



The Palestinian Affairs Unit in Jerusalem Announces The 2020 Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence (SIR) Program

Application Deadline: April 5, 2020 via <https://apply.iie.org/sir>

The Palestinian Affairs Unit in Jerusalem and the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) are pleased to announce a specific call for a Palestinian Scholar to participate in the Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence (SIR) Program at Cornell College (Mount Vernon, Iowa <https://www.cornellcollege.edu/>). The college seeks to recruit a scholar with a PhD in Political Science or International relations to teach four courses during the 2020-2021 academic year and contribute Middle Eastern content and coursework to the college's existing International Relations program. The scholar will also assist with a series of co-curricular activities and engage in community outreach with area colleges, the local high school, and non-profit organizations to immerse the scholar in campus and community life and increase internationalization.

About the S-I-R Program

Through the Fulbright S-I-R Program, U.S. colleges and universities collaborate with scholars from other countries to assist in internationalizing U.S. campuses, curriculum and communities. Fulbright S-I-Rs teach primarily on the undergraduate level in their areas of expertise and provide a cross-cultural or international perspective to promote curriculum and program development. Their activities typically contribute to enhancing the institution's international/global studies programs, interdisciplinary course/program offerings and broaden international cooperation. In addition, Fulbright S-I-Rs are expected to engage in both on-campus and community activities throughout the program's duration. S-I-R grants are for either one semester or an academic year.

Cornell College's Scholar In Residence Proposal

Cornell College's beautiful campus is situated on a wooded hilltop overlooking the Cedar River valley. With the exception of two buildings that are too new to qualify, all campus buildings are individually listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The College is located in the quaint town of Mount Vernon, Iowa. Mount Vernon is known for its vibrant community festivals including Heritage Days, the Chocolate Stroll and the Lincoln Highway Arts Festival.

Cornell College seeks to enhance its programming with respect to the Middle East. The S-I-R would contribute Middle Eastern content and coursework to the existing International Relations program. The scholar will also help internationalize other academic departments, the co-curriculum, and the knowledge base and understanding of the broader community through sharing of his/her Middle Eastern expertise.

The normal teaching load for full-time faculty at Cornell College is six classes per year, or six of eight blocks. Each 18-day class is equivalent to a 4-credit-hour class, and should average four

hours of contact time per day. **The Fulbright scholar will teach four courses, providing a two-course reduction intended to provide extra time for community engagement, professional development, and contributions to other classes. The Fulbright scholar's four courses will be Politics of the Middle East, Political Economy of Developing Countries, International Organizations and International Politics.**

Cornell College hosts monthly, lunchtime Humanities & Arts Interest Group (HAIG) presentations where faculty share their scholarly work with the campus community. **The Fulbright scholar will present a spring 2021 lecture on a topic of choice and will choose an additional topic for an evening lecture open to the public and area colleges as well as the Cornell community.**

Program dates are expected to be August 10, 2020 – May 20, 2021.

Participant Eligibility:

- Applicants must be Palestinian residents of Jerusalem, the West Bank, or the Gaza Strip throughout the nomination and selection process.
- Applicants are scholars with a PhD in Political Science or International Relations, preferably with a focus on International Relations and/or Comparative Politics of the Middle East. The scholar should be knowledgeable regarding the history of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and have three or more years of undergraduate teaching experience.
- Applicants must have excellent proficiency in English and outstanding qualifications, as these programs are extremely competitive.
- Applicants must demonstrate maturity, dependability, integrity, and professionalism.
- Holders of American passports or green cards, and employees of the U.S. Embassy and their immediate dependents are **not eligible to participate** in this program.
- Participation in the program is contingent upon the applicant qualifying for a J-1 visa to the U.S.
- Material misrepresentation (e.g., plagiarism) at any time during the application or grant period is grounds for selection withdrawal or grant termination, as well as ineligibility for future participation.
- Fulbright SIR participants are required to return to their home countries upon completion of the program.
- Local AMIDEAST employees, even those who have worked on a contract or short-term basis, may therefore be ineligible to participate in the Fulbright FLTA Program until one year following termination of employment.
Candidates who had prolonged academic activities in the United States during the last five years will not be considered.
- Preference is given to candidates who have not previously been Fulbright grantees.

GRANT BENEFITS: Fulbright S-I-Rs are provided by the U.S. Department of State with:

- A stipend ranging from \$2,850 to \$3,700 per month (depending on grant location),
- One-time allowances for materials (\$250) settling-in expenses (\$500 - \$750) and professional development (\$750 - \$1,125) depending on grant length,

- A monthly dependent allowance; \$200 per month for one qualifying dependent and \$350 per month for two or more qualifying dependents (note that qualifying dependents include spouses and unmarried children under the age of 21 who accompany the scholar for at least 80% of the time in the United States),
- Round-trip international airfare for the S-I-R and one qualifying dependent (note that the grant must be for a full academic year and the dependent must accompany the scholar for at least 80% of the time in the United States),
- Accident and sickness health benefits for the S-I-R (scholars must purchase J-visa compliant insurance for all accompanying dependents),
- J-Visa sponsorship for the Scholar and accompanying spouse and unmarried children under the age of 21,
- In addition, many host institutions offer cost-sharing benefits (a salary supplement and/or other accommodations, which vary widely according to the resources available at the institutions).

Application Deadline and inquiries:

Please submit an on-line application via the on-line system at the following website:
<https://apply.iie.org/sir> Submission deadline: no later than **April 5, 2020.**

Application package: A complete application package includes the on-line application, personal information form, two letters of reference and a letter from home institution confirming you will be given leave of absence if you are selected for the grant.

For questions and more information about the gran, contact us:

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