


# FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY  
STATE UNIVERSITY

An aerial photograph of the Mississippi Valley State University campus. The central focus is a large, white, classical-style building with a prominent portico and columns, surrounded by a green lawn and trees. Other campus buildings, parking lots, and a road are visible in the background. In the foreground, there is a large green lawn and a winding path leading to a pond.

Experience the one of the most vibrant HBCU campuses in the USA as a **Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence** at Mississippi Valley State University.

## ABOUT THE OPPORTUNITY

The Fulbright Scholar in Residence (SIR) will evaluate existing curricula to decolonize curricula and integrate global trends to Bioinformatics curriculum, teach two Bioinformatics graduate courses and pursue collaborative research with MVSU faculty. Scholar will also engage in outreach activities both within and outside the campus, that may include weekly seminars at area middle and high schools, cultural showcase at child development centers, MVSU Study Abroad Workshops and Curriculum Internationalization sessions.

The SIR will be housed in the Department of Natural Sciences and Environmental Health and will be teaching two Bioinformatics graduate courses per semester, as well as participate in departmental and institutional committee meetings, engage in peer-reviewed scholarly activities, attend and present at professional conferences, and perform service projects. The SIR will work collaboratively with MVSU faculty to prepare accreditation reports, reviewing and plan curricula. The SIR will also collaborate local K-12 school community to help understand U.S. school system. The SIR will collaborate with faculty in assessment, recruitment, and retention activities. The SIR will be assigned a faculty mentor and administrative mentor. Faculty mentor will be a Bioinformatics faculty from the Department of Natural Sciences and Environmental Health, whereas the Administrative mentor will be the Executive Director of International Programs.

<b>Activity Type:</b>	Teaching	<b>Award Length:</b>	10 months
<b>Scholar Profile:</b>	PhD required. Minimum of 3 years teaching experience. Minimum Associate / Adjunct Professor-level.	<b>Disciplines:</b>	Computer Science - Bioinformatics
<b>Benefits:</b>	Round-trip international air travel, a monthly stipend, an allowance for up to two dependents, and initial settling-in and professional allowances and a local activity allowance.	<b>Award Start:</b>	August 2024

**Other Activities:** Curriculum Internationalization Forum: The SIR can participate in curriculum internationalization forums to share best practices in curriculum internationalization and meet with other faculty who incorporate knowledge and exposure of global events, opportunities, cultures, and challenges to internationalize their curriculum.

Global Ambassadors Programs (GAP) Committee: The SIR will be part of the GAP committee. The scholar will get an opportunity to contribute to strengthen existing academic and research collaborations worldwide, open doors for new connections, foster study abroad, international academic and research opportunities, and enhance the university's global impact.

Campus Events and Cross Cultural Activities: The OIP and Student Affairs in partnership with various student organizations, fraternity and sorority houses conduct various activities throughout the year. The SIR will be invited to participate and even perform at these activities based on their interest.

**Community Outreach:** StudyMississippi Outreach: MVSU is a StudyMississippi Consortium member institution. The SIR will be able to present at StudyMississippi annual conference and other yearlong events to connect with administration and faculty from 17 other higher education institutions from across Mississippi. Local Media, Government and Chamber of Commerce Outreach: The OIP has a strong partnership with local media, Government and Chamber of Commerce, and will connect the SIR with these entities. Community and Cultural Institutions Outreach: Mississippi Delta has a rich cultural and music heritage. OIP will help the SIR to volunteer at B.B. King Symposium attended by world renowned musicians from Mississippi Delta and across the U.S. OIP will arrange visits to B.B. King Museum (Indianola, MS), Museum of the Mississippi Delta (Greenwood, MS) and National Civil Rights Museum (Memphis, TN), local businesses, religious groups, and Rotary Club to help scholar connect with local community and leaders.