



Visiting Foreign
Judicial Fellows
Program

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The Federal Judicial Center established its Visiting Foreign Judicial Fellows Program in 1992. Under its auspices, a small number of foreign judges, court officials, lawyers, and scholars are invited to conduct research at the Center for a period of two weeks to three months. Candidates must secure independent funding for their travel, living, and related expenses. Fellows are responsible for making their own logistical arrangements, including securing a visa, if needed. The program provides an opportunity for participants to gain a deeper understanding of U.S. judicial practice.

The Center provides fellows with an office, computer access, and assistance with their research and arranges meetings with U.S. judges, court administrators, Center staff, law professors, and others in the D.C. community with relevant expertise. When appropriate, fellows are also invited to observe Center programs. Recent fellows have studied distance education, case management, sanctions in civil proceedings, judicial independence, judicial performance evaluation, and how U.S. law reconciles privacy interests and criminal investigations. As of March 2016, the Center has hosted 103 judicial fellows from 43 different countries, including Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Brazil, Egypt, Hungary, Japan, Kosovo, South Korea, Togo, and Turkey.

Eligibility and Requirements

The Center will consider fellowship applicants from any country with which the United States maintains diplomatic relations. Visiting fellows must have

- fluency in written and spoken English
- some knowledge of the American legal and court systems
- a specific research project relating to the U.S. legal system, judicial practice, or court education
- a plan for completing the project on the fellow's own initiative
- a funding source

Application

The candidate must submit an application, which should include

- proposed dates of fellowship
- a current résumé, including education and any judicial or court-related experience
- a description of the candidate's language proficiency and previous travel or study in the United States
- a summary and outline of the proposed research project
- the candidate's funding source, including a letter from the source

Applications must be submitted as far in advance of the proposed fellowship dates as possible to allow the Center to make necessary arrangements. An application form can be found online at www.fjc.gov/vf. Completed applications should be emailed to

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Candidates are notified of the status of their applications via email.