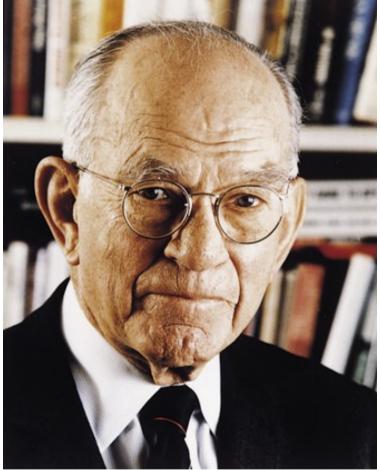


Fulbright Program Opportunities Austria - USA

Austrian-American Educational Commission





J. William Fulbright, 1905-1995





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



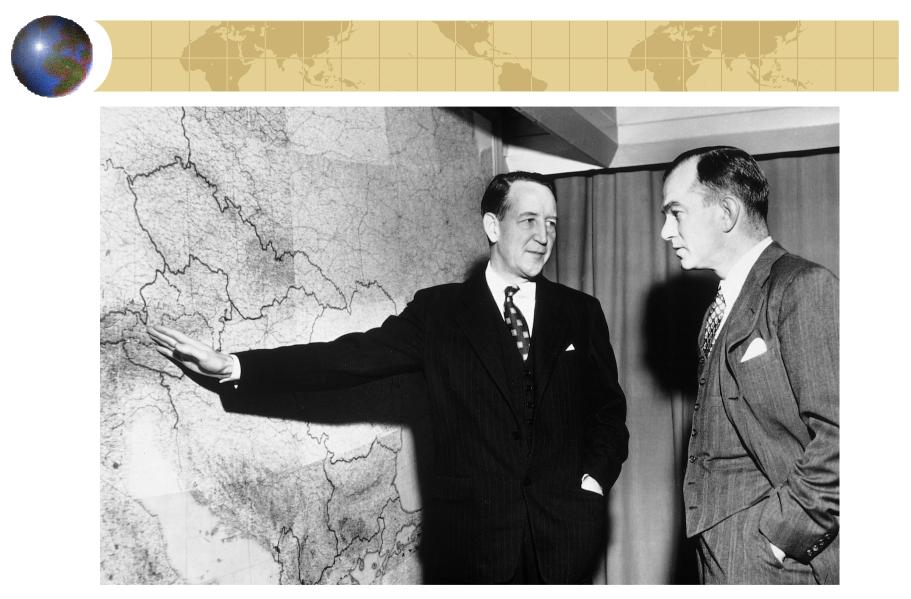
Essential Information

- 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.