

# Project from exchange programs are drowning the

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Project Statement Dr. Shaimaa AbdelrehimKhalaf Ahmed, Egypt, Public health, Fulbright JuniorFaculty Development Program Benefits from FulbrightVisiting Scholar ProgramInfacing the challenges of the new era, many of the educational disciplines inthe whole world either at the international and/or national level in both thedeveloped and developing countries are bearing in mind how best to encounterthe changing needs and demands of the current time and the future as well. Oneconsequence of that is increased attention toward development of the universityjunior staff, since they are the ones who will ultimately apply any changesbeing considered in the future.

Noone can deny the importance of role which the international education plays inour life as faculty members. Skills and knowledge gained from exchange programsare drowning the first steps toward better educational advancementopportunities for the incoming generations. Personally, I am interested in FulbrightJunior Faculty Development Program because, as an Egyptian Faculty Junior Staff, I consider myself to be ideally suited to take courses that are central to publichealth. I consider myself to have working experiences in the chosen discipline, I'm always trying to develop my abilities through publishing of many scientificpapers since I gained my latest academic degree. Contribution in this honorabledevelopment program will enrich my skills with comprehensible, relevant and interestinglectures presented by other participants and colleagues.

Myprofession experiences which I had gained from working at such a greateducational organization such as Assiut University; increased my desire toengage in this precious program. I worked now as Lecturer/associate

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professor of Community and Public Health Nursing, which is like my selected discipline-based cohort. Exploring the American Studies Program, will help me a lot in curriculum development through the chance of studying abroad opportunities at both institutions. A Fulbright award will provide me the valuable and unique opportunity to extend Assiut University existing relationships with the American faculty to our regional campus in Assiut, which is currently focusing on internationalizing its curricula and placing greater emphasis on international studies. I believe that my extensive educational experiences particularly in the field of public health and community health nursing would be of benefit to the University.

The University already has in place a variety of outstanding programs in this field, but my 10 years of teaching, research and professional and academic activities will allow me to get benefit from this program. In turn, I'm confident that my own view and understanding of public health and community health nursing especially from a comparative proportion would advantage from exposure to issues confronting the American society and other nations participating in this program. In fact, the influence of Fulbright program award for my home institution would be significant.

If granted, it would be the first Fulbright program awarded to a faculty member in my department of Community Health Nursing, Faculty of Nursing, Assiut University and this will build channels of communication between my home faculty and Fulbright program. Referring to my home faculty, we are a growing teaching and research institution that has undergone significant change over the last twenty years. Currently, the decision makers in our faculty do their best to spread the culture of international study.

Fulbright Visiting Scholar Program would provide me with a fabulous and golden opportunity to strength my knowledge base and develop my leadership skills and abilities. Participating in this fascinating program will add to my previous experiences and enrich my career as a faculty junior staff. Teaming with American faculty to move a vision education program forward is a challenge I welcome at this point in my career.

More importantly, a global perspective of new trends and issues in public health field for dealing with daily arising community health problems make me looking forward to know novel and modern methods for studying and solving the most pressing health problems in my home country Egypt. A Fulbright program award will benefit our home institution generally by illustrating, to faculty and students, as well the feasibility and benefits of studying and working abroad. It is for this reason that I will make concentrated efforts to bring experiences and skills which will be gained from being in Fulbright program to my home faculty, university and our community by giving presentations and planned workshops to share and present lectures and activities which I will participate in the American Faculty and sharing research ideas which we can engage with the American and other colleagues. When returning to my home organization after finishing the program; I will do my best to broadcast the culture of studying abroad, also I will encourage my peers to pursue lecturing and research opportunities in other countries and I will reach out to faculty students who are interested in studying abroad. Because my faculty does not currently have staff dedicated to international programs, I will use my experiences to uniform our efforts to build such a program. Studying abroad for exchanging of knowledge and experiences

have showed positive implications on our work as a field researcher, this is the message that I intend to reach for everyone.

More specifically, through my affiliation to Assiut University, I'm looking forward to playing a significant role in figuring and developing of formal relationship between the American Faculty Program in Global and American Studies and Assiut University Programs in Public Affairs through faculty and student exchange opportunities. This will aid our University to achieve its stated goal of internationalizing its curricula and encouraging global studies among faculties staff and students as well. I fully expect that I would build these ties within the American Faculty as well I hope to foster future exchanges between Faculty of Nursing, Assiut University, Egypt and the American Faculties. I believe that my time as a visiting junior faculty staff in America will enhance me personally and professionally and will enrich my home university as well. I will plan to get benefit from every moment that I will spend in this valuable visiting program. Interest area in the program If I was lucky and gain the program award, I really find that all the presented topics course in my cohort discipline (public health) are of my area of interest and concern, but I have especial focus on family and community health. Women in our community suffering from many of interrelated gender based violence and discrimination appear clearly in disadvantaged area such as rural communities, so women health issues and problem are attracting my attention and made me very curious to identify and get benefit from the American experiences in dealing with such problem and trying to apply this experience when returned to my home country and find new ways and

applying new models for solving the health problems that women are facing in my home county Egypt.

