

International World Fellowship Fund

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES WORLDWIDE · MAKING A GLOBAL IMPACT ON WOMEN, THEIR LIVES AND THEIR COUNTRIES



How it began

The World Fellowship Program began at the 1946 National Convention in San Francisco. Four German women educators received funds from Delta Kappa Gamma to spend eight weeks of study and visitation in Sweden during the spring of 1948.

In 1952, the World Fellowship Program began an alliance with UNESCO to provide special help for Korean women.

During 1958–1960, the present program began to take shape. An agreement was made with the Institute of International Education (IIE) to provide dossiers from which a Society committee could select recipients for study in the United States.

In 1972, the World Fellowship Committee became a standing committee, formerly part of the Personal Growth and Services Committee. In 1974, state organization and chapter committees became part of the *Constitution*.

The Institute of International Education recognized the World Fellowship Program with an award in 1978 that is displayed at Delta Kappa Gamma Society Headquarters in Austin, Texas.

Impressive numbers tell story

From an initial award of \$2,500 in 1960, based on \$11,528 in contributions, the program has grown through the 2021-2022 academic year to impressive totals:

Impacting education worldwide

1,055 women in 122 countries have received awards totaling \$3,806,250 since 1960.

Contributions

\$4,225,502.75 (through June 30, 2022)

Contributions and bequests determine the number of World Fellowship Awards given each year by the committee.

Awards given in 2022-2023

15 \$4,000 awards
3 \$1,000 extensions
8 \$500 extensions
Total of \$67,000 to 26 women in 23 countries.

Selection process explained

Application for study in the United States

Fellowship applications are conducted through bi-national selection committees sponsored by Fulbright Commissions/Foundation or by the Cultural Affairs Office of the United States Embassy in the applicant's home country. All documents are sent to the Institute of International Education (IIE) in the United States.

IIE is a private non-profit organization that administers the student portion of the Fulbright Program. IIE helps students with enrollment, visas, insurance and transportation. IIE also aids students with obtaining grants to supplement the Fulbright stipend from many different foundations and organizations, of which the Delta Kappa Gamma World Fellowship Program is one.

Annually the IIE staff reviews successful international candidates and forwards applications for those who meet the criteria for Delta Kappa Gamma fellowships. From these, the World Fellowship Committee selects recipients for Society grants.

Application for study in Canada

In Canada, recipients may attend the universities of Alberta, Calgary, Windsor, Toronto, Manitoba, McGill, Regina, and Brandon University. The screening process in Canada is administered by members of World Fellowship committees in Alberta, Ontario, Manitoba, and Saskatchewan.

Application forms are submitted to the international World Fellowship Committee for evaluation and ranking. Students in Canada may secure application forms from the World Fellowship Committee chair in each participating province.



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