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Scholar Program

Spotlight on Finland: Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program

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Mission

- In partnership with 160 countries worldwide, Fulbright offers passionate and accomplished faculty, administrator, artists, journalists, lawyers, and other professionals from all backgrounds an unparalleled opportunity to study, teach, or conduct research.
- Our mission is to foster mutual understanding between nations, advance knowledge across communities, and improve lives around the world.

A Brief History

- Established in 1946 by Congress, Fulbright is the United States government's flagship international educational and cultural exchange program.
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Diversity and Inclusion

Fulbright strives to ensure that it reflects the diversity of U.S. society and societies abroad. We encourage the involvement of people from traditionally underrepresented audiences in all our grants, programs and other initiatives.

Opportunities are open to people regardless of their race, color, national origin, sex, age, religion, geographic location, socioeconomic status, disability, sexual orientation or gender identity.





Fulbright by the Numbers

The Fulbright Program funds over 8,000 awards annually:

- 800 U.S. scholars and administrators
- 2,200 U.S. Students
- 4,000 foreign students
- 900 visiting scholars
- 400+ language teaching assistants

Approximately 390,000 “Fulbrighters” have participated in the program since its inception in 1946.





Eligibility for U.S. Scholar Program



- U.S. citizenship
- Degree and experience, as required by award:
 - Ph.D. or other terminal degree
 - MA and higher education teaching or professional experience
 - Professional and/or artistic experience with substantial accomplishments
 - Teaching experience
- Compliance with [policies](#) on previous Fulbright Scholar awards and waiting periods between grants





Selecting the Right Award



- Match expertise, experience and proposal to the award description
- Regional experience and language ability
- Discipline preferences, when specified
- Is the project relevant to the host country? How will communities benefit from your project?
- Career level – postdoctoral, early career, mid-career, Distinguished Chair, administrator, established professional





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Seeking Solutions for Global Challenges

- Open to academics and professionals
- All Disciplines
- Any appropriate institution
- 2 – 6 months
- Research, teaching or professional project
- Flex option offered

Themes include, but are not limited to:

- Shared environments
- Emerging Technologies & Hybrid Threats
- Managing Migration & Humanitarian Crisis
- Governance, Peace, and Wellbeing





All Disciplines Award



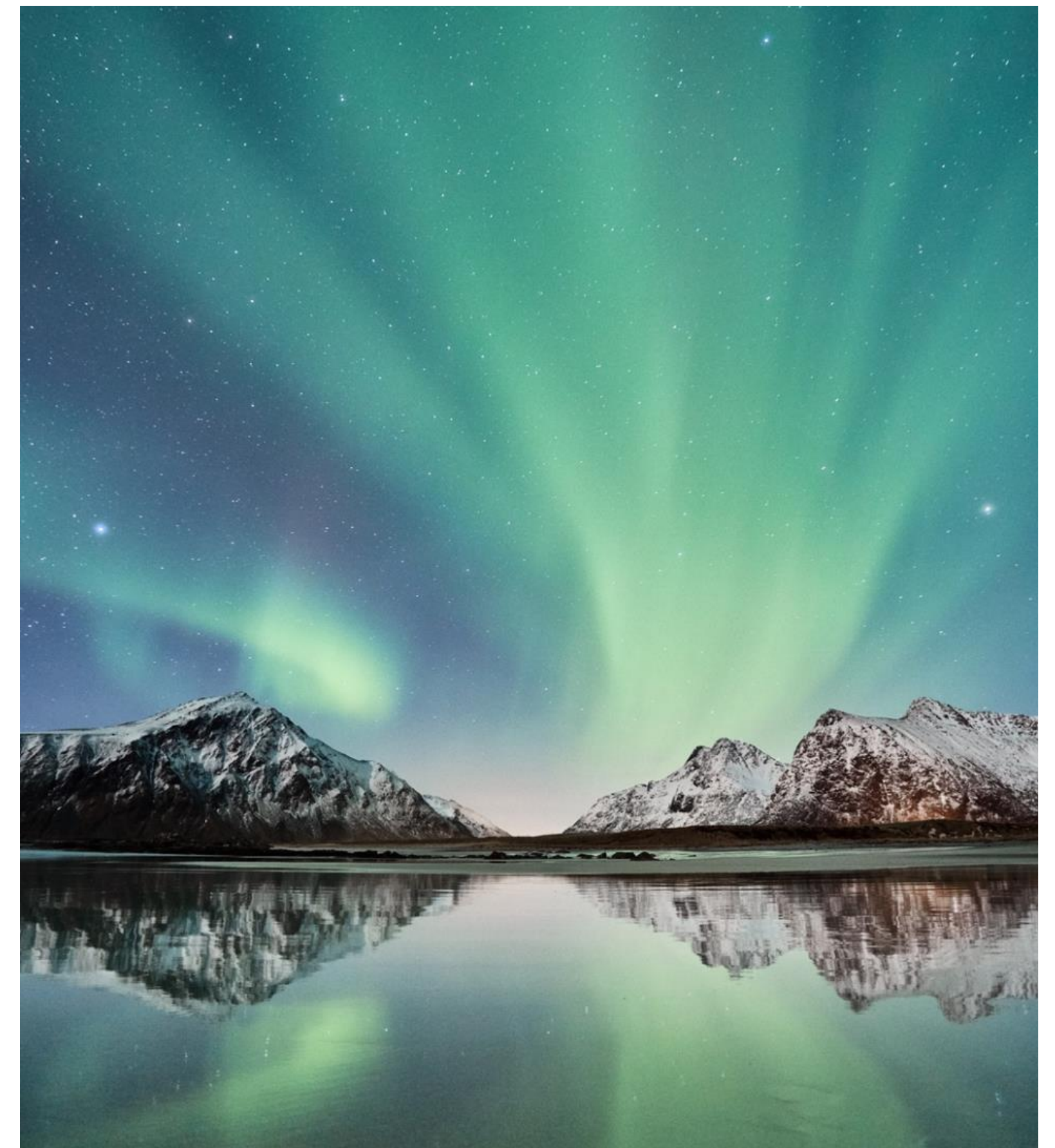
- Open to academics, including early career
- 4 – 9 months
- Any appropriate institution
- All Disciplines
- Flex option offered
- Teaching, Teaching/Research





