

Dear Educator,

United States-India Educational Foundation has announced the competition for the 2022-2023 Fulbright-Nehru Visiting Chair Program at the University of Massachusetts Amherst (UMA).

The Visiting Chair Program is designed for Indian scholars who are employed in India and it is for the purpose of teaching, lecturing, and/or conducting research at UMA. This fellowship is offered jointly by UMA and the United States-India Educational Foundation (USIEF).

*The Fulbright-Nehru Visiting Chair for the academic year 2022-2023 at UMA will be offered in the field of **Public Policy**.* The Visiting Chair must have a high level of academic/professional achievement in the area of Public Policy. The Visiting Chair will teach and conduct research in Public Policy at UMA and promote mutual understanding through engagement with the host community. USIEF expects the Visiting Chair to generate awareness in the United States about India and the contributions of Indian academia.

#### **Primary Responsibility of Visiting Chair**

- Teach an upper-level course in **Public Policy** that relates to the scholar's research broadly in order to attract both graduate and advanced undergraduate students;
- Present at least one public on-campus lecture;
- Contribute to the intellectual community at the School for Public Policy at the University of Massachusetts Amherst
- Participate in seminars, workshops, and network with other scholars on campus; and
- Participate in inter-disciplinary and community engagement.

#### **Grant Benefits**

The fellowship provides a J-1 visa support, a monthly stipend, Accident and Sickness Program for Exchanges per U.S. Government guidelines, round-trip economy class air travel, settling-in allowance, books and supplies allowance, professional allowance, and excess baggage allowance. Dependent allowance and international travel may be provided for one accompanying eligible dependent provided the dependent is with the grantee in the U.S. for at least 80 per cent of the grant period.

#### **Eligibility Requirements**

In addition to the general prerequisites given on the USIEF website:

- faculty/researchers must have a Ph.D. degree or equivalent published work with at least five years of relevant teaching/research experience;
- professionals outside academe must have a master's degree or equivalent published work with recognized professional standing and at least five years relevant experience;
- the applicant should upload a recent significant publication (copy of paper/article) on the online application (not exceeding 30 pages); and

- applicants must follow the instructions carefully regarding employer's endorsement. The employer must indicate that leave will be granted for the fellowship period. The applicant must obtain the endorsement from the appropriate administrative authority on the Letter of Support from Home Institution.

Fellowship details, the application process, and guidelines are available on this link: <https://www.usief.org.in/Fellowships/FNVC.aspx> and the **application deadline is August 31, 2021.**

Please publicize this program and encourage scholars in the area of Public Policy to apply.

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