

October 20, 2017

Dear Sir/Madam,

As you may already know, Hungarian scholars may receive grants to study, teach or do research in the United States from the Fulbright program administered by the Hungarian-American Fulbright Commission for Educational Exchange. The Fulbright program also offers the opportunity for Hungarian institutions to **host American university lecturers, researchers and graduate students**. The professional qualifications, knowledge and expertise of incoming Fulbright scholars are assured by the traditionally rigorous selection procedures. During their stay in Hungary, American Fulbright grantees can be involved not only in teaching and research, since most of them would also be glad and eager to assist in the educational, organizational, and curriculum development efforts of their host institution or in any other relevant activities. Grant periods vary according to the types of grants. Lecturing awards are for one or two semesters, and research awards are for 3-9 months.

Our goal is to make the best use of the Fulbright program in the full range of Hungarian academic and scientific life, and to contribute to the development of Hungary's major research projects and higher education.

We would like to survey the needs of Hungarian institutions for American Fulbright grantees for the **2019-2020 academic year** with the help of the so-called 'University Request Form for a U.S. Fulbright Scholar, AY 2019-2020' questionnaire.

The online questionnaire can be accessed at the following link:

<https://goo.gl/forms/r7MmYahz5YI2Mqr92>

We kindly ask you to fill out and submit your institution's or department's request for a Fulbright grantee **by November 15, 2017**.

The announcement of Fulbright grant opportunities for American faculty and professionals is edited annually on the basis of this survey conducted world-wide. It is published online in the '*U.S. Fulbright Scholar Catalog of Awards*' by the *Council for International Exchange of Scholars* (CIES). The Catalog (<http://catalog.cies.org/>) or announcement helps the American applicants choose the institution and field which best corresponds to their knowledge and expertise, and it also provides information on Hungarian higher education and research activities. In case you know of an American professor who would be a good fit for your institution, please direct their attention to the call for Fulbright applications.

Fulbright grants are awarded in all fields of the arts and sciences. Priority may be given to subjects dealing with the connections, culture, and history of the U.S. and Hungary. While completing the form, we suggest that you avoid too specific descriptions of fields since this may narrow down the range of interested experts. Please have the form signed by the head of a department or other responsible person, who in case of a successful application will be the institutional host of a grantee.

All submitted requests will be forwarded to CIES in Washington, DC for further review. However, please note that completing the request form does not automatically mean that an American scholar will in fact apply for the position, and that your department/institution will be able to host a Fulbright scholar.

We encourage you to circulate the request form widely within your institution.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Fulbright Commission.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Károly Jókay
Executive Director