

# 2008-2009 Fulbright Awards

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## *Greek Scholarship Program - Research Scholars*

The Fulbright Foundation in Greece was established in 1948 and takes pride on operating the oldest Fulbright Program in Europe and the second oldest continuously operating Program in the world. It is a non profit, non-political, autonomous, bi-national institution which awards grants to both Greek and U.S. citizens.

Since 1948, the Fulbright Foundation has offered free advising services for studies in the U.S. to thousands of individuals and has awarded grants to more than 2,600 Greek and 1,700 U.S. citizens. The grants are in the form of financial stipends, which allow students, teachers, artists and scholars to study, lecture or conduct research in the U.S. and Greece respectively.

The Fulbright Program, the premier international educational exchange program throughout the world, promotes mutual understanding and collaborations between U.S. and international educational institutions and individuals. The Program fosters cross-cultural personal interactions in an atmosphere of global awareness, academic freedom and intellectual integrity. Grantees are selected on the basis of academic excellence, professional experience, personal character and ability and willingness to share ideas and experiences with people of diverse cultures.

The Fulbright Program has brought together some of the finest minds from around the globe. More than 140 countries have participated in the Program since its inception in 1946 and more than 96,000 U.S. citizens and 158,000 participants from other countries have benefited from the Fulbright experience. Many Fulbright scholars are young professionals who will return to positions of leadership in their home countries. Fulbright alumni include Nobel and Pulitzer Prize winners, prime ministers and heads of state, professors and scientists, ambassadors and artists, Supreme Court Justices and CEOs.

### **Important dates for 2008-2009 Fulbright Awards - Research Scholars**

<b>Competition opens</b>	<b>September 3, 2007</b>
<b>Competition closes</b>	<b>November 15, 2007</b>
Applicants to discuss their proposed project with the Foundation's Executive Director	November 26-December 14, 2007
Fulbright Board of Directors reviews and nominates candidates	January 14 - February 8, 2008
Notification of results	February-March, 2008

## Overview and Guidelines

The Fulbright Foundation in Greece will award five to seven grants\* (total number of grants may change based on funding,) to professors/researchers to lecture and/or conduct research at universities or research centers in the United States. Grants are awarded for a period of 60 days to 90 days and may be conducted at a maximum of two universities or research centers. Grant period begins as early as July 15, 2008 and must be completed by June 30, 2009. Awards are open to scholars in all fields and applicants must arrange their own affiliation/invitation in the U.S. Candidates are selected on the basis of academic and professional excellence, career potential and personal character.

\*From these awards two will be funded through a grant from the Stavros S. Niarchos Foundation. Priority will be given to scholars in the following fields: Agriculture, Environmental studies, Nutrition and Food Science, Museum, Library and Cultural Studies, Political Science. All awards are subject to the Fulbright Foundation's policy and conditions.

## Eligibility requirements

- Greek citizenship. Candidates with dual citizenship (US/Greek) or permanent residence in the United States are not eligible.
- A Ph.D degree followed by a minimum of five years of professional experience in the field of study
- English language proficiency.
- An official letter of invitation/affiliation from the U.S. university/research center which will include:

*A statement from the head of the Department and professor with whom the applicant plans to work with, which endorses the applicant's visit to the U.S. institution and states that the proposed project can be completed within the time frame specified, especially if the research period is during the summer months.*

- Preference will be given to qualified candidates who have not had substantial recent experience in the United States, that is for a period aggregating more than an academic year (nine months) during the past five years for study, teaching, research or employment.

## Grant benefits

- Monthly maintenance allowance of U.S. \$3,000. Recipients may continue their projects under the Foundation's sponsorship beyond the 90 days period, if funding from sources other than the Fulbright Foundation is obtained. Proof of source of funding will be required.
- Travel allowance from Greece to the United States.
- Limited health and accident insurance (for grantee only).
- Awards ceremony.
- J-1 Exchange visitor visa.
- Benefits offered by the cooperating agency in the United States, the Council of International Exchange of Scholars (CIES).

## Conditions

- Applicants are required to discuss their proposed project with the Foundation's Executive Director.

- All candidates selected for a Fulbright grant are required to submit a medical history and examination report before their grants can be finalized.
- The Fulbright Foundation's Board of Directors will review and re-evaluate grant eligibility should the institutional invitation/affiliation change.
- Fulbright grant recipients will be responsible for making their own travel arrangements according to Foundation policies.
- Grants cannot be deferred to the following year.

## Application procedure

For application forms candidates should contact after September 3, 2007:

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**Nine copies** of the Fulbright application and supporting documents should be delivered in person or by mail at the Fulbright Foundation in Athens. For residents of Northern Greece applications can also be forwarded to the Fulbright branch office in Thessaloniki. Faxed or e-mailed copies of applications will not be accepted. The following documents must be submitted (**in nine copies**):

- Fulbright signed application form.
- One page abstract of how the applicant's proposed project and presence in the United States would promote the "**mutual understanding**" element of the Fulbright Program and the development of educational collaborations between the United States and Greece.
- A research proposal not to exceed five single-spaced pages that clearly details the background, methodology, and objective of your project and its relationship to the objectives of the Fulbright Program.
- An official letter of invitation/affiliation from the U.S. institution the applicant plans to attend.
- Three letters of reference, in English, submitted in sealed envelopes (**no copies are necessary**).

## Visa Regulations

- Fulbright grant recipients must travel on a J-I visa sponsored by the Fulbright Program. It is a condition of the visa that after completion of the research program, scholars must return to Greece and reside there for two years before being eligible to immigrate or apply for permanent residence or a work permit in the United States. The purpose of the two-year home residency requirement is to ensure that exchange visitors return to their home country and fulfill the exchange objectives of the Fulbright Program.
- Scholars who have already begun their research or teaching activities or they have been physically present in the United States on a J-1 visa for more than 6 of the 12 months preceding the start date of their Fulbright grant, are not eligible to apply.
- Fulbright scholars cannot return to the United States under the professor or research scholar category for 24 months following the conclusion of the Fulbright grant.

**Application deadline: November 15, 2007**

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