Distinguished Chair Partnership Awards

- [Fulbright Bicentennial Chair in American Studies \(University of Helsinki\)](#)
- [Fulbright-Aalto University Distinguished Chair \(Architecture, Art, Business, Engineering\)](#)
- [Fulbright-Hanken Distinguished Chair in Business and Economics \(Hanken School of Economics\)](#)
- [Fulbright-Nokia Distinguished Chair in Information and Communications Technologies \(Any Finnish University\)](#)
- [Fulbright-Saastamoinen Foundation Distinguished Chair in Health Sciences \(University of Eastern Finland\)](#)





Scholar Partnership Awards

Scholars, including early career

- [Fulbright-Haaga-Helia Scholar Award](#)
- [Fulbright-Tampere University Scholar Award \(All Disciplines\)](#)
- [Fulbright-TUAS \(Turku University of Applied Sciences\) Scholar Award](#)
- [Fulbright-University of Turku Scholar Award \(All Disciplines\)](#)

Scholars, excluding early career

- [Fulbright-Saastamoinen Foundation Grant in Health and Environmental Sciences](#)
- [Fulbright-University of Vaasa Scholar Award](#)
- [Fulbright-VTT \(VTT Technical Research Center of Finland\) Grant in Science, Technology, and Innovation](#)





Awards for Professionals

- [Mid-Career Professional Development Grant](#)
 - 4-5 months for professional development projects
 - Applications sought in all disciplines
 - Any appropriate institution (e.g. universities, museums, government organizations, nonprofits, art institutions)

[Other Awards for Professionals](#)

- [Seeking Solutions for Global Challenges](#)
- [Fulbright-VTT \(VTT Technical Research Center of Finland\) Grant in Science, Technology, and Innovation](#)





