



Palacký University Olomouc

## **Cooperation Agreement**

# Fulbright- Palacký University Olomouc Distinguished Scholar

Pursuant to their mutual interest in promoting innovative scholarship, educational exchange, and mutual understanding between the peoples of Czech Republic and the United States of America,

the **J. William Fulbright Commission in the Czech Republic** (hereafter referred to as the **Fulbright Commission**), Karmelitská 17, Praha 1, represented by its Executive Director

and the **Palacký University Olomouc**, (hereafter referred to as the **Palacký University**) Křížkovského 511/8, 779 00 Olomouc represented by its rector

### Prof. MUDr. Martin Procházka, Ph.D.

agree to jointly sponsor a

#### "Fulbright – Palacký University Distinguished Scholar" at the Palacký University in academic year 2023/2024 and following years.

This Agreement is based upon the past and current collaboration of the Fulbright Commission with the Palacký University and is concluded in accordance with section 1746 subsection 2 of the Act No. 89/2012 Coll., Civil Code, as amended.

1. The full title of one grant award will be the "Fulbright – Palacký University Distinguished Scholar".

2. The Fulbright Commission will collaborate with the Institute of International Education (IIE) to announce and promote a Fulbright- Palacký University Distinguished Scholar award in the annual Fulbright Scholar Program: Grants for U.S. Faculty and Professionals.

3. The text of this award announcement will be edited annually by designated representatives of the Palacký University. The Palacký University will provide this text for the Fulbright Commission by December 1 of a given year.

The text to be used by the Institute of International Education (IIE) to advertise for the Fulbright – Palacký University Distinguished Scholar follows:

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Category: Distinguished Lecturing Special Feature: Full-Maintenance Grant Number of Awards: 2 Grant Activity: Teach maximum 2 courses at advanced undergraduate and graduate levels. Language: Lecturing is in English. Additional Qualifications: senior lecturer Location: Palacký University Length of Grant: 3 to 4 months Starting Date: mid-September or mid-February

Comments: The award is open in all the fields offered at the Palacký University.

4. IIE will forward a memorandum of recommendation with a short list of semi-final candidates to the Fulbright Commission each year together with applications for other awards in the scholar category. The Fulbright Commission will share the list of semi-final candidates, along with the full application materials, with designated representatives of the Palacký University. Representatives of the Palacký University and the Fulbright Commission will nominate a finalist and an alternate. The Fulbright Commission Board will be responsible for confirming this selection which must be approved by the Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board s (FFSB).

5. Upon the receipt of FFSB approval, following the notification of the candidates by IIE, the Fulbright Commission will enter into the communication with the finalists and issue documents that outline the terms of the grant for the grantee.

6. In addition to the services and activities listed above, the Fulbright Commission will provide the following for the grantee:

- (a) predeparture information including full paperwork for the visa procedures;
- (b) orientation in Prague (for winter semester grantees) or orientation combined with mid-year conference (for summer semester grantees), all based on external conditions;
- (c) a health and accident insurance policy for the Fulbright grantees;
- (d) support payments for qualified accompanying dependents of the grantee (as defined by Fulbright program guidelines) for the duration of the grant period; and
- (e) contribute 1500 USD/month towards the grantee's monthly maintenance payments for the duration of the grant (four months);
- (f) a travel grant of 1500 USD.
- 7. The Palacký University will contribute

(a) 4500 USD/month towards the grantee's monthly maintenance payments for the duration of the grant (three to four months) and make provisions for transferring the total amount due into an account designated by the Fulbright Commission two weeks before the starting date of the grant (according to the grant authorization).

Consequently, the total combined monthly amount of the grantee's base maintenance award will be 6000 per month.

#### 8. The Palacký University also will

- (a) anchor the grantee at an institute and faculty appropriate to his or her field of expertise;
- (b) provide for the approval of the grantee's courses by relevant university bodies and organize the announcement of the grantee's courses in the Palacký University course catalogue
- (c) provide the grantee with access to office space with the usual facilities (telephone, computer, e-mail, Internet access, etc.); and
- (d) offer the grantee university housing or help to identify and contract for appropriate housing.

9. Both parties hereby confirm that this Agreement does not constitute an employment contract between the grantee and the Palacký University nor can be interpreted as a commitment of the Palacký University to establish an employment contract with the grantee.

10.Starting 2023/2024 the Palacký University will fund this jointly sponsored Distinguish Scholar based on the conditions defined above, if an appropriate candidate is identified from among the applicants for Fulbright Award.

11. The parties agree that this Agreement supersedes from academic year 2023/2024 the Cooperation Agreement entered into between the Parties on 15.11.2013 as amended.

12. The Fulbright Commission and the Palacký University agree upon the following modalities for the extension of this agreement. One or both parties may extend or terminate this Agreement by December 1 of a given year for the relevant academic year.

13. The execution of this program will be contingent upon a consensus between the Fulbright Commission and the designated representatives of the Palacký University that the candidates in question meet the high standards of the Fulbright Program and the Palacký University. The Fulbright Commission and the Palacký University Faculty will annually budget sufficient funds for this joint chair for the above mentioned period and expect to have such funding at their respective disposals.

14. This Agreement may be changed or supplemented by the parties of the Agreement only in the form of written supplements that shall be numbered in ascending order, shall be expressly declared as supplements hereof and signed by auhorized representatives of both parties.

15.Both parties have expressly agreed that in harmony with the provision of section 1746 subsection 2 of the Civil Code, all rights and obligations stipulated by this Agreement as well as rights and obligations ensuing herefrom will be solved in accordance with relevant general provisions of the Czech Civil Code or other generally binding legal regulations.

16. This Agreement is concluded on the date of its signature by the authorized representatives of both parties and shall enter into force on the date of its publication in the Register of Contracts pursuant to Act No. 340/2015 Coll., on the special conditions of effectiveness of certain contracts, publication of these contracts and on the register of contracts (Act on the Register of Contracts), as amended.

17. This Agreement is made in four counterparts undersigned by the authorized representative of both Parties of the Agreement, while each party will obtain two counterparparts.

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