About Cultural Vistas

Founded in 1963, Cultural Vistas is a nonprofit exchange organization promoting global understanding and collaboration among individuals and institutions. We develop international professional experiences that create more informed, skilled, and engaged citizens.

Edmund S. Muskie Professional Fellowship Program

Practical Experience for Emerging Leaders

The Edmund S. Muskie Professional Fellowship Program is a summer fellowship program funded by the U.S. Department of State that provides emerging leaders of the Fulbright Program from Eastern Europe, the Caucasus, and Central Asia with the opportunity to gain real-world experience complementing and enriching their graduate studies in the United States. The Muskie Program develops individual professional skills along with building international partnerships, global competencies, and broadening perspectives.

Muskie Fellows

- Create relationships that support development, stimulate creativity, and lead to positive innovations in various industries.
- Develop independent opinions, make informed decisions, and reach compromise in cross-cultural settings.
- Learn about new trends, opportunities, and challenges in evolving key global and local issues.
- Gain insight on different work approaches used in the private, public, and non-profit sectors.
- Experience how different U.S. government agencies, NGOs, and businesses work together to address challenges in the U.S. and abroad.

What's Included

- Assistance securing a full-time summer internship.
- A monthly stipend to cover the fellow’s living expenses.
- Coverage of program-related travel expenses.
- Professional development webinars.
- Intercultural development trainings.
- An orientation event and a closing seminar in Washington D.C.

Eligibility

- Current Fulbright Foreign Student Program grantees enrolled in a Masters or PhD program at a U.S. university.
- All applicants must be citizen of one of the following countries: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Moldova, the Russian Federation, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, or Uzbekistan.

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