



UK Trustee role description

The US-UK Fulbright Commission is looking for new trustees to join our board of Commissioners and provide strategic leadership and oversee the work of the Commission.

The US-UK Fulbright Commission's vision is a world in which there are no obstacles to learning, understanding and collaboration.

Our mission is to advance knowledge, promote civic engagement and develop compassionate leaders through education exchange between the peoples of the US and the UK.

Role description

To direct the programmatic and fiscal well-being of the US-UK Fulbright Commission, including the review and approval of policies and programmes that further the mission of the Commission as well as the annual budget and financial statements.

To attend three scheduled board meetings every year and be prepared to participate by reading materials and reviewing content provided prior to the meetings.

To serve on one of the four board committees (Finance; Risk; Alumni and Development; Remuneration and Nominations), attend three scheduled committee meetings every year and actively participate in the work of the Commission.

To participate in interview panels to select the Commission's postgraduates and scholars, if time permits.

To bring in new funding to the Commission; this could be done by:

- a. Opening networks of corporates, foundations and high-net-worth individuals who would be interested in financially supporting the Commission;
- b. Relevant expertise donated pro-bono to the Commission;
- c. Participating in fundraising events by bringing high-net-worth guests; and
- d. Personal donation

To promote the Commission's mission and vision to governments, foundations, corporates and individuals in relevant settings. These would typically include Commission events such as lectures, receptions and fundraising events and non-Commission events such as conferences, public and closed meetings.

To agree and adhere to the Commission's conflict of interest and data protection policies and its bylaws.

To ensure the confidentiality of all board and committee discussions.



The position is unremunerated, non-executive and for a three-year term which can be renewed for a further three years. We normally appoint trustees based in the UK and able to attend up to three UK-based board meetings each year.

Person specification

Essential

Our Commissioners bring a broad range of skills to support our mission. At this time, prior experience in the legal and compliance sector, or professional exposure to the interface between higher education and the UK government, is particularly highly desirable.

Able to demonstrate interest and commitment to Fulbright's mission and working in service of a bi-national organisation.

Able to demonstrate an interest in the quality of education in both the US and UK.

Are committed to ensuring that access to our opportunities is based on merit, ability, and potential.

Possess the highest standards of personal integrity and support a culture of respect, dialogue and debate and intercultural sensitivity.

Proven leadership and/or innovation in their field.

Proven ability to provide strategic direction and knowledge of organisational change management.

Ability to add value in achieving the Commission's fundraising goals.

Candidates must be a UK citizen or have dual citizenship with the UK and normally should be resident in the UK, and able to attend UK based in person board meetings.

Desirable

Have governance experience, such as executive and non-executive experience in either the for-profit and not-for-profit sectors or as a charity trustee.

Experience of working within the charity, voluntary and public sector.

Direct philanthropic experience and exposure to networks the Commission will need to target.