement a 10-week program for a specific academic discipline in support of faculty development.

Program Objectives

- Build higher education capacity in Iraq through faculty development and mentoring for junior scholars
- Foster long-term collaborations and institutional linkages between Iraqi and U.S. academics
- Promote mutual understanding between Iraqi and Americans by facilitating scholars' engagement with the broader host campus community

Host Institution Support

- Primary faculty contact
 - Responsible for overall program administration
 - Liaison between scholars, university, and IIE/CIES
 - Guides, counsels, and assists the scholars

- Mentors
 - Each scholar paired with mentor
 - With mentor guidance scholars pursue self-directed projects

Educational Programs and Scholarships – Iraq

Fulbright Visiting Scholar Program

- <https://iraq.usembassy.gov/fulbright-visiting-scholar.html>
- The **2017** Fulbright Visiting Scholar Program for Iraq will bring 25 junior Iraqi scholars to U.S. institutions from June 30 through September 8, 2017 for:
 - faculty development,
 - mentoring,
 - and cultural exchange activities.

Cohort for 2017

- Teaching English as a Foreign Language (TEFL)/ Linguistics
- Engineering
- Science and Technology
- Law and Human Rights
- Business and Global Entrepreneurship

Who Can Apply:

- The 2017 competition is open to:
- current **full-time** Iraqi university faculty members, who possess, a master's degree and at least **five** years of university-level teaching experience
- or a Ph.D. and no more than five years of teaching experience.
- Master's degree holders who are currently enrolled in a doctoral program must possess at least three years of teaching experience.
- Applicants should have a **commitment** to classroom teaching and a **desire** to strengthen their teaching and leadership skills.

The application form will require:

- personal information
- **written statement** of up to 3-5 pages in length
- Your preferred **discipline-based cohort** (Applicants may apply for one cohort only.)
- **Educational** background
- Current **C.V.**
- An explanation of how your participation in this program would benefit you and your institution as a whole
- How you plan to implement what you will gain from this program upon returning to Iraq
- **Three letters of reference** (academic or professional, not personal)

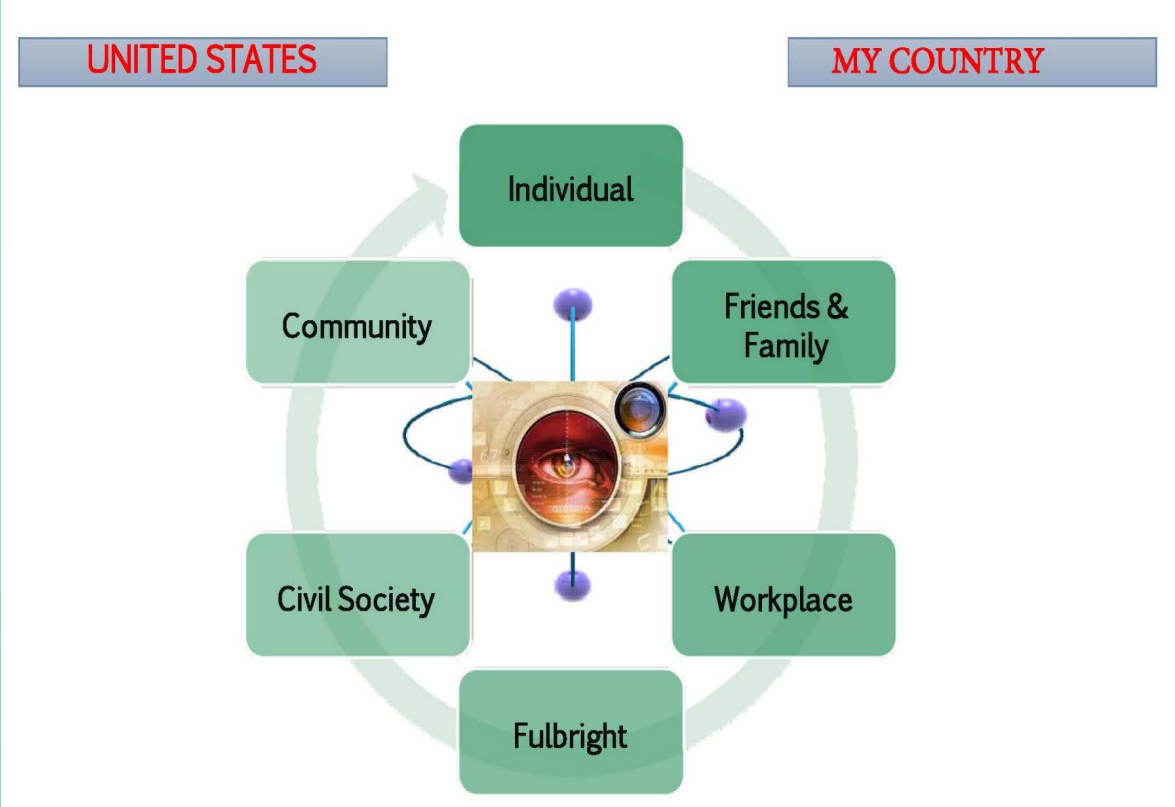
You will spend 10 weeks at selected U.S. host institutions:

- introduced to new teaching and research methods,
- observe classes,
- attend seminars,
- and develop linkages with American faculty through weekly mentoring sessions.
- Ongoing community engagement with university-identified host families, volunteers,
- The broader local community will facilitate the scholars' participation in outreach activities, including visits to historical sites and attendance at cultural events.
- introduction to new research methods in the scholars' disciplines

Policies for Iraqi Scholars

- Two-year home residency requirement: The J-1 visa
- Intention to return to Iraq
- No-dependents

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“Go outside your comfort zone
and discover the world--
it just might change your life.”

Donna Brazile, J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board



Sources:

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2. Personal Experience