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Dear Paul Houser,

On behalf of the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board (FSB), the Bureau of Education and Cultural Affairs of the Department of State (ECA), and the Council for International Exchange of Scholars (CIES), it is a pleasure to inform you that you have been approved for candidacy on the Fulbright Senior Specialists 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 Senior Specialists. As a candidate, you will be considered a potential match 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. For more information, please review the Roster Candidate web page at http://www.cies.org/specialists/FSSP_Candidates/.

As program requests are received, Fulbright Senior Specialists 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 Senior Specialists Roster and may be contacted the next time a request comes in requiring someone of your expertise.

As a Fulbright Senior Specialists Candidate, you may remain on the Roster for up to 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@cies.iie.org. **Should you have any questions about the program, please contact Anneke Archer, Program Officer for Peer Review, at (202) 686-7858, aarcher@cies.iie.org or Ryan Hathaway, Senior Program Coordinator, at (202) 686-4026, fulspec@cies.iie.org.**

The FSB, ECA and CIES congratulate you on being selected as a Fulbright Senior Specialists candidate. Whether or not you ultimately receive a Fulbright Senior Specialists 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patti McGill Peterson", is written over a thin horizontal line.

Patti McGill Peterson
Executive Director

Frequently Asked Questions About the Fulbright Senior Specialists Roster

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

As a Fulbright Senior Specialists candidate, you are eligible for consideration and selection for two to six-week grant opportunities through the Specialists 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 Senior Specialist?

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

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/FSSP_Candidates/.

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 Senior Specialist must make their request through their local Fulbright Commission or the Public Affairs Office at the U.S. Embassy if no such commission exists (CIES does not receive project requests directly). The Fulbright Office receives requests and reviews them. The local Fulbright Office may have its own internal review process. 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 forwarded to CIES for processing.

To find out whether the program is being utilized in a specific country, host institutions should contact their local Fulbright Commission or U.S. Embassy Public Affairs Section. Please also refer institutions to the "Request a Specialist" section of the FSSP Web page at <http://www.cies.org/specialists/> 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 Specialists project request has already been approved, your application, along with those of other qualified candidates, will be forwarded to the Fulbright Commission or U.S. Embassy that approved the request. The Fulbright office in that country in cooperation with the host academic institution will make the final selection of the grantee.

6. Is the Fulbright Senior Specialists 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.

7. Is there a list of all currently available Senior Specialists opportunities?

No, the Senior Specialists Program receives and fills approved Specialists project requests on a rolling basis. On the FSSP Web page under "Grant Opportunities" we list only those opportunities for which CIES has not found qualified, available candidates on the Specialists Roster. The requests that we are able to fill from the Roster are not posted. You will be contacted by CIES if your expertise matches a request.

8. 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.

9. 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 Senior Specialists grant. In order to broaden participation by US academics and professionals in the Fulbright Senior Specialists Program, and pursuant to the Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board policies, effective October 1, 2006, Specialists candidates will be limited to two Specialist grants in their lifetime.

10. Will I receive a certificate of participation?

After completion of a Fulbright Senior Specialists grant, CIES will mail you a certificate. Certificates are sent out once each year in early summer.