

FULBRIGHT GATEWAY ORIENTATION



Miami Dade College

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The Fulbright Gateway Orientation Program is a benefit made available to foreign Fulbright student grantees arriving in the U.S. It is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA), as part of its flagship Fulbright Program, and designed by the Institute of International Education (IIE). The 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, of administration of grants, and of 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.**

This activity is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs as part of the Fulbright Program, the U.S. government's flagship international exchange program, supported by the people of the United States and partner countries around the world. For more information, visit fulbright.state.gov.

This activity is administered by the Institute of International Education (IIE). For more information, visit <http://www.iie.org>.

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Miami Dade College

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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: Nora Machado, Director of Sales and Marketing

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

7:00 p.m. Optional Meeting

There will be an optional evening meal and get-together for early arrivals in the dining room of the hotel. This will be at the participant's own expense.

HOTEL INFORMATION

DINING AND ENTERTAINMENT:

Free continental breakfast from 6:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in the Marina Bistro Café

Room service available

IN-ROOM AMENITIES:

- * Individual climate controls
- * Radio, hair dryer, coffeemaker, iron and board
- * In-room safe
- * Free local calls
- * Remote control TV

OTHER SERVICES:

- * Outdoor swimming pool
- * Business center with free internet access
- * Fitness center
- * Coin laundry (3rd floor)
- * Free transportation to Dolphin Mall courtesy of Dolphin Mall
- * ATM Machine
- * Free newspapers (Miami Herald and USA Today)

Notes:

- **Participation in all program sessions is mandatory.**
- **Please arrive on time to all events.**
- **All meat throughout the Gateway is certified Halal.**

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. For more information, visit <http://www.mdc.edu/wolfson/fulbright>

Student ambassadors of Miami Dade College's Honors College will register students and participate in some of the sessions and activities with the Fulbright students. Faculty and staff of MDC and invited guests will also join the Fulbright students for luncheons and evening activities.

8:00 - 8:45 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 for participants to receive welcome packets.

9:15 - 9:45 a.m. Group photograph
Room 7128

9:45 - 10:15 a.m. Welcome Remarks
Room 7128

Dr. Rolando Montoya
Provost
Miami Dade College

Dr. Montoya will offer welcome remarks and a brief overview of Miami Dade College and Miami.

Introduction of program staff from U.S. Dept. of State, IIE, AMIDEAST, LASPAU and MDC

10:15-10:45 a.m. **Fulbright Remarks and Overview**
Room 7128

Bassim Abbassi
Senior Program Officer
Institute of International Education

[Representative]
[Title]
[Institute of International Education and/or the U.S. Department of State]

An introduction to the Fulbright program, the roles of the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) and its Fulbright cooperating agencies (IIE, AMIDEAST and LASPAU)

10:45 – 11:00 a.m. **Agenda Overview**
Room 7128

Maureen O'Hara
Professor of English
Miami Dade College

A brief overview of the agenda for the week

11:00 – 12:00 p.m. **Getting to Know Your Fulbright Colleagues**
Room 7128

Maureen O'Hara
Professor of English
Miami Dade College

A participant Q&A interactive networking and teambuilding activity to facilitate participant interaction so that they can begin to get to know each other

12:00 - 1:00 p.m. **Lunch**
Room 2106

1:00 – 2:30 p.m. **Fulbright Grant Benefits and Responsibilities**
Room 7128

[Representative]
[Title]
Institute of International Education

A presentation and Q&A session with information relating to Fulbright grant benefits, student responsibilities and visa regulations

2:30 – 4:00 p.m.
Room 7128

**Understanding U.S. Academic Culture / Legal Rights, Responsibilities
and Appropriate Behavior**

Carmen Dominguez, Esq.
College Legal Counsel
Miami Dade College

Dr. Geraldine Walker
Coordinator, EAP
Miami Dade College

Presentations to include: academic integrity and plagiarism; appropriate gender relations and sexual harassment; understanding U.S. classroom culture; key relationships with academic advisors, administrative staff, instructors, students and peers; expectations of instructors; working with groups; and students' rights as non-U.S. citizens

4:00 p.m.

Free Time

5:00 p.m.

Meet in Lobby of Holiday Inn

Walk to Bayside to board the boat.

5:30-7:30 p.m.

Boat Tour of Biscayne Bay

7:30-9:30 p.m.

Dinner

The Knife Restaurant
Bayside Marketplace

Wednesday, August 24, 2011

Day 3

6:30 – 8:45 a.m.

Continental Breakfast at Hotel

9:00 – 10:30 a.m.
Room 7128

Adjusting to U.S. Culture and Avoiding Culture Shock

Joel Fleischer
Professor of Education
Miami Dade College

An interactive session to help participants understand and adapt to American culture while learning to identify and manage the symptoms of culture shock in order to increase awareness of the stresses and benefits of the acculturation process

10:30 – 12:00 noon **Cross-Cultural Awareness**
Room 7128

Dorothy Avondstondt
Professor of English
Miami Dade College

Maureen O'Hara
Professor of English
Miami Dade College

An interactive workshop and teambuilding activity to promote multicultural awareness among participants.

