



Fulbright New Century Scholars Program (NCS) for 2009-2010

“The University as Innovation Driver and Knowledge”

The Fulbright New Century Scholars Program (NCS) is a global Fulbright program that brings together leading research scholars and professionals to conduct multi-disciplinary research on a theme of global significance. The deadline date for receipt of applications at the Swedish Fulbright Commission is November 7, 2008.

The program will begin in May 2009 and conclude in April 2010. Approximately 25-30 scholars representing a variety of disciplines will be selected as NCS fellows. One-third of the fellows will be U.S. scholars and the remaining NCS fellows will be visiting scholars from outside of the United States. NCS fellows are expected to pursue research activities related to the NCS theme throughout the program year under the leadership of a Distinguished Scholar Leader; to maintain contact with one another as a means to expanding their own research directions and accomplishing NCS group objectives; and to participate in all activities of the program, including an orientation and goal setting session in May 2009, a mid-term meeting in October 2009, an international exchange opportunity of 2-3 months during the course of the program, and a final plenary meeting in April 2010.

The NCS program will focus on the challenges of higher education in a global perspective. Among central themes to be examined in depth include its role in national and global economic development with a specific focus on the university as an innovation driver and knowledge center. The NCS Program will engage scholars involved in research and project initiatives that advance understanding of the university as innovation driver and knowledge center contributing to advancing economic prosperity. Sub topics in which scholar applicants might have particular expertise and interest may include:

- Opportunities for and barriers to university-based partnerships for innovation, entrepreneurship, and economic development;
- Partnerships in science and technology research and development that move ideas and solutions from the laboratory to the marketplace in fields with global reach such as energy security, food production, the environment, health, transportation, and nanotechnology;
- Partnerships (clusters) that contribute to economic development and improving quality of life in local communities and regions;
- Partnerships that apply multidisciplinary research and social entrepreneurship to community issues (historic preservation, crime and drugs, needs of children and the elderly);
- Partnerships that extend the innovation pipeline to K-12 and adult education and lifelong learning.

Outstanding scholars and educators at any rank in any field related to the NCS theme are welcome to apply. Non-U.S. applicants must be citizens of and residing in the country from

which they are applying. Candidates should be active in the academic, public or private sector, have national and international reputation in his/her field, demonstrate outstanding qualifications and a distinguished record of experience, research and accomplishment in an area clearly related to the NCS theme. Applicants must be conducting current research relevant to the program's theme and objectives, be open to exploring and incorporating comparative, interdisciplinary approaches in their investigations and interested in developing collaborative activities with other NCS scholars.

All NCS fellows receive travel/research awards of \$30,000 to cover travel to all program meetings, travel and maintenance for the exchange visit, research materials and assistance, and some salary replacement. The grant also provides accommodations and meals for program seminars.

For further details on the program, an application form, and instructions, see the Council for International Exchange of Scholars (CIES) at www.cies.org/ncs/ .

Application requirements:

- a New Century Scholars Program application cover page that is on the CIES website at "www.cies.org/";
- a project abstract;
- a proposal, not to exceed four typed, single-spaced pages, and one-page bibliography of relevant sources;
- a curriculum vitae and publications list;
- two letters of support; and
- letter of invitation from the prospective host institution.

Questions can be directed to the Swedish Fulbright Commission, fulbright@fulbright.se or 08/534 818 85. Completed applications should be sent to the Swedish Fulbright Commission, Vasagatan 15-17, 111 20 Stockholm by the deadline date of **November 28, 2008**.