



Dear Colleague,

The Fulbright Commission of Ireland is seeking applications from Irish institutions until **27<sup>th</sup> September 2013** to bring a **U.S. Fulbright Specialist** to their institution for two to six weeks from January 2014. It is a creative and cost-effective way of accessing U.S. academics and professionals who might not be free to come for longer periods. The program enables Irish colleges, research centers, and educational and cultural institutions to invite U.S. academics or professionals to assist with any aspect of development, such as new courses, research program, or administrative structures, for example.

Irish institutions can suggest the name of an U.S. academic in an eligible discipline; otherwise there is a roster of qualified people to choose from. If the person suggested is not already on the roster s/he will have to undergo a peer review process in the U.S. to confirm eligibility. The peer review process takes place on a quarterly basis and the U.S. academic must apply to the [Council for the International Exchange of Scholars](#) (CIES) to get on the roster at the same time as the Irish college is applying to the Commission.

#### Eligible Academic Disciplines:

Agriculture	Environmental Science
American (U.S.) Studies	Information Technology
Anthropology	Law
Applied Linguistics/TEFL	Library Science
Archaeology	Math
Biology	Peace and Conflict Resolution Studies
Business Administration	Physics
Chemistry	Political Science
Communications and Journalism	Public Administration
Computer Science	Public/Global Health
Economics	Social Work
Education	Sociology
Engineering	Urban Planning

#### Application Process:

**By 27<sup>th</sup> September 2013:** Interested institutions should request further information, guidelines, and an application form from the Fulbright Commission from Ms. Sonya McGuinness, U.S. Program Manager, Fulbright Commission, Email: [sonya.mcguinness@fulbright.ie](mailto:sonya.mcguinness@fulbright.ie). Completed applications are to be returned to [sonya.mcguinness@fulbright.ie](mailto:sonya.mcguinness@fulbright.ie) by 27<sup>th</sup> September 2013.

**10<sup>th</sup> October 2013:** The Commission has an allocation of three Specialists. The Commission will review / endorse applications from Irish institutions at its October 2013 Board meeting against the following criteria:

- **Project Proposal / Impact:** Priority will be given to well-developed projects that:
  - Are feasible in the time proposed, will have demonstrable impact on the host institution, and potential for future collaborations and linkages.
  - Reflect the emphasis of the Commission's new InFACT Awards, which explore the transformative power of communication technology across all disciplines, with a particular emphasis on investigating the ethical or security implications of communication technologies or the creative and innovative application of mobile technology. Applications from all disciplines are welcome in the InFACT Awards but the following disciplines are being particularly encouraged: Education, Digital Arts and Culture, and Diaspora Relations.
- **Proposed Academic / Specialist:** Preference will be given to projects that have already identified an U.S. academic / specialist who has applied or is already on the roster.
- **Diversity of Institution / Discipline:** Priority will be given to institutions in who have not recently hosted a Fulbright Specialist or whose application was ranked highly in the FY13 cycle.

**From 10<sup>th</sup> October 2013:** The Commission will notify institutions of the status of their applications, provide feedback to unsuccessful applicants, and work with successful applicants to implement their application. Please note that the approval process can take three to four months if the Specialist is not already on the roster.

**Cost:** Fulbright, through the [\*Council for the International Exchange of Scholars\*](#) (CIES) in the U.S., pays the Specialist a per diem and travel. The Irish institution is requested to provide accommodation, meals, and any internal travel costs.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions and I look forward to receiving your queries and applications.

Kind regards,

Sonya McGuinness