

**2009 FULBRIGHT GATEWAY ORIENTATION**



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## **GATEWAY ORIENTATION**

### **MIAMI DADE COLLEGE**

Miami, Florida

**PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:** The Fulbright Gateway Orientation is a benefit made available to incoming Fulbright students by the Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) and administered by the Institute of International Education. The orientation aims to instill a Fulbright identity among students. It provides sessions on academic life in the U.S., survival skills for graduate study and maintaining students' psychological and physical health. U.S. government and social values are explored in order to help students understand and communicate successfully with their host communities. The program aims to provide professional development and leadership as well as an introduction to the U.S. academic system and culture as part of the overall goal of promoting mutual understanding. There will be three main components to the orientation: academic skills, graduate student life, and cross-cultural awareness. Academic skills will include sessions on the U.S. academic system, academic integrity and research skills. Graduate student life will focus on topics essential to graduate student adjustment such as time and stress management, legal rights as a non-citizen and getting settled, including tips on banking and housing. Cross-cultural awareness will consist of a workshop that focuses on understanding both academic and American culture as well as other cultures. Team building will be an integral part of the entire program. The Gateway Orientation has no language component and has been designed for students who have an advanced level of English language proficiency.

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**3:00 p.m.**

**Hotel Check-In**

*Main Lobby*

**Holiday Inn Port of Miami-Downtown**

**340 Biscayne Boulevard**

**Miami, Florida 33132**

**(305) 371-4400**

**Hotel Contact: Tania Correa, Director of Sales and Marketing**

The cost of your room and continental breakfast each morning at the hotel are covered. The hotel requests that you tip the bellhop \$2.00 on arrival and \$2.00 on departure to carry your luggage to and from your room. You will be responsible for paying any incidental expenses (long distance phone calls, pay-per-view movies, room service).

**HOTEL INFORMATION**

**DINING AND ENTERTAINMENT:**

FREE CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST FROM 6:30AM TO 11:00AM IN THE MARINA BISTRO CAFÉ and LOUNGE IN THE LOBBY  
ROOM SERVICE AVAILABLE

**IN-ROOM AMENITIES:**

- \* Individual Climate Controls
- \* Radio, Hair Dryer, Coffee Maker, Iron and Board
- \* In-room Safe
- \* Free Local Calls
- \* Remote Control TV

**OTHER SERVICES:**

- \* Outdoor Swimming Pool
- \* Business Center with Free Internet Access (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)
- \* Fitness Center (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)
- \* Coin Laundry (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor)
- \* Free Transportation to Dolphin Mall Courtesy of Dolphin Mall
- \* ATM Machine/Free Newspaper (Miami Herald and USA Today)

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**Note: Participation in all program sessions is mandatory. Please arrive on time to all events.**

**All sessions will be held at Miami Dade College Wolfson Campus in the Emerging Technologies Center of the Americas (ETCOTA), Building 7, 500 N.E. Second Avenue, and Building 2, Room 2106.**

- 6:30 - 9:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast: at Hotel**
- 9:00 - 9:15 a.m. Registration / Pick-up welcome packets (*Lobby ETCOTA*)**  
There will be a special registration table in the lobby of ETCOTA where you will receive your welcome packets.
- 9:15 - 9:45 a.m. Group photograph will be taken**
- 9:45 - 10:15 a.m. Welcome Remarks and Introduction to Fulbright and IIE (*Room 7128*)**  
Dr. Rolando Montoya, Provost  
Miami Dade College  
  
IIE Representative  
Institute of International Education
- 10:15 - 11:15 a.m. Getting to Know Your Fulbright Colleagues (*Room 7128*)**  
Professor Maureen O'Hara, Project Director  
Miami Dade College
- 11:15 - 11:30 a.m. Break**
- 11:30 - 1:00 p.m. Settling in on the Fulbright Program, Student Services and J-1 Visa Overview**  
IIE Representative  
Institute of International Education
- 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. Lunch (*Room 2106*) All meat is certified Halal**
- 2:00 - 3:15 p.m. Legal Rights and Responsibilities and Appropriate Behavior (*Room 7128*)**  
Carmen Dominguez, Esq., College Legal Counsel  
Miami Dade College

