CALL FOR NOMINATIONS:
2016 J. WILLIAM FULBRIGHT PRIZE FOR INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING

The Fulbright Association invites you to submit nominations for the 2016 J. William Fulbright Prize for International Understanding. An International Selection Committee will determine the awardee from the nominations received. This document provides background on previous honorees and describes the process for selection.

BACKGROUND: The Fulbright Prize was first awarded in 1993, to Nelson Mandela. He was followed by:

1994: Jimmy Carter
1995: Franz Vranitzky
1996: Corazon C. Aquino
1997: Vaclav Havel
1998: Patricio Aylwin Azocar
1999: Mary Robinson
2000: Marti Ahtisaari
2001: Kofi Annan
2002: Sadako Ogata
2003: Fernando Henrique Cardoso
2004: Colin L. Powell
2006: William Jefferson Clinton
2008: Desmond Tutu
2010: Bill and Melinda Gates
2012: Médecins Sans Frontières/Doctors Without Borders
2014: Hans Blix

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The 2016 Prize will be awarded in a special ceremony at the 39th Annual Conference of the Fulbright Association of alumni in Washington, D. C., November 10-12, 2016.

CRITERIA for the Prize in the celebratory 70th year of the Fulbright Program:

1) Distinction, in any field, which exemplifies the ideals of Senator Fulbright and the Fulbright Program in promoting understanding and peaceful dialogue among nations and in strengthening educational and cultural ties across borders.

2) Nominees may be individuals, two or more persons in partnership, or not-for-profit entities dedicated to the pursuit of peace and understanding.

3) Fulbright Program alumni are especially welcome as nominees, but alumni status is not a criterion.

4) The Prize winner shall attend the ceremony in Washington, D. C. in November to deliver a substantive address up to twenty minutes in length to an audience of Fulbright alumni and friends.
5) Should the first place nominee be unable to arrange a personal schedule to appear, the second place nominee shall be offered the Prize instead.

6) Political leaders will not be considered while still in office.

**NOMINATION PROCESS:**

1) Nominations may not exceed two pages. The first page will provide bio data, contact details such as title, current professional role, e-mail, telephone, and mailing address. The second page should contain a compelling and informative case for the nominee as Prize Laureate, noting the connection between career and Fulbright ideals. Since this statement may serve as the basis for the citation conferring the Prize, it should be carefully written.

Should nominators wish to provide additional information—such as links to articles or other pertinent professional data—they may do so, but it will not be considered as part of the official two-page nomination.

As a nominator, please provide email, telephone, and professional affiliation in order that the Fulbright Association representative may contact you with regard to the application.

The **deadline for Nominations is: April 8, 2016.**

**Send nominations to the following email address:**

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Nominations will be held in confidentiality and forwarded to the International Selection Committee. The committee of seven includes the Chairperson, the President of the Fulbright Association, a Chairperson-designee for the next prize competition, and four distinguished international members. They will confer electronically and serve **pro bono**. The identity of the committee members will be held in confidence until the laureate is announced.

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