



**THE FULBRIGHT PROGRAM, OKLAHOMA STATE
UNIVERSITY,
AND TRANSILVANIA UNIVERSITY
A GOOD CHOICE FOR A SHORT-TERM VISITING
SCHOLARSHIP**



The Fulbright Program

"Educational exchange can turn nations into people, contributing as no other form of communication can to the humanizing of international relations."

J. William Fulbright, 1983

The Program was established in 1946 under legislation introduced by late Senator J. William Fulbright of Arkansas and is considered the most prestigious program for academic exchange developed by the United States. The Program is designed to increase international partnership and mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries, through the exchange of persons, knowledge, and skills. Currently, the Fulbright Program operates in over 155 countries worldwide.

The Romanian – U.S. Fulbright Commission was established as a bi-national Office for Educational and Scholarly Exchanges following the Agreement between the Government of Romania and the Government of the United States of America and inaugurated in 1993. The Fulbright Awards Program offers exchange opportunities to Romanian citizens - scholars, students and professionals - for study, research and teaching in the United States. These grants are supported by the U.S. and Romanian Governments and awarded through open merit-based competitions supervised by bi-national panels. Transilvania University of Brasov is one of the Fulbright Program partners in Romania.

Becoming a 'Fulbrighter' is a challenge on how to transform life, reach geographical and cultural boundaries, and promote a more peaceful and prosperous world.

Oklahoma State University

The largest American Indian population of any state as descendents from the original 67 tribes is living in Oklahoma. Two words of Choctaw people, such as 'okla' meaning people and 'humma' meaning red, form the name of Oklahoma State. Located in the south-central United States, Oklahoma is the 28th most populous state and 20th largest state geographically in the US with beautiful landscapes including mountains, deserts, prairie and forests. The state is also known for its vast horse and cattle ranches, rodeos and working cowboys.

Oklahoma State University (OSU) was founded in 1890. Being one of the most affordable schools given the high quality of academic courses is now home to some of the best faculties in the world holding patents in many areas in medicine, agriculture, business, engineering, social sciences, and other fields.

OSU has an excellent reputation being listed as a Top Tier school according to *US News and World Report* and *The Wall Street Journal* while the Department of Agricultural Economics ranks 27 in the world by RePEc.



Edmon Low Library at OSU



Robert M. Kerr Food & Agricultural Products Centre

Oklahoma State University in Stillwater is a friendly and inviting academic environment where cultural, recreational, educational, agricultural and economic activities take place. It was also the best place to successfully accomplish a Fulbright Fellowship. This way a happy joint was created: Fulbright Program Senior Award, Oklahoma State University and Transilvania University of Brasov.

Emilia-Adela Salca, Lecturer PhD from Transilvania University of Brasov, Faculty of Wood Engineering performed her short-term project (three months) as Fulbright Visiting Scholar at Oklahoma State University. Dr. Salca was hosted at the Department of Natural Resource Ecology and Management (NREM) by Dr. Salim Hiziroglu, Professor, the coordinator of the Value-Added Wood Products Laboratory, as part of the Robert M. Kerr Food & Agricultural Products Centre.



At Wes Watkins Centre for International Trade Development

The objective of her research project was to investigate the influence of heat treatment on the mechanical properties and surface roughness of different wood species from Romania and the U.S. as well as to observe the anatomical structure of each species in order to reveal possible damages or changes of the wood structure. Dr. Salca reported that good results were obtained and potential value on wood material can be added to be used more effectively in furniture manufacturing.



Official meeting with the Vice President for International Studies & Outreach, Dr. David Henneberry and Prof. Dr. Salim Hiziroglu

All professional approaches and cultural interactions Dr. Salca had during this Fellowship contributed to the refining process on how to transform everyday life experience in a foreign environment into a personally transformation tool. All these couldn't have been achieved without the generous support, guidance and kindness offered by her host Prof. Dr. Salim Hiziroglu. Dr. Emilia-Adela Salca acknowledges the Fulbright Commission for the support offered to accomplish the research project and to be the hero in her own story. What a wonderful chance!

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