Dr. Catia Confortini - Fulbright U.S. Scholar in Finland

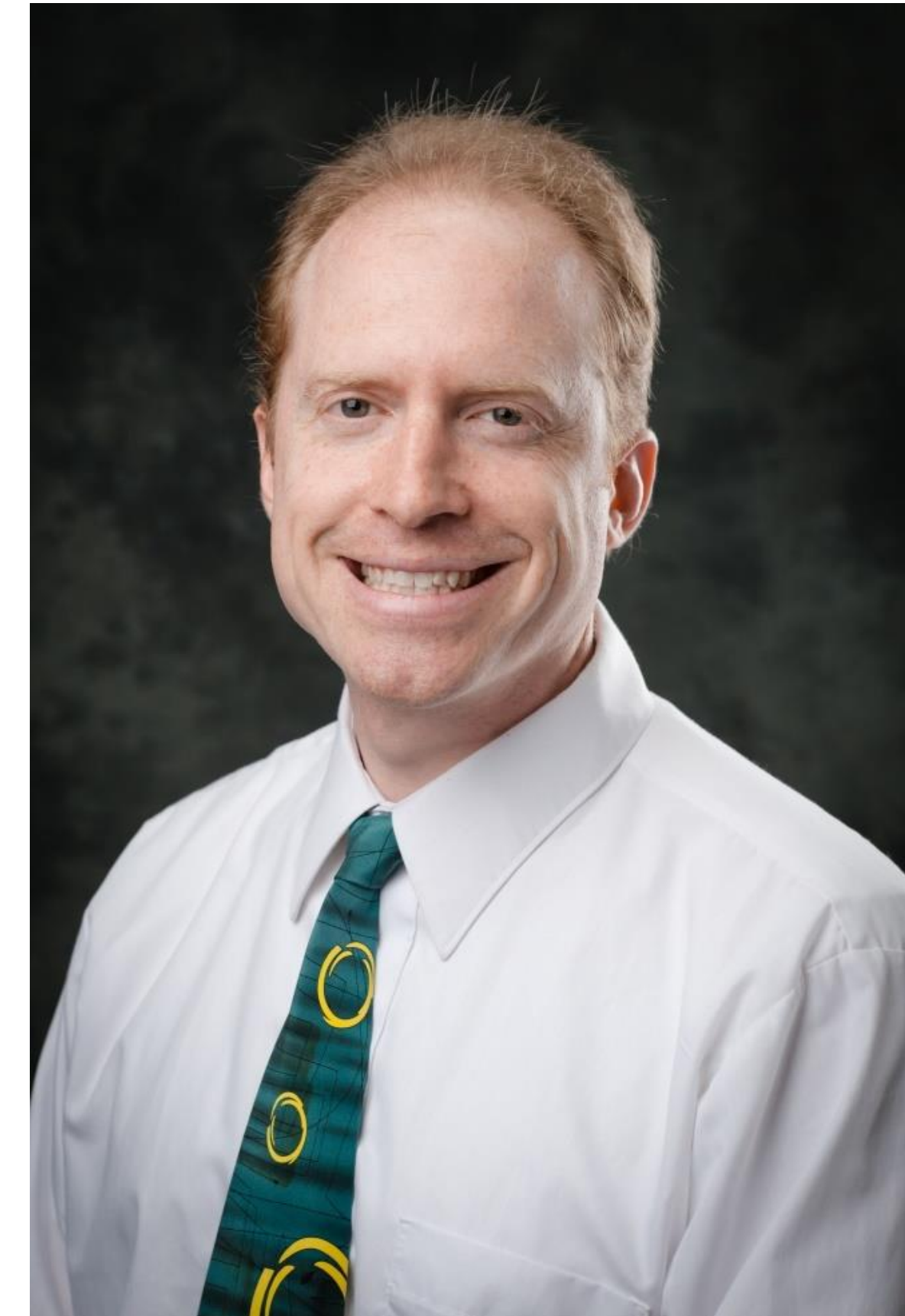
- Associate Professor of Peace & Justice Studies, Wellesley College
- **Activity:** Lecturing/Research
- **Project:** New Directions for Feminist Peace Research – Gender, Violence, and Global Health: Mapping Intersections





Dr. Joshua Pearce - Fulbright U.S. Scholar in Finland

- Richard Witte Professor, College of Engineering, Michigan Technological University
- Visiting Professor, School of Electrical Engineering, Aalto University, Finland
- **Activity:** Lecturing/Research
- **Project:** Open Source Atomic Layer Deposition and Associated Tools for Solar Photovoltaic Development





Understanding the Awards

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**BEGIN APPLICATION
PROCESS**

Seeking Solutions for Global Challenges Award

FINLAND
Europe and Eurasia

AWARD DETAILS

AWARD REQUIREMENTS

STIPEND & BENEFITS

COUNTRY/AREA OVERVIEW

GRANT ACTIVITY

This new award is designed to enable U.S. scholars and professionals to conduct research and/or teach in any discipline and/or conduct professional projects on topics of current and global importance at any Finnish institution for a period of two to six months.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Tuesday, September 15, 2020

<https://awards.cies.org>



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Project Statement

- Describe your proposed project in 3 – 5 pages.
- Focus on what you plan to do, the specific courses you plan to teach, the goals of your research, your methods.
- Explain the anticipated impact of your award on your hosts, home institution and you.

Supplemental Questions

- Why Fulbright? (1,000 characters)
- Why this country? (2,000 characters)
- How adaptable are you? How well will you deal with challenging situations? (1,000 characters)
- How will you adapt your materials for to host culture (2,000 characters)





Affiliations and Invitations

AWARD DETAILS

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Application Requirements

INVITATION REQUIREMENT

A letter of invitation is required

- Non-binding expression of interest from proposed host abroad
- Should come from person with whom you will be collaborating
- Should be on host institution letterhead





Application Cycle

FEBRUARY	Awards Catalog Opens
SEPTEMBER 15	Application Deadline
SEPTEMBER	Program staff conducts technical reviews for completeness
OCTOBER – NOVEMBER	U.S. peer review
NOVEMBER – JANUARY	Applicants notified of status. Recommended applications are sent to host countries and to the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board.
JANUARY – APRIL	Grantees are notified of final approvals
MAY – ONWARD	Grantees prepare for grants





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