

Fulbright Association Report 1999–2005

The Ukrainian Fulbright Alumni Association was founded in 1999.

The Association's main goal is to help coordinate, implement, and develop the Fulbright experience in Ukraine.

Barriers to implementing the Fulbright experience in Ukraine include:

- a disconnect between the activities of educational institutions in the United States and in Ukraine
- influence of old (totalitarian) research and educational institutions
- under-developed organizational structures in education and research
- inconsistent research and teaching standards
- post-totalitarian university management and practices
- outdated processes and areas of research which do not conform to international standards, i.e. continued influence of archaic approaches, ideas, methodologies, sources, etc.
- undeveloped ethical standards in education and in research, i.e. plagiarism, cheating and corruption
- a prevailing negative attitude towards Program Alumni in professional organizations

These barriers and other factors have a negative impact on how well Ukrainian Fulbrighters are able to apply the research and knowledge gained from their American experiences.

An effective, working Association requires:

- abandoning individual institutional interests in order to overcome the above mentioned barriers to Fulbright activities
- focusing on defining a transparent standard of public life in Ukraine
- A close working relationship with the Fulbright Program.

The Association openly welcomes cooperation with community organizations. The Association does not pursue a narrow set of personal issues and does not advocate closed research activities.

Activities of the Association:

Annual Fulbright Conferences

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| Kyiv, 1999 | • The Influence of American Scholar Exchange Programs in Ukraine: The Fulbright Standard |
| Pushcha-Vodytsia, 2000 | • The Kennan Institute Report: Social and Humanitarian Scholarship in the Former Soviet Union |
| Kyiv, 2001 | • Scholar, Educator and Community Leader: Chance vs. Choice |
| Kyiv, 2001 | • Introduction to Ukrainian Education |
| Kyiv, 2002 | • Ukrainian Scholarship in the Global Context — The Fulbright Scholar Perspective |
| Kyiv, 2003 | • The Idea of the University |
| Kyiv, 2004 | • Ukrainian Area Studies — Limits and Dimensions |
| Lviv, 2005 | • Intellectuals and Political Power: 60-Year Anniversary of the Fulbright Program |

- Mid-Year Conferences:
- Kyiv, 2003 • National Security
 - Mykolayiv, 2004 • Ethics in Education
 - Kharkiv, 2004 • The Library and Access to Information in the University
 - Kyiv, 2004 • Exploring Intellectual Identity Abroad
 - Kyiv, 2004 • Exporting Religion, Translating Beliefs: American Religions in Europe
 - Kyiv, 2005 • The Intellectual and the Public Domain
- Seminars:
- Kyiv, 2005 • Fulbright Seminar in American Studies Thanksgiving: An American Idea, Tradition, and History
 - Kyiv, on-going • Fulbright Humanities Seminar «New Criticisms» (interdisciplinary, on-going seminar series)
 - Kyiv, 2003, 2004, 2005 • International Education: Partners or Competitors
- Round Tables:
- Kyiv, on-going • Living and Studying in America (Pre-Departure and Welcoming Orientations, on-going)
- Participation in Activities of Other Scholar Organizations:
- Pushcha-Vodytsia, 2001 • International Philosophy Summer School «Global Transformations in the Modern World» (with the Ukrainian Philosophy Fund)
 - Chernivtsi, 2002 • Round Table «Ukrainian Area Studies» in Fulbright Projects» (with the 5th International Congress of Ukrainian Studies)
 - Donetsk, 2005 • Round Tables The Intellectual in the Community, «Internationalism or Russification» Ivan Dzuba: 40 Years After (with the 6th International Congress of Ukrainian Studies)
- Publications:
- The Fulbright Newsletter and updates (9 editions)
 - The Fulbright Ukraine Yearbook (1st edition)
 - The Mission of the University (scholarly edition, 2005)
 - The Challenge of Globalization (materials from the International Summer School «Global Transformations in the Modern World» with the Ukrainian Philosophy Fund, 2001)
 - The Ukrainian Fulbright Alumni Association Web-site
- Recruiting Quality Candidates for the Fulbright Program:
- Set up regional branches of the Association and organized committees of representatives
 - Promote the Program at public presentations
 - Evaluate grant applications and project proposals
 - Participate in candidate selection committees
- Involvement in Small Grants Program:
- Developed publication selection criteria
- Developed a Fulbright Partner Commission in Ukraine:
- Association officers take part in negotiations
- Support Contacts with Fulbright Associations in Other Countries
- Participated in the Poland Fulbright Association Seminar (2002)
 - Participated in the 28th Annual Fulbright Conference «Connecting Fulbright Alumni: Achieving Global Results» (November 10–13, 2005, Baltimore)