12:00 – 12:45p.m. **Lunch**
Room 2106

12:45 – 2:15 p.m. **Health and Wellness**
Room 7128

Charles Beavin
Professor of Business
Miami Dade College

A lecture/ Q&A session to provide: strategies for managing a healthy lifestyle and maintaining mental health; information about mental health resources available on U.S. campuses; counselors and crisis lines; strategies to manage time and relaxation techniques to relieve stress.

2:15 – 3:45 p.m. **Overview of Accident and Sickness Program for Exchanges (ASPE)**
Room 7128

[Representative]
[Title]
[U.S. Department of State's ASPE program]

A presentation/ Q&A session to address the U.S. healthcare system and to identify appropriate healthcare providers in different situations. This session will also discuss the health benefit program that is available to Fulbrighters.

3:45 – 4:00 p.m. **Break**

4:00 – 5:15 p.m. **Fulbright Graduate Student Group Discussion**
Room 7128

Kateryna Chornokur
Ukraine
Literature
University of South Florida

Rafael Cores
Spain
Journalism
Northwestern University

Faruh Kuziev
Tajikistan
Arts
University of Buffalo

You will be divided into small groups with a current Fulbright graduate student for informal discussions.

5:15 – 7:00 p.m. **Optional Reception**
Room 2106

7:00 p.m. **Free Evening**

Thursday, August 25, 2011

Day 4

6:30 – 8:45 a.m. **Continental Breakfast at Hotel**

9:00 – 10:30 a.m. **Leadership Workshop**
Room 7128

Joel Fleischer
Professor of Education
Miami Dade College

A lecture/interactive workshop highlighting the Fulbright tradition of leadership to include communication styles, decision-making skills, and seven habits of highly effective leaders. It will include a teambuilding activity that will teach leadership skills to participants.

10:30 – 10:45 a.m. **Break**

10:45 – 12:00 a.m. U.S. Politics and People
Room 7128

Dr. Alejandro Gancedo
Professor of Social Science
Miami Dade College

A lecture/Q&A session to give a brief overview of: the U.S. political system; historical background and structure; individualism and equality; U.S. federalist structure and historical and modern political discourse; Political history and political culture; government structure; and how politics can affect interactions with Americans

12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Lunch
Room 2106

1:00 – 2:30 p.m. Concurrent Breakout Sessions (Choose one of the following sessions):

Room 7113 Historical Overview of the U.S. from Colonization to the Cold War

Dr. Paul George
Professor of Social Science
Miami Dade College

A lecture/Q&A session to give an overview of important historical events from the time of colonization, through the industrial revolution, and through wars and events up to the Cold War

Room 3419 Jazz: America's Classical Music

Dr. Michael Di Liddo
Director of Jazz Studies
Miami Dade College

A lecture with live jazz performances by The Hard Bop Jazz Ensemble to highlight a brief history of jazz, demonstrate the movement from classical music to jazz and the musical instruments involved

Room 7114

A Cultural History of North American Art

Dr. Marilyn Gottlieb–Roberts
Professor of Art and Philosophy
Miami Dade College

A lecture/Q&A session with a pictorial summary of the cultural influences on North American art from the time of the Native Americans through modernism and globalization

Room 7106

The Use of Computers and Libraries for Academic Research and Scholarship

Dr. Robert Calabrese
Chief Information Officer
Miami Dade College

A lecture/Q&A session to provide information about websites and resources available for academic research and scholarship

2:30 – 4:00 p.m.
Room 7128

Cultural Insights & Awareness/Fulbright Goals & Identity Wrap Up

Dr. Franklyn Tan Te
Professor of Biology
Miami Dade College

An interactive workshop and informal discussion for participants to identify their goals for their Fulbright experience, share their insights about this Fulbright Gateway Orientation program, how their awareness of other cultures has been enhanced, and how they can use this experience to foster mutual understanding here in the USA and upon their return to their home countries.

4:00 - 4:15 p.m.
Room 7128

Evaluation

4:15 p.m.

Free Time

5:45 p.m.

Meet in lobby of hotel for trip to South Beach

The bus will depart at 5:45 pm to take you to the closing dinner at Nikki Beach.

6:30 – 9:00 p.m. **Closing Dinner: An American Barbecue**

Nikki Beach and Club Nikki
One Ocean Drive, Miami Beach

10:30 p.m. **Depart from Nikki Beach**

Pickup will be at 10:30 p.m. on the corner of 5th Street and Ocean Drive and will return students to the hotel. If you wish to stay longer, you may take a taxi back to the hotel at your own expense.

Friday, August 26, 2011

Day 5

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

11:00 a.m. Checkout at the hotel must be completed by 11:00 a.m.
You will be responsible for paying any incidental expenses.
If your departure is later in the day, the hotel will hold luggage for you.