

Research Development Program Engagement: Success with the Fulbright Scholar Program

# Institutional Profile: Brigham Young University



- Founded in 1875 and sponsored by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
- Among the largest private universities in the U.S.
  - (largest religious university)
- Over 30,000 undergraduate and graduate students
- Carnegie classification: R2-Doctoral Universities (<\$40M outside funding/year)</li>



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# **Presentation Goal**

The goal of this presentation is to:

Demonstrate how BYU's Research Development office engages with the Fulbright Scholar program which has led to an increase of proposals and awards to that program.

# Q & A with Faculty Fulbrighter



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# **Engagement Activities**

Resources and access to program Fulbright Campus Liaison officers Share events and resources; find Campus collaborations foreign collaborators Track faculty interest in Fulbright Newsletter opportunities Multiple campus offices involved; **Fulbright Day** greater attendance Align with Fulbright review **Proposal Review and Edits** criteria; stronger application

# Fulbright Campus Liaison

## Role as campus liaison:

- Attended training workshop in D.C.
  - Understand program
  - Network with program officers
- Access to brochures, PowerPoints, and other advertising material
- Access to network of other liaisons

Tip: An RD person in this role is a great way to understand the ins-and-outs of the program.



### Scholar Liaison Network

There are approximately 1,500 designated Fulbright Scholar Liaisons on college and university campuses throughout the United States, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico for the Fulbright Program for Faculty and Professionals. This network of committed individuals is crucial to the promotion of the Fulbright Program to the U.S. higher education community.

#### Search Scholar Liaison Network

- > Resources for Scholar Liaisons ₪
- > Liaison Trainings and Events ₺

# Campus International Offices

Engage with campus international offices:

- Host joint events promote Fulbright to faculty and students
  - Kennedy Center open house
  - Fulbright Day
- Share marketing and speaker costs
- Provide contacts for foreign collaborators
- Bring foreign scholars to campus



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International Student and Scholar Services

Connecting with international offices is a great way to stretch limited resources!

# Newsletters

# **BYU** Research Development

### **Fulbright Program Newsletter**

**U.S. Fulbright Scholar Program Opportunities** 

The U.S. Fulbright Scholar Program catalog of awards for academic year 2022-2023 is open! Whether you plan to conduct independent research, teach, or pursue a professional project, Fulbright makes a real and lasting impact. Don't miss out on this important opportunity to share knowledge and serve as a cultural ambassador through Fulbright. Search the 2022-2023 awards catalog to find the perfect opportunity.

The application deadline for most awards is **September 15, 2021**. If you are interested in any of the opportunities above, or if you would like advice on how to put together a successful application, contact the BYU Fulbright Campus Representative, Kristen Kellems, at <a href="mailto:kckellems@byu.edu">kckellems@byu.edu</a>.

### Fulbright Program Officer Webinars For BYU Faculty and Students

April 2, 2021 11 am- 1 pm

11 am- Fulbright US Student Program: Presented by Lee Rivers, Outreach Specialist, Fulbright US Student Program
 12 pm- Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program: Sarah Causer, Outreach and Recruitment Specialist, Institute of International Education
 1 pm- Fulbright Specialist Program: Amirah Nelson, Senior Outreach Officer, Fulbright Specialist Program

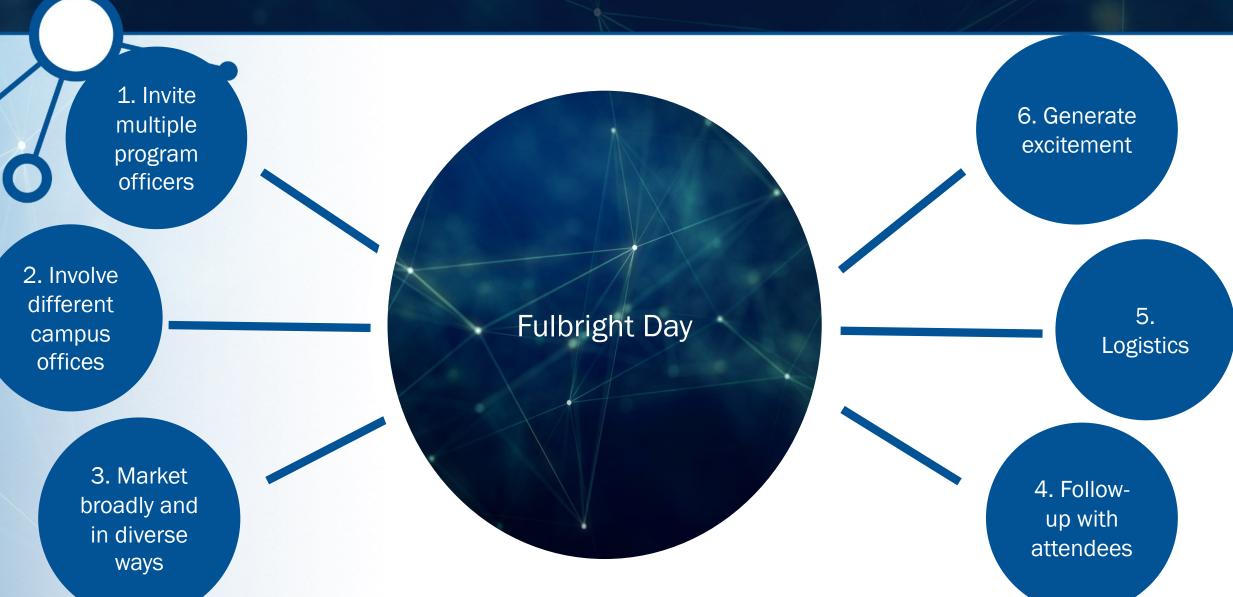
### Mailchimp Newsletters:

- Fulbright information in monthly college newsletters
- Fulbright only newsletter
  - Fulbright awardees
  - My Fulbright and other resources

### Benefits:

- Track clicked on opportunities by faculty's name/email
- Reach out to individual faculty based on newsletter engagement
- Reports allow you to see trends over time

# Bringing Fulbright Program Officers to Campus



# **Editing Proposals**

### Provide information:

- Get copies of successful proposals in different disciplines that can be shared
- Get examples of host letters of invitation
- Know who on your campus has connections with various countries



### Edit and review:

- Understand the Fulbright review process
- Align your faculty's proposal with review criteria
- Concentrate on engagement with host community
- Shorten technical descriptions
- Have former Fulbrighters or those who have been Fulbright reviewers read the project narrative

### **Lessons Learned**

 Becoming a campus liaison gives you insider knowledge with the funder and its priorities

Campus liaison trainings allows you to network with program officers

- Engaging with other campus offices allows cost sharing and broader engagement
- Former Fulbrighters love the program and love helping others get Fulbrights
- Since 2015, BYU has increased its applications by 80% and has seen an over 50% success rate

Questions or comments?

Contact me!

