

Outreach Lecturing Fund

Advance knowledge, enhance teaching, and bring international perspectives and experience to your campus, organization, and community

The Outreach Lecturing Fund (OLF) is an opportunity for U.S. higher education institutions to host Fulbright Visiting Scholars already in the United States, for short-term speaking engagements. Institutions apply to host a scholar for 2 to 5 days, and plan activities that would enhance campus participation in international educational exchange.

Responsibilities of Host Institutions and Organizations

Institutions wishing to invite a Fulbright Visiting Scholar for an Outreach Lecturing Fund visit should develop a comprehensive plan of activities and arrangements to share with the scholar well in advance of the proposed visit. OLF travel awards are intended to cover the scholar's overall travel costs for the duration of OLF activities. It is appreciated, but not required, when OLF host institutions can provide lodging and local transportation for the duration of the proposed OLF program. Eligibility for participation is based on institutional profile. Minority serving institutions, liberal arts colleges, women's colleges, art schools, community colleges, and rural institutions are automatically eligible, although any institution may participate by partnering with one of the aforementioned institutional types. Additionally, special consideration is also given to any campuses that have not previously participated in Fulbright exchanges as well as institutions in U.S. states that have not recently benefitted from the OLF program.

How U.S. Institutions Can Use OLF Visits

Alvernia University (PA) hosted a Fulbright Visiting Scholar from Brazil whose primary host institution was the University of Iowa. The scholar spoke on the topic of "Hidden Dialogues Between Two Americas" to students and faculty.

Florida International University (FL) partnered with Brownsville Community Garden to host a Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence from Burkina Faso. The scholar provided multiple lectures and dance performances promoting Diversity and Peace. These lectures included the following topics: "Diversity Deepens our Connections to Each Other" and "Diversity Nourishes Peace." The scholar's primary host was Naugatuck Valley Community College in Connecticut.

South Carolina State University (SC) hosted a Fulbright Scholar-In-Residence from Indonesia to conduct an interactive lecture-recital of Javanese Gamelan music. The scholar's primary host institution was Earlham College in Indiana.

Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute (NM) hosted a Fulbright Visiting Scholar from India who lectured on gender and cultural issues in India and screened the documentary *XXWhy: A Transgender Story*.

Wartburg College (IA) partnered with **Hawkeye Community College (IA)** and **Waverly Shell-Rock High School (IA)** to host a Costa Rican Scholar to conduct multiple lectures on the Role of Language as a Vehicle for Learning Culture and Defining Identity and the Importance of Becoming a Global Citizen. The scholar also spoke to multiple ESL departments and Spanish classes about the importance of foreign language learning.

Western Nevada College (NV) hosted a Fulbright Visiting Scholar from Tunisia who lectured on agriculture and drought conditions in arid regions. Her primary host was the United States Department of Agriculture.



OLF VISITS

Through the Outreach Lecturing Fund, you can invite a Fulbright Visiting Scholar to:

- Offer department or institution-wide lectures to students and/or faculty
- Speak on the history and culture of their country
- Meet with faculty to exchange ideas and engage in informal discussions with students
- Engage the wider community around your campus in the Fulbright Program

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