



2011 Fulbright Foreign Student Enrichment Seminars

The U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) sponsors enrichment seminars, conferences and workshops across the United States as part of its flagship Fulbright Program. These enrichment activities, an integral part of the Fulbright experience, benefit Fulbright foreign students and support the Fulbright Program’s overall mission – to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries. The Institute of International Education (IIE) administers the enrichment seminar program under the guidance of and in consultation with ECA.

2011 Traditional Enrichment Seminars for First-Year Fulbright Students: “Greening of the Planet”

Traditional enrichment seminars bring together approximately 140 first-year Fulbright foreign students and ten recently returned Fulbright U.S. Student alumni in nine cities. In 2011, the 1,260 participants hail from countries in all world regions.

The enrichment seminars allow participants to meet and network with other Fulbrighters from around the world who are studying in the United States as well as with local citizens in each seminar city. Students also develop a better understanding of contemporary life and culture, policy formulation and public attitudes of nationally and globally important issues in the U.S.

Each year, the seminar highlights a topic of national significance which also has implications for the global community. This year’s theme – “Greening of the Planet: Global Challenges, Local Solutions” – will examine the effects of climate change on the host city and local efforts to respond to these environmental challenges.

Over three days, students explore the theory and practice of environmental sustainability and its implications for urban living, scientific innovation, economic development and education. They participate in interactive discussions with subject matter experts, volunteer in local community service projects, engage in group workshops and explore each seminar city’s unique role in making a local impact on the topic or issue.

Fulbrighters meet private and non-profit sector leaders, U.S. government officials, members of the academic community, scientists and artists. Students also have an opportunity to interact with the U.S. Department of State sponsors and staff from administering agencies.

Seminar Host Cities and Dates

Los Angeles, CA	February 3-6
Nashville, TN	February 10-13
Denver, CO	February 24-27
San Francisco, CA	February 24-27
New Orleans, LA	February 24-27
Washington, DC	March 16-20
Chicago, IL	March 24-27
Philadelphia, PA	April 7-10
New York, NY	April 14-17

Elements of Each Enrichment Seminar

Each seminar incorporates the following to connect Fulbright Foreign Students better to the seminar theme and host city:

- *Panel Discussions and Presentations by Experts and Fulbright Students* - Subject matter experts and leaders at the forefront of the seminar’s theme discuss best practices with the students. Fulbright students already involved in environmental projects at home share their experiences with their peers.
- *Community Service Projects* - Fulbright

students work with local volunteer organizations on specific community environmental projects in neighborhoods, public parks and schools to learn about civic participation in American society and give back to the host city.

- *Home Hospitality Evenings* - Fulbright students gather with members of the host city community for a special evening to interact directly with Americans and learn first-hand about unique cultural features of American life.
- *Group Workshop Projects* - Students are divided into small groups to collaborate on addressing an environment challenge in a specific country or region. Students present their projects to an expert panel, which then selects the most promising project.
- *Cultural Events and Activities* - Fulbrighters explore the host city’s unique cultural heritage at local points of interest.

Traditional Enrichment Seminars Selection Process

All eligible first-year Fulbright Foreign Students in any field of study were invited to apply for a seminar placement in fall 2010. Students were randomly assigned a seminar through a process that takes into account student date preferences, country representation, gender balance, diversity of fields of study and host campuses.

For more information on the Fulbright Enrichment Seminars, visit <http://fulbright.state.gov/enrichment>.

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