Also, I have great intention and concern for studying occupational health. Moreover, I indeed to learn more about new research tools and methods to help me as a researcher in the community field. Researching about the problems, studying their causes well and finding solutions for them is my professional career, so if I gained this grant, I will have great chance to learn about the modern research methods that are used in the American faculty. When I return to my home institution I will share these new learned methods with my colleagues to make our research work more better. I have great hope to explore new ways to be used in the classrooms to assist me as a junior faculty staff. Plan to apply the acquired skills and expertise for any educational and/or training program to have an impression in the chosen applicants it must be dispersed to a wider audience and beneficiaries. This program could be significant for those units and administrative bodies responsible for training of future faculty staff as well as for policy makers involved in educational process.

Specifically, results from this program will be disseminated through seminars, lectures and workshops in Faculty of Nursing, Assiut University. In addition, results will be communicated through publications in the faculty and university journal. As a professional-oriented researcher, I will also share results with other lecturers, administrators, students and colleagues. The goal will be to have broader conversations and open discussion about the gained benefit of attending of international exchange programs and what we

can add to our research methodology and what we can do with these results, as individuals and as institutions. In fact, I will try to be a liaison between my faculty and the program; I will be a channel of communication to convey everything that I will gain and learn during the program courses. Also, I will try with my colleagues to change our old methods of teaching, updating and replacing them with the new one which will be gained during the program courses. I will ask my professors and colleagues to add a new subject and new concerns to our curricula to broaden the students' knowledge base and encourage self-learning.

Specialized area of research Through my professional career; I taught a wide variety of courses: principles of community health nursing, research methodology, quantitative analysis, population, social structures, ethical issues in public health research, aging and ethical issues. I'm quite comfortable with teaching classes of different sizes, at various levels and with applying different teaching styles. Early in my career, I received a scholarship from the American University in Cairo to attend a workshop for three weeks about reproductive health and the concerned issues in the neighboring Arab Countries. I find interest in studying issues addressing maternal and child health care problems and applying new methods of research for studying this serious public health problem. Working on the most prevalent disease among children such as hearing impairments or issues related to women's health is clearly reflected in my published papers. The most interesting area of research for me is working on the epidemiology of health problems which face women and young children especially pregnant women and school-aged children. Public health and studying the risk factors of the most

prevalent communicable and non-communicable diseases in the community is my target aim and area of research within my faculty colleagues, so I will try to strengthen my knowledge and expand my experiences with every learned issue during this treasure exchange educational program course.

During my grant I will do my best to collaborate with the American faculty to explore new methods to be used to solve health problems and I will try to apply them when I return to my home country. Visiting the American Society Visiting America is one of my biggest dreams in my whole life. Fulbright visiting program will provide me a great chance to meet colleagues in the American Faculty and as such it is imperative for me to see and speak with them within the setting in which they live and work.

In addition, the Research Centers in America offer access to several resources that will be crucial. Exposing to new teaching and research methodology, observing classes, attending seminars and developing linkages with American faculty will add



expertise to my profession as a junior faculty staff. On-going community engagement with university-identified host families, volunteers, or others in the broader local community will facilitate my participation in outreach activities, beside the opportunity to visit the historical sites and attendance of cultural events which help me a lot to know much about American culture and society. These connections will be valuable during this program.

Being with the American classmates will provide me an avenue to expose to their curriculum development which aid me a lot when return home.

Through being in the American society, I'll introduce my country Egypt for the other participants as a secure and country with open economy. Egypt with its civilization is considering as one of the most affluent countries in the Middle-East area, although it still facing public policy challenges. From my side when being in the American Faculty I'll do my best to introduce the Egyptian heritage, culture and civilization to my colleagues. I'll invite them to come to Egypt and visit our historical places. As a faculty member in my home institution, I will introduce our studying models and educational methods to my colleagues. Our major health problems, concerns, social problems and our methods to deal with these topics will be also my axis of dialogue with other colleagues and American faculty members.

American society is one of the most open, multicultural and civilized country in the whole world, visiting such an amazing society will enrich my life at the personal and professional level. Being in this program will achieve the major aim of collaborative and international exchange of knowledge and educational experiences among all Fullbrighters.