



Short-term Overseas Opportunities for Expert Speakers on U.S. Study Abroad!

The USA Study Abroad branch of the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) is pleased to partner with AIEA to offer members opportunities to speak with international education audiences overseas. ECA's Study Abroad Engagement Grants support U.S. embassies and Fulbright Commissions in their efforts to coordinate with local partners in building capacity for diverse U.S. students to study or intern in destinations around the world. Some of the participating U.S. embassies and Fulbright Commissions would like to host expert speakers in their countries for short-term workshops, consultations, or related engagements. Visiting expert speakers must be U.S. citizens.

Please see below for more information on specific opportunities.
For more information or to express interest, please contact StudyAbroad@state.gov

GREECE: DECEMBER 7-14, 2019

Location: **Greece, including Athens and Thessaloniki**

Dates: **December 7-14, 2019 (inclusive of travel days)**

Estimated travel grant amount (to cover flights, meals, lodging, honorarium, and related expenses): **\$5,800 (including in-country transit)**

Language request: **Greek language or background with the Greek education system would be “fantastic” but is not required**

Program description:

U.S. Embassy Athens would like to bring an expert U.S. speaker to Greece to lead two one-day workshops for local higher education administrators, as well as follow-on meetings, towards the goal of building institutional capacity for hosting more U.S. students at public educational institutions in Greece. During his/her stay in Greece, the expert will visit Athens and Thessaloniki, leading a workshop in each city.

With the support and guidance of the U.S. speaker, participants will explore best practices in building international student programs, attracting U.S. students, partnering with U.S. institutions, examples of successful exchanges between U.S. and Greek institutions, and available funding opportunities to help facilitate such partnerships and exchanges. The speaker would also share best practices on how universities attract international students and communicate information regarding their programs. The U.S. speaker will be invited to introduce the expectations of U.S. students, their parents, and their home institutions when they study abroad, as well.

The speaker should be familiar with administrative aspects of tertiary education and study abroad programs and can share their experience and best practices. He/she must be able to address practical issues regarding the logistics of establishing study abroad programs, promoting them, and then providing the necessary services/support/education to American students overseas.

To express interest in serving as the U.S. Study Abroad visiting expert speaker, please email the following information to StudyAbroad@state.gov by Sunday, September 15 at midnight.

- Your name, title, institution, number of years of experience in the field, and information related to your any language proficiency, and contact information;
- Confirmation of your U.S. citizenship (documentation not required to express interest);
- A brief explanation (no more than 350 words) of why you are a strong candidate for this speaking opportunity, including your skills, knowledge, professional experience, regional familiarity, or other qualifications.

The successful candidate will be put in touch directly with the primary contact overseas (at the U.S. embassy or consulate, bilateral Fulbright Commission, or a partner grantee) to discuss program details and travel grant logistics.

Thank you!