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**Fulbright-Nehru Visiting Chair Program
Host Institution Project Proposal**

Expression of Interest

The United States-India Educational Foundation (USIEF) invites accredited U.S. post-secondary educational institutions to submit an expression of interest to host an Indian faculty member as a Fulbright-Nehru Visiting Chair. This is an equal cost-share partnership between USIEF and the U.S. university.

About the Program

The Visiting Chair will teach and conduct research in their area(s) of expertise at the host institution and promote mutual understanding through engagement with the host community.

USIEF expects the Visiting Chair to generate awareness in the United States about India and the contribution of Indian academia. The U.S. universities can draw on the expertise of the Visiting Chair to help develop linkages with Indian institutions. Ideally, the program will broaden institutional cooperation and act as a catalyst to facilitate student and faculty exchange between the two countries.

The U.S. university and USIEF will work together to meet the following commitments of the award:

- Help prepare the annual call for proposals and promote the grant;
- Participate in selection of the candidate;
- Share the cost for the Fulbright-Nehru Visiting Chair; and
- Assist the scholar in settling into the campus and the larger community.

Selection of U.S. Institutions for the Fulbright-Nehru Visiting Chair

A bi-national committee comprised of representatives from the governments of the United States and India and other non-government experts will evaluate the proposals submitted by the U.S. institutions to USIEF.

USIEF will sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the selected U.S. universities for a period of three years.

Application to Host a Visiting Chair

Please provide the details mentioned below and submit the application as a PDF e-mail attachment to FNVC@usief.org.in by 31 August 2023.

Proposal Narrative *(no more than 2,000 words – eight pages double spaced)*

A brief narrative outlining the institution's interest to host a Fulbright-Nehru Visiting Chair from India. The proposal should include the specific objectives, thematic area(s) of interest, project activities, including a list of specific tasks that the Chair would carry out during his/her time with the institution. Please also include the type of individuals or audience that the Chair would be working with (e.g. faculty/professionals, graduate vs. undergraduate students).

- **Thematic Areas:** Indicate the areas in which you would like to host the Visiting Chair and provide a justification for this preference. Please provide a justification highlighting the relevance of the proposed field in context of your institution.
- **Timeline:** The grant duration cannot exceed four months. The U.S. university should indicate their preferred semester for hosting the scholar (fall or spring).
- **Responsibilities of the Visiting Chair:** The primary responsibility of the Visiting Chair will be to teach at the host institution. However, the institution can engage the scholar in other academic activities, such as, research, public lectures, seminars, symposiums and community engagement.

Point of Contact

Please specify the host department/academic center and the name and contact details for the primary point of contact.

Budget Plan

The unit cost of the grant will be approximately \$40,000 shared equally between USIEF and the U.S. host university.

Please confirm that your institution can bear 50% of the costs associated with the program.