Fulbright Overview

• Senator J. William Fulbright (1905-1995)

“International education exchange is the most significant current project designed to continue the process of humanizing mankind to the point, we would hope, that nations can learn to live in peace.”

• Established in 1946
• Sends U.S. academics, professionals, and students abroad
• Brings students, scholars, professionals from abroad to the U.S.
• All Fulbright programs are sponsored by the U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs
Senior U.S. Fulbright Program

Program types:

• Core/Traditional
• Nexus
• Distinguished Chairs
• Specialist
• IEA Seminars
• German Studies

TAMU Fulbright Statistics

Since 1990 TAMU faculty and Staff have received 92 Fulbright Grants

Most come from:

• College of Liberal Arts
• College of Agriculture and Life Sciences
• College of Geosciences
• College of Education and Human Development
• Mays Business School
• College of Science
The Impact of Fulbright Scholars at Colleges and Universities include

**Internationalizing Curricula**
- 73% incorporated Fulbright experience into courses and teaching methods
- 85% reported heightened awareness of social and cultural diversity

**Encouraging Study Abroad**
- 80% encourage students to participate in study abroad programs

**Attracting Foreign Students & Faculty**
- 75% continue collaborative projects with colleagues at host institution(s)
- 25% develop formal student or faculty exchanges with host institution(s)

**Enhancing International Engagement**
- 91% recommend that colleagues apply for Fulbright awards
- 72% share information about the host country with community groups
Goals and Challenges

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<td>3. Improve the number of Fulbright grant at TAMU</td>
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Foreign Fulbright For Students

Totals since 1988 – 357
Applications – about 100 per year. Admitted – about 25 per year

Currently enrolled:
   With Funding – 19; Still here but without funding – 28

Most come to finish a degree plan Bachelors, Masters or PHD, but some just come to take a few courses, perhaps improve their English but are not seeking a degree from Texas A&M.

Come from about 68 different countries over time. 32 different countries this semester.

Currently studying in the Colleges of Engineering, Agriculture, Liberal Arts, Geosciences, Architecture, Education, Science, Bush School and Mays
U.S. Student Fulbright - Overview

• English Teaching Assistantship
  – Part-time cultural immersion program

• Study/Research
  – Graduate Programs
  – Self-guided research
  – Country-specific Programs (S.Korea, Italy, U.K.)
  – Arts (Theater, Music, Drama)

• mtvU
  – International music/Popular music in cultural context

• Clinton (new)
  – Public policy placement in foreign government ministries
U.S. Student Fulbright – Application Procedures

• Graduate and undergraduate processes combined

• Timeline
  – Campus Advertisements (February-April)
  – Online application (May-September)
  – Campus Committee Evaluation (September)
  – Finalists Announced (December-January)
  – Awardees Announced (March-June)
Student Fulbright - Statistics

• 38 awards since 1985
  – 36 Academic/2 ETA

• Avg. 8 applicants per year
  – Largest pool: 17 applicants
  – Smallest pool: 2 applicants

• Undergraduates vs. Graduates:
  – Almost 50% split
Student Fulbright - Challenges

• Campus culture
  – Not well known
  – Very flexible (too much freedom)

• Foreign language/region
  – Students lack sufficient skills

• Faculty Support
  – Advertising
  – Committee work
  – Letters of Recommendation

• Parental Support
  – Not seen as a legitimate postgraduate plan