Fulbright Gateway Orientation

University of Massachusetts Boston
August 3-7, 2015
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This activity is administered by the Institute of International Education (IIE).

The Fulbright Gateway Orientation is intended to address two main components: 1) the participants’ roles and responsibilities as Fulbrighters and 2) skill development for successful academic and professional lives in the U.S.

As Fulbrighters: The Gateway Orientation Program provides an overview of the Fulbright Program, administration of grants and students’ rights and responsibilities as exchange visitors. The Program also aims to provide professional development activities and leadership training to Fulbright students.

As foreign students: Participants should receive an introduction to the U.S. academic system and culture as part of the overall goal of promoting mutual understanding and to assist with their entry into their U.S. academic programs. Gateway Orientations are an opportunity for Fulbright grantees to experience and learn about regional culture and highlights.
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Monday, August 3, 2015

Charter buses will pick up the participants at the Logan International Airport. Pick-up time will be coordinated with the arrival time of the participants.

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The cost of the hotel room is covered by the Fulbright Gateway Orientation Program.

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There will be an optional evening meal that will be provided for early arrivals. A pizza dinner will be available at UMass Boston Campus Center building, 2nd floor, room number 2550. Please board the free shuttle bus #3 at the pick-up stop which is located right behind the hotel at the Bayside parking lot. You can inquire with the hotel registration desk on the exact location of this pick-up stop. The drop-off location of this route is the last stop for this bus, which is located directly in front of the Campus Center building. Please become familiar with this transportation route, as this will be your daily transportation route between the hotel and the university.
Tuesday, August 4, 2015

All Sessions will be held at the Campus Center Building of the University of Massachusetts Boston, 100 Morrissey Blvd., on the 3rd floor, room 3550A.

Participants should wear name tags at all times.

Transfer to the University Massachusetts Boston via the free Shuttle Bus provided by the university. You can access the shuttle bus number 3 in the parking lot behind the hotel. Buses depart daily every 5-7 minutes.

7:00 AM – 8:00 AM  
Breakfast and Registration  
Campus Center, 3rd floor  
Ballroom A

8:00 AM – 8:30 AM  
Welcome Remarks and Introduction  
Campus Center, 3rd floor  
Ballroom A

Dr. Schuyler Korban  
Vice Provost for Global Programs  
University of Massachusetts Boston

Dr. Zong-Guo Xia  
Vice Provost for Research and Dean of Graduate Studies  
University of Massachusetts Boston

Dr. Schuyler Korban will introduce the goals of the orientation program, expectations, and outcomes, and will also introduce staff members participating in the orientation event. Dr. Zong-Guo Xia will briefly introduce research activities and graduate programs offered at the University of Massachusetts Boston.

8:30 AM – 9:00 AM  
Fulbright Remarks and an Overview  
Campus Center, 3rd floor  
Ballroom A

Ms. Vanessa Sayajon  
Program Officer, Enrichment  
Institute of International Education

Ms. Patricia Bass  
Fulbright Programs Officer  
U.S. Department of State

Ms. Sayajon and Ms. Bass will provide welcome remarks about the Fulbright program as well as an overview of the Fulbright study program.
9:00 AM – 9:15 AM  
*Agenda Overview*

*Campus Center, 3rd floor  
Ballroom A*

Ms. Ela Kijowska  
Senior Director, Office of Global Programs  
University of Massachusetts Boston

Ms. Kijowska will cover information about the overall agenda, as well as provide information on logistics of the agenda.

9:15 AM – 10:15 AM  
*Fulbright Networking Activity: “Building Networks, Establishing Connections”*

*Campus Center, 3rd floor  
Ballroom A*

Ms. Kimberly Montoni  
Director of International Education and Scholarly Programs  
Office of Global Programs  
University of Massachusetts Boston

Participants will be asked to share brief information about their home institution, field of academic study, and their U.S. host institution.

10:15 AM – 10:30 AM  
*Fulbright Gateway Orientation Group Photograph*

*Campus Center, 3rd floor  
Ballroom A*

A group photo will be taken to commemorate the beginning of your Fulbright experience. The photo will be electronically shared with all participants.

