MEMORANDUM

TO: Chief Academic Officer
FROM: Sabine U. O’Hara, Executive Director
SUBJECT: 2009–2010 Fulbright Scholar Awards
DATE: April 2008

Fulbright Scholars internationalize their campuses. Fulbright Scholars enrich the curriculum with cross-cultural perspectives, revitalize their teaching, develop connections with international colleagues and students, and encourage U.S. students to study abroad.

The competition for Fulbright Scholar awards for the 2009-10 academic year is open and awards are posted on the web site of the Council for International Exchange of Scholars (CIES). Since 1946 CIES has had the privilege of administering the Fulbright Scholar program – the flagship international exchange program of the U.S. government.

In 2008-09 over 800 U.S. faculty and professionals won Fulbright Scholar lecturing or research awards in over 130 countries. Past experience shows that a Fulbright is a life changing experience for the scholar, and makes a real difference in the life of the college and university to which a Fulbright scholar returns after the award ends.

Given this tremendous impact of a Fulbright Scholar grant on the academic life, global awareness, and diversity of perspectives on campuses around the country, I trust that you will encourage your colleagues to apply for a Fulbright Scholar grant this year. Fulbright Scholars come from all areas of the humanities, social sciences, natural sciences and mathematics, as well as from professional fields like business, journalism and law. Grants are awarded to faculty of all academic ranks, including adjunct and emeriti faculty.

Enclosed you will find a Fulbright Scholar fact sheet, a poster and a notice that your public relations office might like to place in campus wide publications. These materials are specifically geared towards faculty and staff, and we hope some of your colleagues will consider becoming Fulbright Scholars during the 2009-10 academic year. You will find more information about the Fulbright Scholar Program on the CIES web site at www.cies.org, or by e-mailing apprequest@cies.iie.org or calling 202.686.4000.

Fulbright Scholars contribute substantially toward internationalizing and diversifying your campus. Thank you very much for your support for the Fulbright Scholar program and for encouraging your colleagues to apply. We look forward to hearing from you and wish you all the best for a successful conclusion of the spring term 2008.

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