Here’s what participants in the Fulbright-Hays Faculty Research Abroad Program have to say about their experiences in the program:

“As a result of my stay in Brazil, I have created lasting bonds with scholars, teachers, and performers, as well as with ordinary Brazilians. This human experience will have an impact on my teaching of Latin American history and culture for years to come.”
—Darién J. Davis, Middlebury College (Vermont)

“If you visit a site near the beginning of your research, try to go back later before you leave the country. Each return, each promise kept, resource given, book shared, all of these things bring you rewards that are much higher than what you gave in the first place.”
—Rebecca Green, Bowling Green State University (Ohio)

“The field research for my project was an unqualified success. I had no trouble finding people who were happy to be interviewed on camera and the movie industry opened its doors to me. I am more convinced than ever that the Nigerian video movie industry is one of the most important cultural and economic developments currently taking place on the African continent.”
—John McCall, Southern Illinois University

“The Fulbright-Hays Faculty Research Abroad Program is particularly valuable for mid-career scholars in public universities, which frequently have very limited internal funding for extended research trips to distant locales.”
—Melissa K. Stockdale, University of Oregon

“My Fulbright-Hays fellowship research work has laid a solid foundation for my book project. I believe that my study will make a considerable contribution to the understanding of the theoretical conceptualization and practice of modern design in Japan.”
—Gennifer Weisenfeld, Duke University (North Carolina)
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Fulbright-Hays Faculty Research Abroad Program

This program provides grants to colleges and universities to fund faculty to maintain and improve their area studies and foreign language skills by conducting research in other countries for periods of three to 12 months. This program holds an annual competition.

Eligible Applicants

Institutions of higher education in the United States are eligible to apply for grants under the Fulbright-Hays Faculty Research Abroad Program.

An individual is eligible to receive a fellowship if he or she meets all of the following criteria:

• Is a citizen, national, or permanent resident of the United States.
• Is employed by an institution of higher education.
• Has been engaged in teaching relevant to his or her foreign language or area studies specialization for the two years immediately preceding the date of the award.
• Proposes research relevant to his or her modern foreign language or area studies specialization, which is not dissertation research for a doctoral degree.
• Possesses sufficient foreign language skills to carry out the research project.

Duration of the Grant

Faculty may propose research for three to 12 months. This fellowship may not be renewed.

Terms and Conditions

A fellow shall:

• Maintain satisfactory progress in the conduct of his or her research.
• Devote full time to research on the approved topic.
• Not engage in unauthorized income-producing activities during the period of the fellowship.
• Remain employed by the grantee institution during the period of the fellowship.

Reporting Requirements

A final report is due from each fellow 90 days after the end of the grant period. Faculty should contact their institution’s project director for electronic reporting instructions.

Expenses Covered by the Award

• Travel expenses to and from the residence of the fellow and the country or countries of research.
• Maintenance stipend for the fellow related to his or her academic year salary.
• An allowance for research-related expenses overseas, such as books, copying, tuition and affiliation fees, local travel, and other incidental expenses.

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