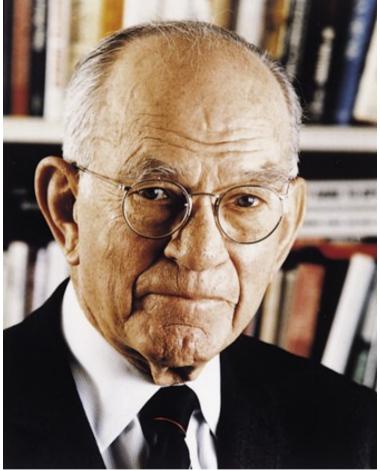




Fulbright Program Opportunities Austria - USA

Austrian-American Educational Commission





J. William Fulbright, 1905-1995





U.S. President Harry Truman (l.) signing the initial Fulbright Act, 1946 (Fulbright, c.)



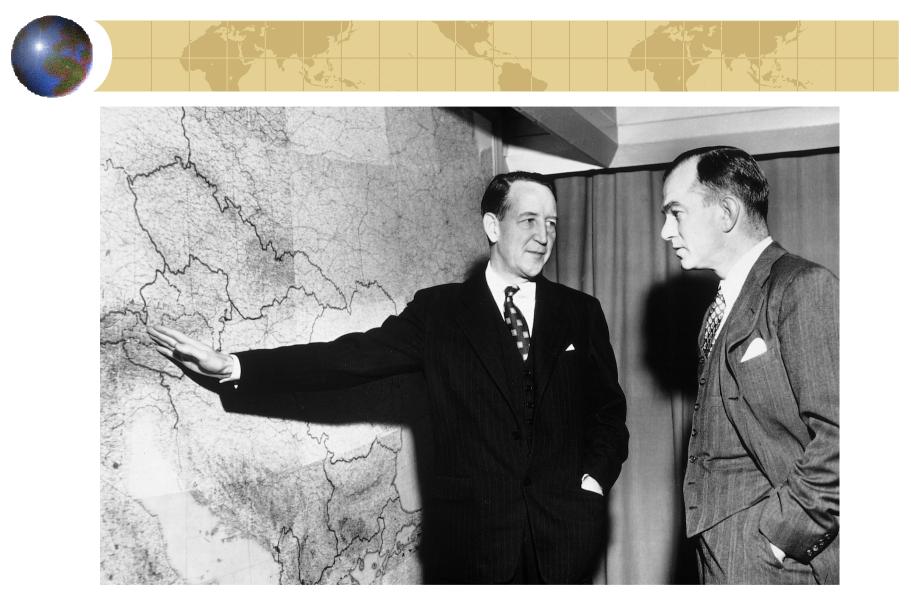
## Essential Information

- grandparent of international academic exchange programs
- 267,000 alumna (approx. 1/3 U.S.)
- 6,000 grantees per year (incoming and outgoing)
- Involves 150 countries (50 with binational commissions)
- Over 5,500 Austrian and U.S. alums since 1951/52





Part of the first class of Austrian Fulbright grantees on the S.S. Constitution, Genoa, September, 1951



Fulbright with U.S. Ambassador Llewellyn Thompson in Vienna, December 1952

# **Objective of the Fulbright Program**

#### Public Law 87-256, 1961

"increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries by means of educational and cultural exchange; to strengthen the ties which unite us with other nations,....."



# **Program Objectives**

- timeless, non-partisan
- open, annual, national, merit-based competition
- diverse and representative group of grantees
- previous achievement, academic excellence, future potential
- leadership & civic commitment



### **Binationalism**

- Binational exchange of students (completed undergraduate degrees), scholars, and professionals
- Binational funding and decision-making
- Managed by binational Fulbright Commissions (50) or Public Affairs Sections of U.S. Embassies abroad

# **Opportunities for U.S. Students**

- 6 research awards (conceived for MA and Ph.D candidates)
- I Internationales Forschungszentrum Kulturwissenschaften award: cultural studies
- 2 Diplomatic Academy awards, Vienna
- 12 or more "combined" awards: teaching assistantships at Austrian secondary schools combined with university enrollment
- 100 U.S. teaching assistantships in program of Austrian Ministry of Education, Science, Culture (no univeristy enrollment, technically not Fulbright grants): previous study of German required



# Application procedures: Fulbright students:

- advance planning is important
- Fulbright student awards deadline: mid-October (2006) for the following academic year (2007-08)
- application process handled by the Institute of International Education, NYC, and starts on campus
- Consult www.iie.org for details and country profiles/requirements



# Application procedures: USTA program

- advance planning is important
- application deadline: February 1, 2007
  for the following academic year (2007-08)
- application process handled directly by Fulbright Commission in Vienna
- Consult www.fulbright.at for details

## U.S. Scholar Program

- coordinated by Council for International Exchange of Scholars, Washington, D.C.
- Up to 17 awards, including two research awards, five lecturing awards with research options, nine distinguished lecturing awards and one artist-inresidence award
- Based on partnerships with a wide variety of Austrian institutions of higher education and research
- Two deadlines: May 2007 (for "Distinguished Chairs") and August 2007 (for "traditional awards") for 2008-2009 academic year
- Details: www.cies.org

# New: Senior Specialists Program

- Designed to facilitate 2 to 6 week awards for U.S. scholars, scientists, experts: flexible, short turn-around times
- CIES provides travel grant and honoraria
- Host institutions cover on-site costs
- U.S. candidates must apply to be included on Fulbright Senior Specialist Roster in order to be eligible for awards (entire application and review process is on-line)
- Host institutions seek to establish new contacts by seeking expertise on the roster or know who they want to invite and make "name requests"
- Details: www.cies.org/specialists



## Opportunities for Austrians at CUNY

- Austrian Fulbright students may apply to graduate programs (via Institute of International Education – Placement Office)
- CUNY may host Austrian Foreign Language Teaching assistants (cost-sharing) or (other languages (USG support for "strategic languages")
- CUNY faculty may host Austrian scholars (letter of invitation is important!) applying for grants for teaching/research in the U.S.