



EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES

SKOPJE - MACEDONIA

Educational Exchange Opportunities

The Fulbright Program

The flagship international educational exchange program sponsored by the U.S. Government, widely known as the Fulbright Program, is designed to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries. With this goal as a starting point, the Fulbright Program has provided more than 318,000 participants, chosen for their leadership potential, with the opportunity to observe each others' political, economic and cultural institutions, exchange ideas, and embark on joint ventures of importance to the general welfare of the world's inhabitants. The Fulbright Program was established in 1946 under legislation introduced by former Senator J. William Fulbright of Arkansas. The Fulbright Program is administered by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the United States Department of State. The Fulbright Program awards approximately 8,000 new grants annually, and operates in 155 countries around the world.

Fulbright Scholar Program in the United States for Macedonian Citizens

This program enable citizens of Macedonia to study, conduct research, and pursue their academic and professional interests at leading universities and other educational institutions in the U.S. The awards (4 – 9 months) are granted through an open competition, and selected candidates will be required to appear for an interview by a committee. For additional information about the program please visit the website at: <http://fulbright.state.gov/> or <http://macedonia.usembassy.gov> . **The deadline for receipt of applications is November 15, 2013.**

Fulbright Foreign Student Program in the United States for Macedonian Citizens

The Fulbright Foreign Student Program brings Macedonian citizens to the United States for master's degree or Ph.D. research at U.S. universities or other appropriate institutions. Foreign students apply for Fulbright Fellowships through the U.S. Embassy in Skopje. The Institute of International Education (IIE) arranges academic placement for most Fulbright nominees and supervises participants during their stay in the United States. We encourage applicants for the Fulbright Student Program to apply online at the following link: <http://fulbright.state.gov/> . For additional information about the program, please visit the website at: <http://macedonia.usembassy.gov> . **The deadline for receipt of applications is June 30, 2013.**

Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program

The Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program brings accomplished professionals from designated countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America, the Caribbean, the Middle East, Europe and Eurasia to the United States at a midpoint in their careers for a year of study and related professional experience. The Program provides a basis for establishing long-lasting productive partnerships and relationships between citizens of the United States and their professional counterparts in other countries, fostering an exchange of knowledge and mutual understanding throughout the world. For further information, please visit the website: <http://www.humphreyfellowship.org/> or <http://macedonia.usembassy.gov> . **The deadline for receipt of applications is June 30, 2013.**

Fulbright Senior Specialist Program

This Program was initiated in 2001 to provide Fulbright grants of two to six weeks to qualified scholars to work with their professional counterparts at foreign academic institutions worldwide.

To participate in the program, the requesting institution is invited to apply through the Embassy specifying the expertise required and giving the name of the specialist, if one has been identified. The final selection of the specialist remains the responsibility of the Office of Academic Exchange of the State Department.

There is no deadline for application, but it is advisable to contact the Embassy prior to making a formal application.

Study of the United States Institutes (SUSI)

Study of the United States Institutes (SUSI): are intensive post-graduate level academic programs with integrated study tours whose purpose is to provide foreign university faculty and other scholars the opportunity to deepen their understanding of American society, culture and institutions. The ultimate goal is to strengthen curricula and to improve the quality of teaching about the United States in academic institutions abroad. For information about our current programs, please visit our website at <http://macedonia.usembassy.gov> or www.exchanges.state.gov/education/amstudy.

Other Opportunities

Community Solutions Program

The Community Solutions Program is a professional development program for the best and brightest global community leaders working in Transparency & Accountability, Tolerance/Conflict Resolution, Environmental Issues, and Women's Issues. Selected candidates will participate in: a four month US fellowship with a local nonprofit organization or government agency; structured virtual learning and networking via the Online Community Leadership Institute; and, the design and implementation of follow-on projects in their home countries. The application and additional information for the 2013 Community Solutions Program is available online at:

<http://www.irex.org/project/community-solutions>. Related links are also included at the end of this email.

Youth Exchange and Study (YES Program)

This exchange program offers high school students the opportunity to live with an American family and study in an American school for the 2013-2014 academic year for free. Participation in the competition is also free. For further information, please refer to <http://macedonia.usembassy.gov> or <http://americancouncilssee.org/> contact person: Velika Angelkova, Hub Coordinator, American Councils for International Education: e-mail: skopje@americancouncilssee.org .

Benjamin Franklin Transatlantic Fellows, Youth Program

The program focuses primarily on the exploration of global issues through interactive activities, practical experiences, and other hands-on opportunities. Through their participation in the Institutes, the Fellows learn more about democratic practices, volunteer service, conflict resolution, critical thinking, tolerance and respect for diversity, and youth leadership. The institute itinerary includes sessions in Winston-Salem, NC, Philadelphia, PA, and Washington, DC. For more information, please see <http://bftf.org/> or <http://macedonia.usembassy.gov> .

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