10:30 AM – 11:30 AM  
*Fulbright Grant Benefits and Responsibilities*

*Campus Center, 3rd floor  
Ballroom A*

Ms. Erin Kremser  
Program Officer, Pakistan Foreign Fulbright Program  
Institute of International Education

Ms. Kristen Van Vleck  
Program Officer, Student Services  
Institute of International Education

Ms. Kremser and Ms. Van Vleck will present an overview of the Fulbright Program, including information about visa regulations.

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM  
*Lunch*

*Campus Center, UDC  
2nd floor, Room 2550*
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM  
**U.S. Politics and People**  
*Campus Center, 3rd floor*  
*Ballroom A*  

Ira Jackson  
Vice Provost for Economic Planning/Resources and  
Special Projects  
University of Massachusetts Boston  

Vice Provost Jackson has a distinguished record of public service along with both executive and academic leadership. He will lead a session to introduce the U.S. political system, and will provide participants with an overview of the historical background and structure of the U.S. political system. Part of this session will take place at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum.

2:00 PM – 2:15 PM  
**Depart for the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum**  

Participants will depart from Campus Center, 3rd floor, Ballroom A for a tour at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum.

2:15 PM – 3:30 PM  
**Tour the JFK Library and Museum**  

3:30 PM – 4:30 PM  
**Harbor Walk**  

With its long well maintained stretches and stunning views of the Boston’s skyline, the Harbor Walk is an ideal spot to soak up the sun, take a leisurely stroll, and relax.

4:30 PM – 5:00 PM  
**Transition back to the Campus Center**  

5:00 PM – 6:00 PM  
**Fulbright Graduate Student Group Discussion**  
*Campus Center, 3rd floor*  
*Ballroom A*  

Dr. Schuyler Korban - Facilitator  
Vice Provost for Global Programs  
University of Massachusetts Boston  

Maria Abassi  
2nd year Fulbright Student  
Northeastern University, Biotechnology  
Pakistan  

Maham Kirmani  
2nd year Fulbright Student  
Boston College, Social Work  
Pakistan  

Salif Mangane  
2nd year Fulbright Student  
University of Massachusetts Boston, International Relations  
Mauritania
Current Fulbright Students (in their second year) will share their experiences and tips on adjusting to U.S. culture, academic environment, and other relevant topics.

6:00 PM – 6:15 PM  **Depart for Dinner**

Participants will depart from the Campus Center to the Opening Dinner at the Integrated Science Complex Building on campus.

6:15 PM – 7:45 PM  **Dinner**  

*Integrated Science Complex Building*  
*1st floor*

This is a catered dinner. Participants will have an opportunity to engage with various second-year Fulbright students, as well as with various invited guests, including other Fulbrighters.
Wednesday, August 5, 2015

7:30 AM – 8:30 AM
*Breakfast*
*Campus Center, 3rd floor*
*Ballroom A*

8:30 AM – 10:00 AM
*Workshop on Leadership*
*Campus Center, 3rd floor*
*Ballroom A*

Dr. Schuyler Korban
Vice Provost for Global Programs
University of Massachusetts Boston

This session will focus on leadership, and will primarily involve an interactive and hands-on activity to engage participants in collective brainstorming as what does it mean to be a leader, and what are the characteristics of a graduate student leader.

10:00 AM – 10:15 AM
*Break*

10:15 AM – 11:30 AM
*Conflict Resolution*
*Campus Center, 3rd floor*
*Ballroom A*

Dr. David Matz
Professor, Department of Conflict Resolution,
Human Security and Global Governance
McCormack Graduate School for Policy and Global Studies
University of Massachusetts Boston

This session will cover issues related to human interactions and relationships, and will address strategies for dealing with conflict and with conflict resolution.

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM
* Concurrent Cultural Sessions
Students will be divided into groups two separate concurrent cultural sessions.

*U.S. Sports*

*Campus Center, 3rd floor*
*Room: Campus Center, 3rd floor*
*Room 3545*

Ms. Tracey Hathaway
Assistant Director of Athletics
University of Massachusetts Boston

Mr. Garin Veris
Director of External Business Development and Marketing
(Former player with the New England Patriots)
University of Massachusetts Boston
This session will provide participants with an overview of the role and importance of sports in U.S. colleges and universities, and on how the U.S. sports environment contributes to a unique, rich, and enjoyable educational experience for students.

Campus Center, 3rd floor
Room 3540

American Music

Dr. David Pruett
Assistant Professor
College of Liberal Arts
University of Massachusetts Boston

Music plays an important role in cultural identities across all regions of the world. As such, American music is highly influenced by influx of various ethnicities and identities.

