Open Call: Fulbright Specialist Program Social Work Project

The Fulbright Specialist Program (FSP) is seeking a highly qualified professional to serve as a Specialist for the approximately 6-week project **"Preventing and Ending Homelessness in the City of Tshwane"** to take place in **Tshwane, South African** beginning in **Spring 2020.**

The Fulbright Specialist Program (FSP), part of the larger Fulbright Program, was established in 2001 by the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA). The program pairs highly qualified U.S. academics and professionals with host institutions abroad to share their expertise, strengthen institutional linkages, hone their skills, gain international experience, and learn about other cultures while building capacity at their overseas host institutions. Grant benefits include international round-trip economy class airfare, transit allowance, all applicable visa fees, a daily honorarium, enrollment in a limited health benefits program, lodging, meals, and in-country transportation.

Host Institution: Tshwane Leadership Foundation
Proposed Timeframe: Approximately 6 weeks. *Please note that dates may be flexible based upon the chosen candidate's availability.*
Location of Project: Tshwane, South Africa

Project Activities
The Tshwane Leadership Foundation (TLF) works with vulnerable individuals and communities in the city of Tshwane that are experiencing homelessness. They currently use various tools and documentation procedures during the intake, assessment, and exit processes, many of them paper-based, which increase the time spent on administrative and managerial work instead of building relationships with individuals. TLF has also introduced three IT/database tools to strengthen service delivery and data management.

With the help of a Specialist, TSL wishes to develop a single integrated digital data management tool to streamline the assessment, documentation, and tracking of each individual case, and strengthen the organization's overall impact on the community.

During the approximately 6-week visit, the Specialist will help TSL develop a "one stop" style platform that centralizes the organization's data, reduces redundant data entries, and incorporates existing IT tools into one workflow with the aim of:
  • Improving the intake and assessment of vulnerable individuals
  • Enhancing tracking of individual case files, better matching individuals with available resources, and providing more consistent and comprehensive program evaluation

TLF ultimately hopes to expand this integrated data management model for use with its community partners to further strengthen inter-agency cooperation.

Preferred Qualifications
The Specialist should have extensive demonstrated experience in information technology and systems design, specifically in the development of data management systems. They must also have an understanding of the needs of community development, non-governmental and/or human services organizations. Experience working in the homelessness sector is desired but not required.

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How to Apply

Applicants must be U.S. citizens. If interested, please send your CV/resume and a personal statement by **Tuesday, November 12, 2019** explaining why you believe that you could effectively serve as the Fulbright Specialist for this project to: fulbrightspecialist@worldlearning.org. Please limit your statement to no more than 400 words and include information regarding your availability. A copy of the full project description is available, upon request, to aid in the development of CVs and personal statements. Additionally, please note that if you are selected as a potential candidate for this project, you will be required to submit an official application to join the Fulbright Specialist Roster. For more information regarding the application process and the program, visit our website at https://fulbrightspecialist.worldlearning.org.

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