An Evaluation of the Fulbright Student Program
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Background

- Flagship international educational exchange program of State Department, Senator William Fulbright (1945)
- Increase mutual understanding between the people of US and other countries.
- Various awards: open study/research, ETA, graduate degree, public policy, business internships
- Recent graduates, master’s and doctoral candidates, early career professionals
- Many eligible countries, funding varies by year
- 6-12 months, depending on program/proposed length of study

Methods

- August 2015- May 2016
- English Teaching Assistant (20 contact hours/week)
- Side project: promote community involvement
- Mandarin Chinese course (10 contact hours/week)
- Violin in university rondalla (3 hours/week)

Results

- Increased appreciation for variety of Mexican cultures
- Realities of rural vs urban communities
- International mobility schemes
- Experience in establishing international educational partnerships
- Expanded national and international network

Conclusions

- Significant cultural experience
- ETA: immersive experience in educational setting for recent graduates
- Requires flexibility
- Research study program: graduate students with focused research topic
- Health sciences limited to public/ global health research, no clinical

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