Terms and Conditions for UK Summer Institutes

offered by the UNITED STATES - UNITED KINGDOM EDUCATIONAL COMMISSION
(aka 'Fulbright Commission')

OVERVIEW

The Fulbright Commission promotes educational and cultural exchange between the United States and the United Kingdom to enhance mutual understanding and strengthen relations between the two countries.

Please read carefully the following general terms and conditions, which pertain to ALL the UK Summer Institutes listed on our website. (www.fulbright.org.uk)

If you, the 'participant', wish to officially accept the offer of a place on a UK Summer Institute, you will be asked to sign and date a copy of the *Offer Letter*, indicating your agreement to abide by these terms.

Eligibility and Restrictions

Fulbright Awards made in this category are offered to US citizens (regardless of where they currently reside, except the UK). Non-US citizens may not apply for this programme. Participation in a Fulbright Special Programme does not preclude participants from applying for a Fulbright Award later in their academic career. The Fulbright Commission strives to operate a policy of equal opportunity and not discriminate against any person because of sex, race, disability, sexual orientation, religion or age. The Fulbright Commission expects nominated candidates not to participate in any other study abroad programme during the same Summer the Fulbright UK Summer Institute takes place.

Award Exclusions

The grant does **not** provide for:

- Expenses in connection with passports or any necessary visas including photographs
- Medical, travel and contents insurance
- Taxicabs
- Tips
- Shipment of baggage; baggage transfers or compensation for lost baggage
- Certificates of birth, health or identity

The Fulbright Commission will cover round-trip airfare from the US to the UK. The host institution covers tuition and fees, accommodation and meals or a small daily allowance. Participants must arrange their own health insurance that covers the UK. This expense is NOT covered by the Fulbright Commission.

Visa Requirements

The use of the grant is contingent upon the availability of transportation and the candidate's ability to procure a passport and legally enter the UK. UK Summer Institute Programme participants attending one of the UK Summer Institutes are expected to travel to the United Kingdom under the Standard Visitor immigration route. Participants will be given information on this by the Commission after selection.

Pre-Arrival Orientation
Successful candidates are required to attend a virtual pre-arrival orientation prior to their stay (date to be announced after the selection).

Evaluations, Reports and Publications
Before returning to the UK, candidates will be required to attend a Fulbright debrief session with members of the Fulbright staff, the aim of which is to assess the programme and begin the process of evaluating their own personal and academic experience. This will be held virtually.

On return to the US, participants will be required to complete a formal evaluation of their experience to the Fulbright Commission and the Summer Institute. Participants must acknowledge the Fulbright Commission and/or their Fulbright Award in any publication and/or broadcast resulting from their visit to the United Kingdom under Fulbright auspices. A copy of any such publication should be passed to the Fulbright Commission for permanent record.

Participants who share their Fulbright experiences publicly via web-based media are responsible to acknowledge that theirs is not an official US Department of State website or blog, and that the views and information presented are their own and do not represent the Fulbright Programme, the host university or the US Department of State. Any grantee who posts inappropriate or offensive material on the Internet in relation to the Fulbright Programme may be subject to revocation or termination of their place on the programme.

Participants should conduct themselves appropriately when utilising social media during their programme. Participants should remember that their host institution, home institution, the Fulbright Commission and their country may be judged by their actions and utterances online.

Participants must be able to participate in the programme in its entirety. Participants are expected to attend all academic classes and field-work excursions and are expected to participate in the social programme laid on by their host.

Health and Accident Coverage
Participants must pay for their own medical, travel and contents insurance to cover en route and in-project dates. It is the responsibility of the participants to ensure that the coverage they buy is adequate for their needs whilst in and en route to and from the UK. Participants will no longer be covered under the National Health Insurance (NHS) in the UK.

Contingencies
Neither the Commission nor the UK host institutions assume responsibility for any injury, accident, illness, loss of personal property or other contingencies which may befall the participant during or in connection with his/her stay abroad under this programme. It is recommended that the participant personally obtain adequate personal and property insurance for him/her. The Commission and the UK host institution shall not be liable for any claim or claims which may arise from the participant's failure to enter upon or to complete a project as detailed in this programme even where such failure is due to circumstances beyond the participant's control.

Effectuation of Programme
Effectuation of the Programme is in every instance contingent upon the availability of transportation and sufficient funds, stable conditions in the UK and the participant’s ability to legally enter the UK. It is understood and agreed that if conditions beyond the control of the Fulbright Commission prevent or unduly hamper the timely or adequate implementation of the Programme in the UK, all obligations shall cease. Participation in the Fulbright UK Summer Institute Programme depends on the operating status of the UK host university, the entry requirements into the UK and the transatlantic travel options.

Postponement of Programme

No programme participation may be postponed until a subsequent year. Participants would be required to reapply in the following cycle.

Termination of Programme
The Commission reserves the right to revoke or terminate this award, subject to the approval of the host UK University, should non-compliance with the provisions of the programme warrant such action. Grounds upon which the Commission may revoke this programme include, but are not limited to, the following:

- violation of the laws of the US or UK, including currency exchange regulations
- violation of UK immigration regulations
- misconduct
- engaging in any unlawful activity or that which may bring their home/host institutions and the Fulbright Programme into disrepute
- engaging in political or unauthorised income-producing activities
- abusive or disrespectful behaviour toward Commission or Host Institution staff or fellow participants, including that expressed online
- failure to complete the programme
- premature departure from the programme
- failure to submit the reports required by the Commission or host institution
- physical or mental incapacitation

If participation is terminated on any of the above-mentioned grounds except the last one, the participant agrees to repay to the Commission all allowances and benefits received under the Special Programme, including the cost of any transportation furnished to him/her by the Commission.

Responsibilities
Participants are required to attend and participate fully in all organised sessions, including all lectures, seminars, field trips and social programmes. If any participants are absent from a session, they must seek approval from the Programme Manager at their host institution before not attending and this will only be granted in extenuating circumstances. Any absences that are not approved in advance could result in expulsion from the programme. Family members and/ or friends may not accompany or join participants for any part of the programme.

Persons accepting a programme from the Commission under the Fulbright Programme are not by virtue thereof officials or employees of the Commission or of the UK host institution or of the US Department of State or of any other agency of the Government of the USA, or of any agency of the Government of the UK. They should avoid giving the impression that they are the official spokespeople of the US Government, the UK Government, and the host UK institution or of the Commission. Nevertheless, participants should remember that their home institution and country may be judged by their actions and utterances, whether made in public, private or online.

Data Protection
The US-UK Fulbright Commission Privacy Policy can be found on our website.