

Fulbright Commission in Egypt

Grantees

Six American lecturers were grantees for the 1979-1980 academic year. Two short-term professors (possibly more), requested by the universities, will be selected after the beginning of fiscal year 1980 (once available funding has been determined). Professors have been requested for A.U.C. (communications, science), Mansoura (English), Assiut (mathematics), and Minia (biochemistry). The cost involved in bringing these professors to Egypt is borne by the International Communication Agency, and is not considered a part of the Commission budget.

Information

In mid-July a letter of inquiry was sent to university deans and presidents in Egypt, seeking information on professorial needs of all universities in Egypt. The response has been excellent and we can thus better determine where our limited number of American grantees are needed—and where the best use of U.S. opportunities for Egyptian lecturer and research grantees can be made.

Special Programs

The UCLA/Ain Shams University English language teaching program will be continuing in 1979-1980 with seven U.S. scholar teachers. The Commission will handle local support for this program, under a grant from USAID.

The Peace Fellowship Program has been completed. One-hundred students were sent for graduate study in the United States. The Commission was asked to select the General Electric Scholar for 1979-1980. This scholarship, for a student seeking an M.A. in engineering, was given to the Commission at a late time, so one of the Peace Fellowship candidates was selected (this made 101 fellowships).

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OUTREACH PROGRAMS

At the MESA meeting in Ann Arbor, November 8-11, 1978, Middle East Center Outreach Coordinators and others interested in disseminating information about the Middle East met twice: once for a report by Dr. Michael Suleiman on the MESA Precollegiate Education Committee and an address by Dr. Richard Jorgensen of the USOE, and once at a workshop chaired by Sheila Scoville, University of Arizona Middle East Center Outreach Coordinator, on Outreach Techniques. Neither session lasted long enough to allow the participants to discuss in detail their programs or, more importantly, their problems. Everyone agreed that more communication, coordination and information exchange among the Centers and other Outreach programs were needed. To help meet these needs, Charlotte Wright, Outreach Coordinator at the University of Michigan Center for Near Eastern and North African Studies, volunteered to edit a Newsletter for Near East Outreach; and Barbro Ek, Outreach Coordinator at the Harvard University Center for Middle Eastern Studies, volunteered to host a meeting for Near East Outreach to be held at the Harvard Center.