



FULBRIGHT

Scholar Program

Alumni Hour: Meet the New Scholar Ambassadors

(Part 1 of 2)

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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.
- Fulbright is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State with funding provided by the U.S. Government and administered by the Institute of International Education.





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.





Alumni Ambassadors

Who: Recent Scholar alumni who have demonstrated impact in the field and upon their return to the U.S. They represent a range of institutions, disciplines, and geographic regions. Alumni are selected through an application process and trained to present on their Fulbright experience and the program.

What: Ambassadors serve as official representatives for the Fulbright Scholar Program at campuses and academic conferences across the country. They serve two-year terms.

Why: Increase the diversity of program participants, showcase program impact, encourage peers to apply, and serve as a resource for Fulbright Scholar Program leadership and Outreach team

Funding: Alumni Ambassador activities are supported by IIE's Fulbright Legacy Fund, sponsored by the IIE Board of Trustees.





Gretchen Bauer

Professor of Political Science and International Relations

Home Institution: University of Delaware

Project Title: Gender and Politics in Ghana

Host Institution: University of Ghana, Legon

Grant year: 2015-2016

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Donathan Brown

Assistant Provost & Assistant Vice President

Home Institution: Rochester Institute of Technology

Project Title: Understanding Race in American Politics

Host Institution: University of Maribor

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Amy Forss

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Home institution: Metropolitan Community College, Omaha, Nebraska

Project Title: TESOL Instruction in an ESL Hungarian Classroom

Host Institution: Kecskemet College

Grant year: 2013-2014

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Kimberly Jackson

Chair and Associate Professor, Chemistry and Biochemistry
Director, Food Studies

Home Institution: Spelman College

Project Title: Communicating Chemistry through Local Cuisine

Host Institution: Antigua State College

Grant year: 2015-2016

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Courtney Welton-Mitchell

Clinical Assistant Professor, Colorado School of Public Health

Research Associate

Institute of Behavioral Science, University of Colorado, Boulder

Project Title: Empowering Stateless Rohingya to Prevent Intimate Partner Abuse: Randomized Trial of a Messaging Intervention to Change Attitudes and Promote Help-Seeking

Host Institution: Universiti Sains Malaysia

Grant year: 2017-2018

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David Wirth

Professor of Law

Home Institution: Boston College

Project Title: Sustainability Innovation at the Higher School of Economics

Host Institution: State University Higher School of Economics, Moscow

Grant year: 2016-2017

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Your Path to Fulbright

- How did you decide to apply for a Fulbright?
- What factors did you consider before applying?



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Application Process

- How did you select country/the award?
- How did you select your host institution?
- What is your advice for applicants regarding the project statement and application process in general?





Experience in Country

- What is/are the benefits to doing research/teaching on a Fulbright?
- How did the U.S. embassy engage with you?
- What was something that impressed you about your colleagues and students?





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