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FULBRIGHT GRANT COMPETITION OPENS

MISSOULA—

The Institute of International Education, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of State and the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board, has announced the launch of the 2007-08 Fulbright U.S. Student Program competition.

The program awards approximately 1,200 international study, research and teaching assistantship grants annually and currently operates in more than 140 countries worldwide. Fulbright English teaching assistantships are now available to more than 20 countries.

Fulbright full grants generally provide funding for round-trip travel, maintenance for one academic year, health and accident coverage, and full or partial tuition.

For more information, students currently enrolled at The University of Montana should call Professor Elizabeth Ametsbichler, UM Fulbright program adviser at (406) 243-5001 or e-mail liz.ametsbichler@mso.umt.edu.

Students must submit applications both electronically and in hard copy to Ametsbichler by Wednesday, Oct. 4, 2006, to meet the IIE deadlines of Friday, Oct. 20, for electronic applications and Monday, Oct. 23, for hard copies.

Applicants to the Fulbright program must be U.S. citizens at the time of application and

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hold a bachelor's degree or the equivalent by the beginning of the grant. In the creative and performing arts, four years of professional training or experience meets this basic eligibility requirement.

The Fulbright U.S. Student Program does not require applicants to be currently enrolled in a college or university. Applications from young professionals interested in an international experience also are encouraged.

Since its inception in 1946, the Fulbright Program has provided more than 273,500 participants the opportunity to exchange ideas and embark on joint ventures of importance to the general welfare of the world's inhabitants. In the past 60 years, 102,900 American students, scholars and teachers have benefitted from the Fulbright experience.

For more information, go online to <http://www.fulbrightonline.org>.

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