

To: Faculty Senate

From: International Education and Services Committee

Date: Oct 22, 2015

Re: Availability of Fulbright Fellowships

Recently some concern was expressed by faculty and the Provost regarding the ability of WOU students to apply for Fulbright Fellowships following the retirement of Michele Price and the relocation of the Study Abroad office to the Office of International Education and Development. At the Oct 20 IESC meeting we discussed this topic with a representative of OIED and Study Abroad. She assured the committee that one of the Study Abroad staff will soon go on record with the Fulbright program as WOU's representative. The Study Abroad office, who maintains an ex-officio position on the IESC, will notify the committee when a student has reached the point that a faculty committee is required to review her/his application. Faculty on the IESC will serve as the reviewing committee and recruit non-IESC faculty if an applicant's academic field falls outside of the expertise of the committee members. If the applicant needs assistance for the academic portion of the Fulbright application, the Study Abroad staff will recommend appropriate faculty advisors who can provide guidance. Study Abroad staff are continually updating links on their "Scholarships and Fellowships" webpage so that interested students have access to multiple funding options, and study abroad group advising sessions are held every Wednesday afternoon during fall, winter, and spring terms.