**Ronald and Eileen Weiser Professional Development Awards**

**For Study and Research at the University of Michigan**

**2020 Application – For applicants from the Slovak Republic**

Please complete and submit the following application by **September 15, 2019** (for travel to the University of Michigan between February-April 2020 or September-November 2020).

**Last Name:**       **First Name:**       **Middle Name:**

**Gender:**  **Male**  **Female Age:**       **Date of Birth:**

**Citizenship:**       **Country of Permanent Residence:**

**City of Birth:**       **Country of Birth:**

**Home Address (including postcode):**

**Preferred Phone:**

**Preferred Email:**       **Alternate Email:**

**Current employer (university/organization):**

**Current professional title:**      

**Department Affiliation:**

**Specialization:**

**Current job responsibilities (limit 500 characters):**

**Current Work Address (including postcode):**

**Work Phone:**       **Work Email (if different than above):**

**Institutions, NGOs, etc., with which you have cooperated in the last three years (please specify program names, locations, and relevant dates):**

**English language ability (for each area below, select your ability level from the dropdown):**

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| **Speaking** | **Reading** | **Writing** | **Listening** |
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**List previous educational experiences in English-speaking countries (graduate or post-graduate studies, seminars, workshops, conferences, etc.), locations, and dates:**

**Title of research project:**

**Brief abstract of research project (limit to 500 characters):**

**Name of U-M faculty partner:**

**Length of desired stay (select 4 weeks or 3 months):**

**Four weeks**

***Rank preferred time of visit, 1-6:***

      February       March       April

      September       October       November

**Three months**

***Rank preferred time of visit, 1-2:***

      February-April       September-November

**If you have been to the U.S. on a J-1 visa within the last two years and are subject to the two-year return residency rule, please indicate the exact dates of your last stay in the U.S.:**

**By checking these boxes, I understand and agree to the following terms and conditions:**

I am required to apply for and receive a J-1 visa issued into my passport.

I will not seek to bring dependents, unless under exceptional circumstances approved by the Weiser Center prior to submitting this application.

I will submit a report at the end of my visit.

I agree to have my English skills verified via a Skype interview. (If necessary, the interview can be conducted by telephone instead.)

**Please attach:**

1. Your Curriculum Vitae
2. A copy of your doctoral diploma or highest professional degree
3. A copy of your passport photo page
4. A two-page personal statement describing: a) the research or collaborative project you plan to pursue at the University of Michigan, b) your reason for applying for this opportunity, c) how this opportunity will benefit your home institution, and d) your reason for selecting a 4-week or 3-month visit
5. An invitation from the University of Michigan school, department, and/or faculty partner with whom the research will be conducted; email invitation is acceptable
6. One letter of recommendation from the rector or dean at your institution should be submitted in a sealed envelope, or sent separately to Fulbright Commission, Konventná 1, 811 03 Bratislava, Slovak Republic
7. A copy of your TOEFL report (if you have taken the exam in the last three years)

**Signature (electronic signature acceptable):**

**Date:**

**Submit by email to:** [**office@fulbright.sk**](mailto:office@fulbright.sk)

**OR mail to: Fulbright Commission, Konventná 1, 811 03 Bratislava, Slovak Republic**