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM
Lunch

Campus Center, 2nd floor
University Dining Club, 2550

2:00 PM – 3:00 PM
Understanding the U.S. Academic Culture

Campus Center, 3rd floor
Ballroom A

Dr. Stephanie Hartwell
Associate Dean
College of Liberal Arts
University of Massachusetts Boston

As graduate students embark on their graduate education, they will experience different pathways and turning points, this presentation will shed some light on obligations, expectations, and guidelines that will help students address, navigate, and adapt to this new U.S. graduate education culture.

3:00 PM
Depart to Downtown Boston

Participants will depart together from the Campus Center, using the shuttle bus, to go to the JFK T-Station and take the subway train to the Boston Common Visitor Information Center in Downtown Boston, located at 139 Tremont Street, Boston.

4:00 PM – 5:30 PM
Freedom Trail Guided Tour

This unique walking tour of the Freedom Trail will allow participants to learn about events (and locations) that have had a significant impact on the history of the United States. This guided walking tour (of 2.5 miles) will be a thrilling learning and fun experience.

6:00 PM
Dinner and Free Evening

All participants will have dinner at the Hard Rock Café Boston, located at Faneuil Hall (22-24 Clinton Street). Following dinner, participants will have a free evening on their own.
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<td>Topics of U.S. culture and sub-cultures will be discussed by the facilitator including: race, socio-economic status, religion, ethnicity, and LGBTQ. The U.S. cultural norms and etiquette will be introduced. Participants will learn about U.S. cultural norms and etiquette, including punctuality and the value of time; task orientation in contrast with relationship orientation; conversational etiquette with friends and strangers; and everyday cultural considerations such as topping. U.S. Social norms related to personal space, body language cues, and direct communication will be addressed.</td>
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<td>The facilitator will address what is considered acceptable versus inappropriate interpersonal behavior among U.S. cultural social, academic, and professional situations. The facilitator will explain the seriousness and potential consequences of sexual harassment.</td>
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*Campus Center, 3rd floor  
Ballroom A*

12:15 PM – 1:15 PM  Lunch  
*Campus Center, 3rd floor  
Ballroom A*

1:15 PM – 3:30 PM  Free time

3:30 PM  Meet at the Double Tree Hotel Lobby

3:45 PM  Departure to the Prudential Center via the JFK-T station and subway

5:00 PM – 6:30 PM  Closing Dinner  
Cheesecake Factory  
115 Huntington Avenue  
Boston

6:30 PM  Depart for the Duck Tour

After dinner, participants will walk out from the Cheesecake Factory to the adjacent pick-up stop (53 Huntington Ave.) to go on a Duck Tour.

7:00 PM – 8:30 PM  Duck Tour and Free Evening

This is an approximately 80 minute guided tour, on land and water, to see all of the beautiful vistas of Boston. Following the Duck Tour, participants will have a free evening (on your own).

Friday, August 7, 2015

All Day  Check-out and Departure

Continental breakfast will be available for pick-up at the Hotel Lobby.

Chartered buses will pick up participants at the Double Tree Hotel and take them to the Logan International airport. All participants must check-out by 12:00 PM.
Emergency Information

If you require immediate emergency medical assistance and cannot locate a staff member, please either:

* Go to the nearest hospital: Massachusetts General Hospital  
  55 Fruit Street  
  Boston, MA 02114

  Directions: (By subway) Ride the Red Line towards Alewife. Get off at Charles/MGH Station  
  Emergency Department and General Patient Information: 617-726-2000

  OR

* Dial 911 on the telephone for an emergency operator who will send medical assistance should you need it.

If you are unable to locate a staff member during the conference, in the event of a medical emergency, please call Ela Kijowska (917) 232 2569 or Dr. Schuyler Korban at 617-291-7858.

In case of any other emergency, please follow any instruction provided by event venues or any law enforcement and emergency personnel. Please take note of the emergency exit routes posted in your hotel room.

In case of emergency that does not require exiting the building, please relocate to the lobby of the Double Tree Hotel.

In case of emergency that requires leaving the building, meet at Bayside Parking Shelter.

If you are unable to locate the group, please call Ela Kijowska at 917-232-2569 or Dr. Schuyler Korban at 617-287-7858.

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