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Dear Barbara Kathleen Dennis,

On behalf of the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board (FFSB), the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Education and Cultural Affairs (ECA), and the Council for International Exchange of Scholars (CIES), it is a pleasure to inform you that you have been approved for the Fulbright Specialist Roster.

The Roster is a list of all approved candidates who are eligible to be matched with incoming program requests from overseas academic institutions for Fulbright Specialists. As a candidate, you will be considered for program requests that require someone in your field with your expertise. Please be reminded that candidacy on the Roster is not an assurance of a grant.

As program requests are received, Fulbright Specialist candidates will be contacted by CIES to ascertain their availability for final consideration. Should it happen that you are contacted by CIES regarding a specific grant opportunity but are unavailable, you will remain a candidate on the Specialist Roster and may be contacted the next time a request comes in requiring someone of your expertise.

As a Fulbright Specialist Candidate, you may remain on the Roster for up to a maximum of five years, subject to continued funding for the program. If at any time you wish to update your curriculum vitae or contact data, please email the updated information to fulspec@iie.org. **Should you have any questions about the program, please contact Anneke Archer, Senior Program Officer for Peer Review, at (202) 686-8640, aarcher@iie.org.**

The FFSB, ECA and CIES congratulate you on being selected as a Fulbright Specialist candidate. Whether or not you ultimately receive a Fulbright Specialist grant, we appreciate your interest in international scholarly exchanges and trust that you will continue to support this endeavor, which is so vital to academic and professional communities around the world.

Sincerely,



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Frequently Asked Questions about the Fulbright Specialist Roster

1. I received a letter stating that I was approved for candidacy on the Fulbright Specialist Roster. What does this mean?

As a Fulbright Specialist roster candidate, you are eligible for consideration and selection for two to six-week grant opportunities through the Specialist Program. As CIES receives requests from overseas academic institutions seeking Specialists, we contact those candidates on the Roster with the most relevant professional experience to ascertain their interest and availability for the grant opportunity. CIES then sends the applications of interested candidates to the overseas Fulbright offices for consideration and final selection.

2. Now that I'm on the Roster, am I a Fulbright Specialist?

A Fulbright Specialist is a **grantee** of the program. Until you have received a grant, you are a Fulbright Specialist roster **candidate**. A list of Fulbright Specialists (grantees) can be found at <http://www.cies.org/specialists>.

3. As a candidate on the roster, am I guaranteed a grant?

No, it is possible that not all candidates will receive a grant. Whether you do depends greatly on the specific kinds of requests that CIES receives from host institutions. CIES will certainly contact you when we receive requests that match your expertise, and we will try to match as many candidates as possible with grant opportunities. More information about the project request process can be found on the Roster Candidate web page at http://www.cies.org/specialists/Joining_The_Roster/Tips_For_Roster_Candidates.htm.

4. I know of an academic institution that would like to make a request for my expertise. How do they do this?

Foreign academic institutions interested in requesting a Fulbright Specialist must make their request through their local Fulbright Office which is either a Fulbright Commission or, in countries that do not have a commission, the Public Affairs Office at the U.S. Embassy. Each local Fulbright Office has its own internal review process, so all requests need to be first sent to them for review. If the local Fulbright Office and the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs at the U.S. Department of State approve the project request, it is then forwarded to CIES to administer the grant.

To find out whether the program is being utilized in a specific country, host institutions should contact their appropriate Fulbright Office. Please also refer to the "Request Specialist" section of the FSP Web page at http://www.cies.org/specialists/Developing_a_Project/ to learn more about the project request process.

5. I have been contacted by an overseas institution regarding a potential opportunity, what happens next?

If the Specialist project request has already been approved, your application, along with those of other qualified candidates, will be forwarded to the appropriate Fulbright Office. The Fulbright Office in that country, in cooperation with the host academic institution, will make the final selection of the grantee.

6. Can a host institution submit a project request to CIES?

No, CIES does not receive project requests directly. CIES processes project requests that have received final approval from the U.S. Department of State. Upon final approval of the request, CIES facilitates the matching of approved projects with qualified candidates. Once a grantee is selected, CIES administers the grant on behalf of the U.S. Department of State.

7. Does CIES have suggestions on how to find a potential host institution overseas and develop a project?

Yes, information about the how to develop a project request, as well as suggestions for finding an interested host institution, can be found on the Roster Candidate Web page at http://www.cies.org/specialists/Joining_The_Roster/Tips_For_Roster_Candidates.htm.

8. Is the Fulbright Specialist Roster available to Fulbright Commissions or U.S. Embassies?

Yes, the Fulbright Commissions and U.S. Embassies have access to the Roster through a secure Web site.

9. Is the Fulbright Specialist Roster available for public viewing?

No, only Fulbright Specialist Program staff and Fulbright offices overseas have access to the online Roster through a secure Web site.

10. Do I need to reside in the United States in order to receive a Specialist Grant?

Yes, to ensure that there is an impact of the Fulbright experience in the United States (e.g. through the Specialist's interaction with colleagues, students and communities) as well as to promote U.S. and non-U.S. institutional affiliations, Specialist grant candidates must reside in the United States at the time of grant approval and must intend to return to the United States after completing the grant.

11. Since I'm on the Roster for up to 5 years, will it be possible for me to get more than one grant?

It is possible to receive more than one grant in the five-year period. However, in matching candidates with incoming requests for specialists, preference will be given to those candidates on the Roster with the most relevant professional experience who have not yet received a Fulbright Specialist grant.

12. Will I receive a certificate of participation?

After completion of a Fulbright Specialist grant, CIES will mail you a certificate.