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Dr. Kati Bell, director of the Global Education Office (GEO), has been selected to serve on a Fulbright selection committee to review applications for the Fulbright-Nehru International Education Administrators seminar.

Bell participated in the [India Fulbright program](#) in March 2015 as a member of the Fulbright-Nehru International Education Administrators seminar. She currently serves as the campus Fulbright liaison and is available to assist both students and faculty in applying for Fulbright awards.

"Dominican is a 'global friendly' campus with many students and faculty who are well qualified to apply for Fulbright awards," says Bell, [Dominican's GEO](#) director. "Everyone should consider Fulbright grants as means to improve their global professional development and practice."

In recent years, Dominican has been awarded both faculty and student Fulbright awards. In academic year 2012-13, [Dr. Suresh Appavoo](#), dean for [Diversity and Equity](#) and a faculty member in [School of Education and Counseling Psychology](#), conducted research in the Republic of the Maldives.

[Casey Lee Thorne](#) '10, who received a degree Dance through the [Dominican/LINES Ballet BFA Program](#), was awarded a Fulbright Student Fellowship in 2014 in order to complete her project, If I Were You - Project Israel. If I Were You is a long-term international outreach project that enlists the personal experiences and voices of world citizens to illuminate how dance can connect us to our shared humanity.

Dr. Leslie Ross '78, chair of the [Department of Art History](#) and a Dominican faculty member since 1985 in the [School of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences](#), received a Fulbright award to the United Kingdom.

Bell has extensive experience with overseas programs. Before joining Dominican, Bell worked at San Jose State University coordinating the faculty led overseas programs and serving as the assistant director for study abroad programs. Previous to SJSU, she worked for the Queensland University of Technology in Brisbane, Australia, managing the administrative side of an on-campus research institute. Additionally, she spent seven years coordinating the Study Abroad programs at San Francisco State University. Through the U.S. Peace Corps, Bell also taught English and American culture studies in Zhytomir, Ukraine.

Regional peer review committees are an integral part of the Fulbright selection process, and consist of Fulbright alumni who agree to give their time and expertise for the benefit of the Fulbright program. The purpose is to review U.S. Scholar applications, come to consensus regarding recommend them, and provide positive feedback on applications to be recommended for further review.

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