


FULBRIGHT-HAYS FACULTY RESEARCH ABROAD (FRA) PROGRAM

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WHAT IS FRA?

This program funds fellowships through institutions of higher education (IHEs) to faculty members who propose to conduct research abroad in modern foreign languages and area studies to improve their skill in languages and their knowledge of the culture of the people of these countries.

Funds support: travel expenses to and from the residence of the fellow and the country or countries of research, a maintenance stipend for the fellow related to his or her academic year salary, and an allowance for research-related expenses overseas, such as books and photocopying, tuition, affiliation fees, local travel, and other incidental expenses.





A faculty member is eligible to receive a fellowship if they:

- Are a citizen, national, or permanent resident of the United States employed by an institution of higher education.
- Are engaged in teaching relevant to their foreign language or area studies specialization for the two years immediately preceding the date of the award.
- Propose research relevant to their modern foreign language or area studies specialization.
- Possess sufficient foreign language skills to carry out the research project.

FACULTY ELIGIBILITY

FUNDING

FRA funds may cover research-related expenses, such as:

- International economy travel and baggage fees.
- Maintenance allowance related to academic year salary.
- Books, research materials, etc.
- Travel within host country(ies).
- Affiliation fees.



FELLOW TESTIMONIALS

“The great thing about FRA is that it credits what you know about other parts of the world and different languages. ... If you take the time to learn the language everyday people use, it produces a bond of trust. ... Language is the gateway to rapport.”

Dr. David Holmberg, Professor of Anthropology, Cornell University



“Having a Fulbright-Hays (FRA) put me in a special community of people—we’re part of a national network. ... The research in Kyrgyzstan has allowed me to publish a number of academic articles, pieces for general audiences, radio interviews. ... I’m now an Associate Professor at The Ohio State University. ... I’m better able to advise graduate students on field research because of my experience. ... I’m really proud to be called a Fulbright graduate! I very much recommend applying to this program.”

Dr. Morgan Liu, Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology and Near East Languages & Cultures, The Ohio State University

RESEARCH TOPICS

FORMER FRA FELLOWS

FRA FELLOW /INSTITUTION	DISCIPLINE/LANGUAGE	RESEARCH LOCATION(S)	TOPIC
Morgan Liu, The Ohio State University	Anthropology/Uzbek, Russian	Kyrgyzstan	Central Asian Islam and Post-Soviet Societal Transformation
Peter Cowe, University of California, Los Angeles	Political Science/Armenian	Armenia	An Interdisciplinary Study of Armenian Royal Ideology and its Impact on Political Philosophy up to the 19th Century
Dorothy Mosby, Mount Holyoke College	Foreign Language and Literature/Spanish	Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Panama	Contemporary Central American Writers
Scott Gehlbach, University of Wisconsin-Madison	Political Science/Russian	Russia	Newslab Russia: Monitoring Russian Election News
Lilian Li, Swarthmore College	History; Area Studies/Chinese	China	Beijing: From Imperial City to Olympic City
Laura Herlihy, University of Kansas	Women's Studies/Spanish	Mexico, Nicaragua	Indigenous Women and Political Autonomy in Oaxaca, Mexico
John McCall, Southern Illinois University	Anthropology/Igbo	Nigeria	Research Toward an Ethnography of Nigerian Video Watching

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- **What is the process for designating a Project Director (PD) for an FRA application?**

A university/college designates someone for PD. They can be the chair of a department, a person in the sponsored research/grants office, an administrator in an academic division, or any other employee designated by the institution. Institutions should contact FRA@ed.gov to provide their PD's name to be registered in the U.S. Department of Education's G5 e-Application system.

- **Can a faculty member submit an application to the Department of Education?**

No. A faculty member is not permitted to submit his or her application directly to the competition. Instead, the designated PD at the institution submits the application to the competition on behalf of the faculty member. The PD is the individual at the university who will submit the application and administer the grant. Faculty applicants do not apply individually for the grant.

- **Does the grant cover faculty's salary during the fellowship? Does it cover dependent expenses?**

Yes, the grant covers a monthly maintenance allowance based on the faculty's academic year salary. The FRA grant does not cover dependent travel or maintenance.

- **Is there a page limit for the project narrative?**

We strongly recommend applicants follow the recommended page limits in the Federal Register notice.

- **Is the deadline date published in the Notice Inviting Applications (NIA) applicable to the faculty member or the PD?**

The published NIA is the date by which the PD must submit all components of the application to the Department via G5. The PD should access G5 and begin preparing the various components of the FRA institutional application well in advance of this date. Application materials cannot be submitted after the published deadline.

- **What resources are available to assist with the FRA application process?**

We provide guidance and technical assistance resources on the International and Foreign Language Education (IFLE) FRA website. The website is filled with helpful information such as FAQs, as well as step by step instructions on how to complete the forms in the G5 e-Application system. We will offer technical assistance webinars to answer questions about the program and submitting the application. For programmatic questions contact the FRA Program staff at FRA@ed.gov and contact the G5 Help Desk at 1-888-336-8930 for technical questions.

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