

Fulbright Scholar Programs

NEW CENTURY SCHOLARS

The New Century Scholars (NCS) program is a relatively new program for a relatively new century. Launched in 2001, the year-long program extends the mission and outreach of the traditional Fulbright Scholar Program by bringing together experts from around the world to examine topics of global significance. Unlike the traditional program, NCS combines the talents and views both of American and international scholars. Each year, an open competition is held to select approximately 30 scholars and practitioners from around the world.

HOW DOES THE PROGRAM WORK?

Scholars collaborate year-round, but meet for seminars just three times: at the beginning, middle, and end of the grant year. Throughout the year, scholars conduct research individually and work in sub-groups under the guidance of the NCS Distinguished Scholar Leader, an eminent academician. At the year-end NCS seminar, participants share the results of their individual and collaborative efforts and also develop recommendations. NCS-recommended initiatives transform powerfully collaborative thinking into real-world efforts with tangible local, regional and global impact.

WHAT TOPICS DO NEW CENTURY SCHOLARS TYPICALLY EXAMINE?

NCS is thematic. Emphasizing a global, multidisciplinary approach, participating scholars develop models to help us understand the social contexts within which nations and communities shape their responses to 21st century challenges. Past topics have



2007–2008 New Century Scholars in Egypt.

included the challenges of health crises in a world without borders, sectarian and ethnic conflicts, the empowerment of women, the global challenges of education, and issues of access and equity in higher education.

Scholars will next examine *the*

university as an innovation driver and knowledge center.

Specifically, scholars will reflect on the ways in which universities – our world's major knowledge centers – relate to private-sector enterprise and act as economic engines for communities, regions and the world-at-large.

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WHERE DO NEW CENTURY SCHOLARS COME FROM?

Participants in the NCS program are drawn from all over the globe. In the years 2001-2008 grantees have represented some 53 countries—Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Canada, Croatia, Czech Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Germany,

Ghana, Hong Kong, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Kenya, Republic of Korea, Latvia, Republic of Macedonia, Mexico, Morocco, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Peoples Republic of China, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Senegal, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Uganda, Ukraine,

United Kingdom, United States of America, Uruguay, Vietnam, Yemen

WHERE HAVE NCS PLENARY SESSIONS BEEN HELD?

Airlie House (VA), Belfast, Boston, Buffalo (NY), Cairo, Eger (Hungary), Mexico City, New Delhi, New York City, Paris, Pocantico (NY), Washington, D.C.



Dr. Kwanchewan Buadaeng from Chiang Mai University, Thailand, participated in the 2002–2003 New Century Scholar Program. The 2002–2003 theme was “Addressing Sectarian, Ethnic and Cultural Conflict Within and Across National Borders.”



Dr. Mollica Richard (right) participated in the 2001–2002 New Century Scholar Program. In 2001–2002 the theme was “Challenges of Health in a Borderless World.”

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