



EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES RIGA - LATVIA

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 those of other countries. The Fulbright Program has provided more than 300,000 participants 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. Approximately 8,000 grants are awarded annually. The Fulbright Program is administered by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the United States Department of State.

Fulbright Scholar Program in the United States for Latvian Citizens

This program enable citizens of Latvia or the holders of the non-citizen passport 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://riga.usembassy.gov> . **The deadline for receipt of applications is Nov. 21, 2015 (TBC).**

Fulbright Foreign Student Program in the United States for Latvian Citizens

The Fulbright Foreign Student Program brings Latvian citizens or the holders of the non-citizen passport 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 Riga. 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://riga.usembassy.gov> . **The deadline for receipt of applications is September 2, 2015 (TBC).**

Teaching Excellence and Achievement Program Announcement (TEA)

The Teaching Excellence and Achievement Program (TEA) is a program of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the U.S. Department of State, and implemented by IREX, a Washington, DC-based nonprofit organization. TEA will provide 150 secondary school teachers from Europe and Eurasia, East Asia and the Pacific, the Near East, South and Central Asia, Sub-Saharan Africa, and the Western Hemisphere with unique opportunities to develop expertise in their subject areas, enhance their teaching skills, and increase their knowledge about the United States. The international participants will travel to the United States in two cohorts of 75 teachers each in spring or fall. Their program will include seminars on new teaching methodologies, curriculum development, lesson planning, and instructional technology. The 6-week program will also include a practicum in a secondary school near the host university to work closely with American teachers and students. Trips to U.S. cultural sites and academic support will be provided for participants throughout the program. For more information, please see <http://www.irex.org/project/teaching-excellence-and-achievement-program-tea> or <http://riga.usembassy.gov> . **The deadline for receipt of applications will be April 8, 2015.**

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://riga.usembassy.gov> . **The deadline for receipt of applications is September 2, 2015 (TBC).**

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, and secondary educators (classroom teachers, teacher trainers, curriculum developers, textbook writers, ministry of education officials, etc.) 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://riga.usembassy.gov> . **The deadline for receipt of applications is December, 2015 (TBC).**

Benjamin Franklin Transatlantic Fellows

The Summer Institutes for Youth, a program under the Benjamin Franklin Transatlantic Fellows Initiative, encompasses four-week U.S.-based institutes in the summer 2011 for teenagers (ages 16-18). 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. Each Institute includes up to 45 European students and 10 American students. For more information, please see <http://riga.usembassy.gov> . **The deadline for submitting the video is February, 2016.**

Other Opportunities

Baltic-American Freedom Foundation (BAFF)

In 2010, the Baltic-American Freedom Foundation (BAFF) was created with a mission to enrich the ties between the United States and Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania, through programs of education and exchange centering on economic growth and democratic processes. BAFF offers scholarship opportunities (professional internship program, graduate scholarship program, research scholar program) in the U.S. to legal permanent residents of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania. For further information, please refer to <http://www.balticamericanfreedomfoundation.org/> contact person: Ilze Doškina, Baltic-American Freedom Foundation, Valdemāra Centrs, Kr. Valdemāra iela 21, Rīga, LV-1010, Tel. 67035270, Fax: 67035252, e-mail: idoskina@ciecee.org .

EducationUSA Center

EducationUSA is a global network of more than 400 advising centers supported by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs at the U.S. Department of State. EducationUSA centers actively promote U.S. higher education around the world by offering accurate, unbiased, comprehensive, objective and timely information about educational institutions in the United States and guidance to qualified individuals on how best to access those opportunities. Education USA Information and Testing Center (EITC), located in Riga, is part of a global network of 450 information and testing centers. EITC, the only one of its kind in Latvia provides accurate, unbiased information about all accredited U.S. Higher Education institutions. EITC provides also access to materials needed to prepare and study for entrance examinations, as well as offering courses for preparing for these tests. For further information, please refer to <http://www.educationusa.info/> or <http://www.educationusa.lv/> contact person: Liva Meldere-Lukjanova, EducationUSA Junior Advisor, EducationUSA at RTU Riga Business School, Skolas iela 11, Rīga, LV-1010, Tel. 67089808, Fax 67820178, e-mail: liva.lukjanova@rbs.lv