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Exploring Fulbright & AI: Alumni Ambassador Perspectives & Current Awards

Opportunities for Faculty, Researchers, Professionals, and Institutions

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Fulbright Scholar Alumni Ambassadors



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Today's Program

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The Fulbright Scholar Program

Background

- Created in 1946 by U.S. Congress
- Sponsored by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA), as its flagship program
- Implemented by bi-national Commissions and U.S. Embassies abroad.
- Supports research, teaching, and professional projects abroad in 130 countries and locations.
- Awards are merit-based and selected through a multi-step review process, including peer review, host country review, and final approval by the Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board (FFSB).



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Family Friendly

On-Going Support

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Alumni Ambassador: Interview



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George Antoniou Attended Ai2026 Conference



Ai2026: August 4-6, 2026
Las Vegas, Nevada

America's Largest AI Conference
<https://www.ai4.io>



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What I did on my Fulbright

- **Curriculum:**
 - Developed proposed university-wide AI and Ethics course (all students)
 - Designed proposed Master's in Cybersecurity (Bologna-aligned)
- **Faculty Development:** Workshops on AI tools for teaching, ethical AI, cybersecurity
- **External:**
 - Collaborated with U.S. Embassy Tirana Public Affairs team
 - Engaged with Ministry of Defense Security Operations Center (SOC)



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David Thornton - Attended SIGGRAPH



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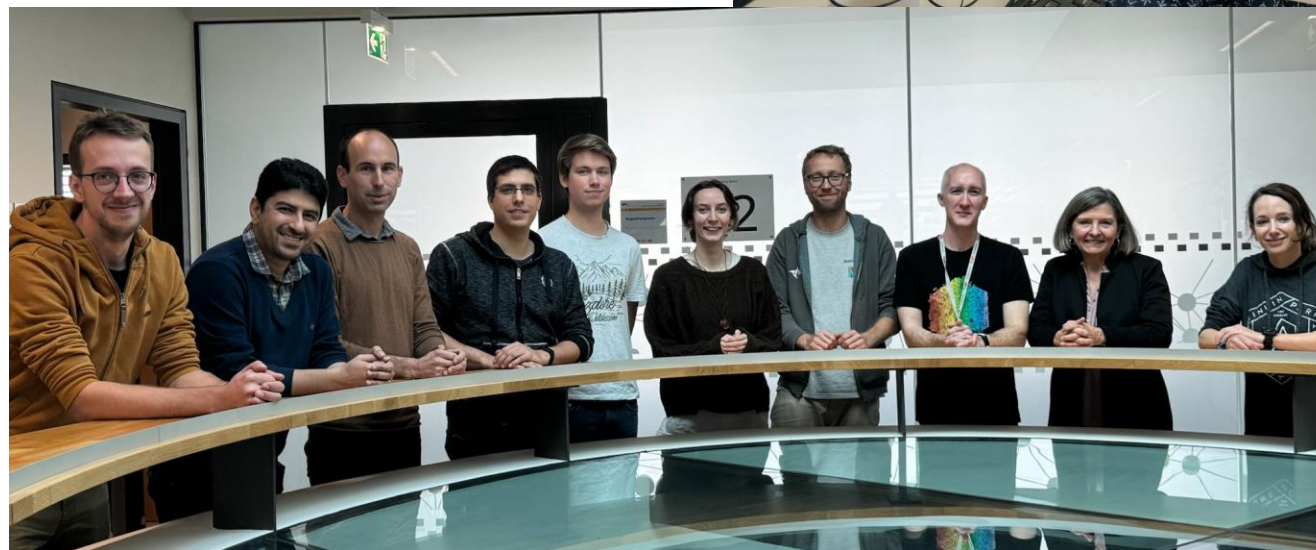
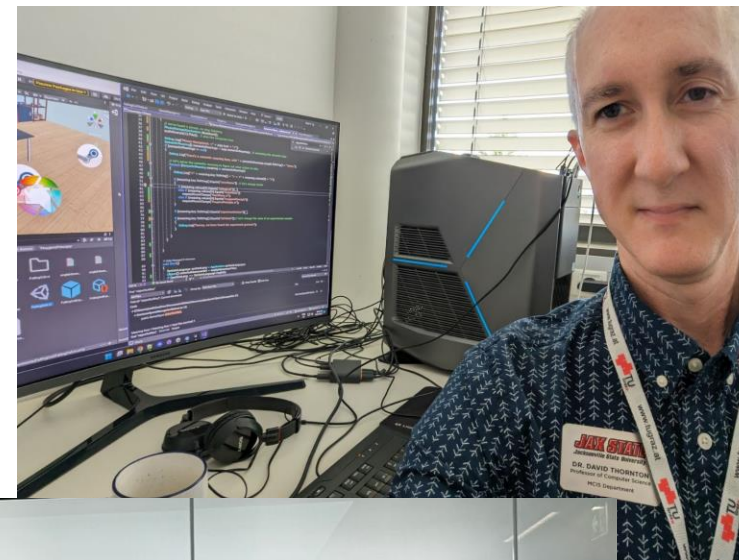


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What I did on my Fulbright

- Added new AI-supported speech control features to educational VR software
- Taught courses involving game design and other emerging technologies



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Question & Answer



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