



April 7, 2008

Mr. Larry Lee Pressler
800 25th Street Northwest, Suite 504
Washington, DC 20037-2208

Dear Mr. Pressler:

On behalf of the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board (FSB), I am pleased to congratulate you on your selection as a Fulbright scholar grantee to Italy. The FSB is the Presidentially appointed twelve-member Board that is responsible for establishing worldwide policies for the Program and for selection of Fulbright recipients. Your grant is made possible through funds that are appropriated annually by the U.S. Congress and, in many cases, by contributions from partner countries and/or the private sector.

This award is contingent upon your obtaining official research clearance from the host country, where applicable, and satisfactory medical clearance. The terms and conditions of your award and other pertinent information will be forwarded to you by the Fulbright Commission in Italy.

As a Fulbrighter, you will join the ranks of distinguished alumni of the program. Fulbright alumni have become heads of state, judges, ambassadors, cabinet ministers, CEOs, university presidents, journalists, artists, professors and teachers. They have been awarded thirty-seven Nobel Prizes. Since its inception more than 60 years ago, approximately 300,000 Fulbrighters have participated in the program.

Developing international understanding requires a commitment on the part of Fulbright grantees to establish open communication and long-term cooperative relationships. In that way, Fulbrighters enrich the educational, political, economic, social and cultural lives of countries around the world. We expect that you too will become involved in the community while on your Fulbright exchange. In so doing you will demonstrate the qualities of service, excellence and leadership that have been the hallmarks of this program for more than sixty years. As a representative of your country in Italy, you will help fulfill the principal purpose of the Fulbright Program which is to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of the over 150 countries that currently participate in the Fulbright Program.

The Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the United States Department of State, which oversees the operations of Fulbright Programs throughout the world, joins the Board in congratulating you. If you have any questions about your grant, please contact your CIES program officer.

We hope that your Fulbright experience will be highly rewarding professionally and personally, and that you will share the knowledge you gain as a Fulbrighter with many others throughout your life.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Shirley Green".

Shirley M. Green
Chair