Here’s what participants in the Fulbright-Hays Seminars Abroad Program and Special Bilateral Projects have to say about their experiences in the program:

“The Egypt seminar was a wonderful experience of educational, cultural, and spiritual growth for me.”
– Robert Ely, Egypt Seminar Participant

“The Seminars Abroad Program was an experience of a lifetime. My travel to New Zealand and the study of the Maori people opened my eyes to an entirely new learning experience. Through learning about other people of the world, I have gained a deeper appreciation and understanding of the various cultures I work with in my school and community.”
– Amelia Poppell, New Zealand Seminar Participant

“Any time you learn firsthand about a different culture, you enrich your own life and expand your world view. As teachers, that’s something invaluable we can share with our students.”
– Carol Ann Britt, Jordan/Israel Seminar Participant

“I teach in the Mississippi Delta, and most of my students do not have the opportunity to visit another culture or to experience a way of life that is very different from their own. This experience has helped me to introduce aspects of Chilean and Argentine culture into my classroom.”
– Lincoln Dall, Argentina/Chile Seminar Participant
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**Fulbright-Hays Seminars Abroad Program and Special Bilateral Projects**

This program provides short-term study and travel seminars abroad for U.S. educators in the social sciences and humanities for the purpose of improving their understanding and knowledge of the people and culture of other countries. There are approximately 10 seminars with 16 participants in each seminar annually. Seminars are four to six weeks in duration and are conducted in the summer. This program holds an annual competition.

**Eligible Applicants**

- Elementary School Teachers.
- Middle or High School Teachers in fields of social sciences or humanities, including languages.
- Administrators or Curriculum Specialists who have responsibility for curriculum in fields of social sciences or humanities, including languages.
- Faculty or Administrators from institutions of higher education—public or private, two- or four-year—in the fields of social sciences or humanities, including languages.
- Librarians, Museum Educators, Media or Resource Specialists who have responsibility for curricula, at the education levels noted above, in fields of social sciences or humanities, including languages.

**Eligibility Requirements**

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- **Citizenship**—must be a citizen of the United States or a permanent resident.
- **Academic Preparation**—must hold at least a bachelor’s degree from an accredited college or university.
- **Professional Experience**—(1) must have at least three years of full-time experience in the professions listed (by the time of departure for the seminar); and (2) must be currently employed full-time in a professional capacity in a U.S. school system, institution of higher education, local education agency (LEA), state education agency (SEA), library or museum.
- **Health**—must be physically and psychologically able to participate in all phases of the seminar.

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**Expenses Covered by the Award**

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