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Professor Anne Rowe
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Dear Professor Rowe:

On behalf of the U.S. Department of State and the Institute for International Education (IIE), Department of Scholar and Professional Programs, the staff at the Council for International Exchange of Scholars (CIES) wishes to acknowledge with appreciation the work of Dr. Patricia Martin. Dr. Martin participated on the Sociology Peer Review Committee to consider 2011-2012 Fulbright Scholar Program applications.

In collaboration with scholarly professional associations, higher education institutions and CIES advisory board members, CIES convenes review committees that reflect individual, institutional, world area and disciplinary diversity. The broad range of experience reviewers bring is essential to the merit-based review. For 2011-2012 grants, peer review committees assessed applications and recommended candidates for further consideration to programs in nearly 130 countries. The J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board, appointed by the U.S. president, makes the final selection of candidates.

Reviewers donate substantial time to read and evaluate applications. IIE/CIES is grateful to Dr. Martin for performing this valued service. The annual involvement of scholars and professionals in the merit review process, along with the support of their home institutions, is a key to the ability of the Fulbright Scholar Program to foster mutual understanding through international academic exchange.

Thank you again for your support.

Sincerely,

Debra S. Egan
Director of Scholar Programs

cc: Dr. Patricia Martin