Thirteen IUB Students Win Fulbright Grants for 2004–2005

A mong the most prestigious federal grants sought by U.S. graduate students to study, teach, or conduct dissertation research abroad are the two Fulbright grant programs described below. For academic 2004–2005, a total of 13 IU Bloomington students received grants under these two programs. The Office of International Programs offers its congratulations to these winners.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE FULBRIGHT GRANTS

The U.S. Student Fulbright Program for Graduate Study or Research Abroad is the best-known source of overseas study grants in the nation. It provides support for seniors and graduate students to study abroad, conduct research, teach in certain fields, or obtain professional training in the creative and performing arts. These Fulbright grants are administered by the Institute of International Education (IIE).

Nationwide, about 4,500 students apply annually, for which about 1,100 awards are granted. At IU Bloomington, 39 students applied for IIE grants during the 2004–2005 competition. Of these, 10 students received awards, putting Indiana University among the top five colleges and universities in the Midwest region producing Fulbright fellows.

Ryan Adams
Anthropology, Brazil

Jeremy Albright
Comparative Politics, Spain

Christopher Baker
Area Studies, Kazakhstan

Kathryn Boswell
Anthropology, Burkina Faso

Angela Bredehoeft
ESL Teaching Assistantship, Germany

Cassandra Chambliss
Near/Middle Eastern Studies, Egypt

Abigail Crisman
South Asian Studies, India

Kathleen Lavengood
Ethnomusicology, Canada

Lisa Overholser
Ethnomusicology, Hungary

Deanna Wooley
Modern History, Czech Republic

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FULBRIGHT–HAYS GRANTS

The Fulbright–Hays Grants for Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad are among the most competitive research grants in the nation. They were established to provide support specifically for dissertation research in modern foreign languages and area studies in non-Western European countries. They are administered by the U.S. Department of Education’s International Education Programs Service.

Nationwide, about 400 students apply annually, for which about 140 awards are granted. At IU Bloomington, 14 students applied during the 2004–2005 competition, of which 3 students received awards and 5 students were named alternates.

Ginger Elliott
Political Science, Tanzania

Nathan Plageman
African History, Ghana

Joanne Quimby
Comparative Literature, Japan

The Office of International Programs disseminates information on these and other external grant opportunities for students. In this office, the student Fulbright program advisor manages the entire application process, which includes annual student information sessions held in the spring and fall semesters, e-mail and in-person support for all student questions regarding these grants, one-on-one meetings to discuss potential grant proposals, access to review successfully funded IU student applications, technical support for completing online applications, and on-campus faculty interviews to assist student applicants to focus and clarify their proposal goals.

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