

2024-2025 FULBRIGHT-NEHRU ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE FELLOWSHIPS

The Fulbright-Nehru Academic and Professional Excellence Fellowships aim to provide Indian faculty, researchers, and professionals the opportunity to teach, conduct research, or carry out a combination of teaching and research at a U.S. institution. Depending on the U.S. host institution, it is likely that the grantee may contribute towards developing curriculum and conducting workshops and seminars. These fellowships are for four to nine months.

Applications are invited in the following fields only: Agricultural Sciences; Anthropology; Bioengineering; Chemistry; Computer Science (including, but not limited to, cyber security, digital economy, quantum computing, artificial intelligence, machine learning and big data analytics); Earth Sciences; Economics; Education Policy and Planning; Energy Studies; History; Language/Literature/Linguistics; Materials Science (with emphasis on environmental applications); Mathematical Sciences; Neurosciences; Performing Arts; Physics; Political Science (including, but not limited to, International Security and Strategic Studies); Psychology; Public Health (including, but not limited to, pandemic preparedness and comprehensive surveillance (genomic surveillance, sewage surveillance, sero-surveillance)); Public Policy; Sociology; Urban and Regional Planning (with emphasis on smart cities and waste management); Visual Arts; and Women's and Gender Studies.

Research

Applicants must demonstrate the relevance of the proposed research to India and/or the U.S., its benefit to the applicant's institution, the feasibility of accomplishing the research goal within the stipulated period, and the need to carry out the research in the U.S.

Teaching

Indian academics and professionals contribute to the internationalization of the curriculum at their U.S. host institutions and the understanding of recent developments not just in India but globally. The recipient will be affiliated as a visiting scholar at a U.S. institution and will teach courses individually or team-teach.

Research and Teaching

Applicants will carry out a combination of research and teaching activities at the U.S. host institution. They must specify the percentage of the grant for each activity and define this in the project statement. For instance, if the plan is to spend 60 percent of the grant duration for research and 40 percent for teaching, the project statement should demonstrate this allocation. Teaching could include courses (individually or team-taught) or a series of seminars at the U.S. institution.

Affiliation

The applicant will be affiliated to one U.S. host institution. USIEF strongly recommends all applicants to indicate affiliation preference, and to correspond, in advance, with potential host institutions. If the applicant has secured a letter of invitation from a U.S. institution, s/he must include it as a part of the online application.

Grant Benefits

The fellowships provide a J-1 visa support, a monthly stipend, Accident and Sickness Program for Exchanges per U.S. Government guidelines, round-trip economy class air travel, a modest settling-in allowance, and a professional allowance. Subject to availability of funds, in case of grantees on eight or nine-month grants, a dependent allowance and international travel may be provided for one accompanying eligible dependent provided the dependent is with the grantee in the U.S. for at least 80 per cent of the grant period.

Eligibility Requirements

In addition to the [General Prerequisites](#):

- faculty/researchers must have a Ph.D. degree with at least five years of relevant teaching/research/professional experience;
- professionals outside academe must have a master's degree and at least five years of relevant experience;

- the applicant should upload a recent significant publication (copy of paper/article) in the online application (not exceeding 30 pages); and
- if the applicant is employed, s/he must follow the instructions carefully regarding employer's endorsement. The employer must indicate that leave will be granted for the fellowship period. The applicant must obtain the endorsement from the appropriate administrative authority on the Letter of Support from Home Institution.

HOW TO APPLY

- Applications must be submitted online at: <https://apply.iie.org/fvsp2024>
- Please carefully review the [FNAPE Applicant Instructions](#) before starting your online application
- Please refer to [FNAPE Applicant Checklist](#) before submitting the application.
- In addition, you must complete and upload the [FNAPE Letter of Support from Home Institution](#) on your online application.

Application Deadline: July 17, 2023, 23:59:59 hrs (IST)

For any queries contact: ape@usief.org.in

Timeline and Placement Process

July 17, 2023	Application deadline
September 2023	Review of the applications
Early October 2023	USIEF informs the applicants about the review outcome
Early November 2023	Interviews of short-listed candidates
Mid-November 2023	USIEF notifies principal and alternate nominees
December 2023	USIEF forwards applications of recommended candidates to the U.S. for J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board (FFSB) approval and placement
April 2023	USIEF notifies the finalists about the FFSB approval
May/June 2024	Pre-Departure Orientation
August/September 2024	Program begins

IMPORTANT:

- **You can apply for only ONE Fulbright-Nehru fellowship category during a competition cycle.**
- **Candidates cannot apply for Fulbright-Nehru and Fulbright-Kalam grants in the same academic year.**
- **Plagiarism in the application will lead to disqualification.**
- **Unless otherwise specified, Fulbright-Nehru applications are to be submitted online.**
- **Applications received after the deadline will NOT be considered.**
- **Extensions and Transfer of visa sponsorship will not be permitted.**
- **Prospective Fulbright participants should be aware that public health conditions, availability of consular services and travel, as well as U.S. institutional operating status and policies may affect their ability to travel to the U.S. and participate in academic programs.**
