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## FAAN'S ONGOING AND PROPOSED ACTIVITIES

1. Fulbright Lecture Series (Dialogue)
2. Promoting Women's Participation in Energy Sector (Stree Shakti Program)
3. Rebuilding the Robust Fulbright Community with Three Generational Engagement
4. Establishing the Fulbright Journal of Nepal/Nepalese Studies (Fulbright Sparkle)
5. Conducting Tracer Studies of Fulbrighters
6. Fulbright Seminars
7. Inter-Alumni Engagement
8. Foreign Fulbright Scholars Engagement
9. Fulbright Talent Ideas and Engagement
10. Hosting US Fulbrighters in Nepalese host Institutions
11. Enhancing Scientific Knowledge (Exchange Base to Alumni)

Fulbrighters are dedicated to contributing to state and society with an intellectual legacy.



Signing of MoU with USEF-Nepal & FAAN, March 2024

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# Fulbright Alumni Association of Nepal (FAAN)



*Giving back to the state and society with alumni's intellectual legacy*



## ABOUT US

Fulbright Alumni Association of Nepal (FAAN) is a non-profit, non-governmental registered organization of Nepalese Students & Scholars who studied in the United States under the Fulbright scholarship. The alumni organization is committed to upholding the ideals of the Fulbright Program and realizing the importance of an alumni forum, discussions started as early as 1984 which led to the establishment of an ad-hoc committee (1986-1991) led by Prof. Dr. Mangal Siddhi Manandhar. The FAAN constitution was first drafted in English in 1991 and officially launched on June 17, 1997.



Inter-Alumni Engagement, August 2024

## HISTORY OF FULBRIGHT PROGRAM IN NEPAL

On June 9, 1961, Nepal and the United States signed the US-Nepal bilateral Agreement to establish the United States Educational Foundation in Nepal (USEF-N). However, almost a decade prior to the establishment of the USEF-Nepal, Nepali students had already started going to the U.S. for pursuing studies under the Fulbright Program. Mr. Ram Chandra Malhotra and Mr. Yog Prasad Upadhyaya were the first Nepali Fulbrighters to study in the U.S. A total of nine Nepali students went to the USA under the Fulbright Program during 1952 to 1961.

The practice of Nepali lecturers/research scholars visiting the USA began in 1964 whereas American Fulbright professors (lecturers and researchers) started coming to Nepal as early as 1961/62 and American Fulbright student researchers started visiting Nepal since 1964/1965.



Meeting with Recent Returnees Including UGRAD and Fulbrighters, July 2024

## MEMBERSHIP

Membership of FAAN is open to Nepali scholars who have received degrees from the US universities or served as visiting scholars to the US universities under Fulbright grants or awards. Membership can be of two types.

1. Life member (one time)
2. General member (every 2 years renewal)

If you want to know more about membership, please write to: [faan@fulbrightnepal.org.np](mailto:faan@fulbrightnepal.org.np) or visit our website <https://fulbrightalumni.org.np>

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

FAAN forms an executive committee every two years at the General Assembly (AGM). So far, 16 Executive Committee completed their tenure since 1991. The first ad hoc committee was formed in 1986 led by Prof. Dr. Mangal Siddhi Manandhar until 1991. The members of the present 17<sup>th</sup> executive committee are as follows.



Stree-Shakti Close Out Event, February 2024