

# My Experience Serving as a Fulbright Specialist

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[2012-UGANDA; 2015-INDIA)]

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# About the Fulbright Program



- Led by the U.S. Department of State in partnership with 160 countries worldwide, Fulbright offers programs for passionate and accomplished faculty, administrators, artists, and professionals of all backgrounds to study, teach, and conduct research around the world.
- **Mission:** To foster mutual understanding and lasting connections between the people of the United States and partner nations, share knowledge across communities, and improve lives around the world.
- Established in 1946, the Fulbright Program has provided international exchange opportunities to more than 390,000 participants across 160 countries.



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# The Fulbright Specialist Program

- Through the program, experienced U.S. academics and established professionals share expertise, gain international experience, and develop collaborative relationships through short-term (2-6 week) projects designed by overseas institutions.
- Activities conducted by Fulbright Specialists are conceptualized by host institutions and focus on education, training, and capacity building, rather than research.
- Established in 2001, the program is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, and administered by World Learning.

**400+**

projects implemented  
on an annual basis

**160**

participating countries  
& other areas

**24**

eligible disciplines/  
focus areas



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# Example Project Activities



- Delivering **seminars, trainings, or workshops**
- Consulting on **faculty or workforce development**
- Developing **academic or training curricula** and materials
- Giving **lectures** at the graduate or undergraduate level
- Conducting **needs assessments or evaluations** for a program or institution
- Engaging in **strategic or institutional planning**

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## Alumni Insight: Carol Sterling

**Host Institutions: Makerere University, Uganda, 2012 ; Ishara Puppet Trust, India, 2015**



- I chose the Fulbright Specialist Program to share my skills as an educational puppeteer.
- I trained pre and in-service teachers in techniques to use puppetry to teach the K-12 Curriculum in each country.
- I gained personal gratification in sharing my skills in other cultures.



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# Motivation for Participating

- I chose to participate in the program so I could share effective techniques to strengthen student learning of the K-12 Curriculum. Each program was for six weeks.



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# Activities as a Fulbright Specialist

- Researched educational standards
- Referenced local text books; K-12 curriculum: English/Literacy, Social Studies, Math, Health, Hygiene, Nutrition and Safety and the Arts
- Focused on key concepts, knowledge and skills in each curriculum area
- Developed puppet construction and prompts for 1-5 minute puppet skits created/performed by students



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# Professional and Personal Outcomes

- Personal gratification sharing passion with
- colleagues in other countries
- Still in touch with students



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