- 3:15 - 3:30 p.m.**      **Break**
- 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.**      **Essentials of Leadership (*Room 2106*)**  
Professor Christopher Migliaccio, Professor of Ecology and  
Environmental Science  
Miami Dade College
- 5:00 p.m.**              **Free**
- 6:00 p.m.**              **Meet in Lobby of Holiday Inn**  
(We'll walk to Bayside to board the boat.)
- 6:30-8:30 p.m.**        **Boat Tour of Biscayne Bay**
- 8:30-10:30 p.m.**      **Dinner at The Knife Restaurant**  
Bayside Marketplace

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**Wednesday, August 19, 2009**

*Day 3*

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- 6:30 – 9:00 a.m.**      **Continental Breakfast: at Hotel**
- 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.**      **Cross-Cultural Awareness Workshop (*Room 2106*)**  
Professor Joel Fleischer, Professor of Education  
Miami Dade College
- 11:00 - 11:15 a.m.**      **Break**
- 11:15 – 1:00 p.m.**      **Essentials for Adapting to Life in the U.S. / Mental and Physical  
Well Being (*Room 2106*)**  
Professor Joel Fleischer
- 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.**      **Lunch (*Room 2106*) All meat is certified Halal**
- 2:00 – 3:15 p.m.**      **Panel Discussion with Current Fulbright Recipients  
(*Room 7128*)**
- Rafael Cores, Northwestern University  
Former Fulbright Scholar from Spain working as Channel Editor at  
Univision Online, the leading Spanish language media company in the U.S.

Fernando Farfan, Florida International University  
Current Fulbright Scholar from Guatemala pursuing a Ph.D. in Computer  
Science

Anne Smieszny, Fulbright international teacher exchange grantee  
Recent Fulbright scholar in Colombia  
Currently editor for Santillana, a Spanish publishing company

**3:15 – 3:30 p.m.      Break**

**3:30 – 5:00 p.m.      Breakout Sessions (Choose one)**

**U.S. Politics and People (*Room 7115*)**

Dr. Alejandro Gancedo, Professor of Social Science  
Miami Dade College

**Historical Overview of the U.S. from Colonization to the Cold  
War (*Room 7174*)**

Dr. Paul George, Historian, Professor of Social Science  
Miami Dade College

**5:00 – 7:00 p.m.      Optional get-together for drinks and hors d'oeuvres  
(*Room 2106*)**

**7:00 p.m.              Free**

**Thursday, August 20, 2009**

***Day 4***

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**6:30 – 8:30 a.m.      Continental Breakfast: at Hotel**

**8:30 – 9:30 a.m.      The Use of Computers and Libraries for Academic Research and  
Scholarship (*Room 2106*)**

Dr. Robert Calabrese, Chief Information Officer  
Miami Dade College

**9:30 - 11:00 a.m.      Introduction to the U.S. Academic System / Academic Integrity  
(*Room 2106*)**

Dr. Geraldine Walker, Coordinator for English for Academic Purposes  
Miami Dade College

**11:00 – 11:15 a.m.      Break**

- 11:15 – 1:00 p.m.    Breakout Sessions (Choose One)**
- Time and Stress Management (Room 7115)**  
Professor Charles Beavin, Professor of Business  
Miami Dade College
- Jazz: America’s Classical Music (Room 3419)**  
Dr. Michael Di Liddo, Director of Jazz Studies  
Miami Dade College  
The Hard Bop Jazz Ensemble
- A Cultural History of North American Art (Room 7174)**  
Dr. Marilyn Gottlieb–Roberts, Professor of Art and Philosophy  
Miami Dade College
- 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.    Lunch (Room 2106) All meat is certified Halal**
- 2:00 – 2: 30 p.m.    Wrap-up (Room 7128)**  
IIE Representative
- 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.    Visual Tour of the U.S.A. / Cultural Exchange (Room 7128)**  
Dr. Franklyn Tan Te, Professor of Biology  
Miami Dade College
- 3:30 – 3:45 p.m.    Evaluation (Room 7128)**
- 3:45 p.m.            Free**
- 6:15 p.m.            Meet in lobby of hotel for trip to South Beach**
- 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.    Dinner at Nikki Beach and Club Nikki**  
One Ocean Drive, Miami Beach  
The bus will drop students off at the restaurant.  
**Pickup will be at 10:30 p.m.**  
If you wish to stay longer, you will have to take a taxi back to  
the hotel at your own expense.

**6:30-11:00 a.m.**      **Continental Breakfast at Hotel**

**11:00 a.m.**              Checkout at hotel must be completed by 11:00 am.  
Remember, you will be responsible for paying any  
incidental expenses.

If your departure is later in the day, the hotel will hold  
your luggage in rooms on the floor of the lobby.