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Fulbright Arctic Initiative: An International Collaborative Model

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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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The Arctic Initiative: A Different Fulbright Model

*“The Fulbright Arctic Initiative operates on the premise that the application of **innovative collaborative research models** and the **growth of educational networks** are essential to create the problem solving capacity required to address Arctic issues and policy challenges.”*

- Michael Sfraga and Ross Virginia, Fulbright Arctic Initiative Rounds I & II Co-Lead Scholars





The Arctic Initiative: A Different Fulbright Model

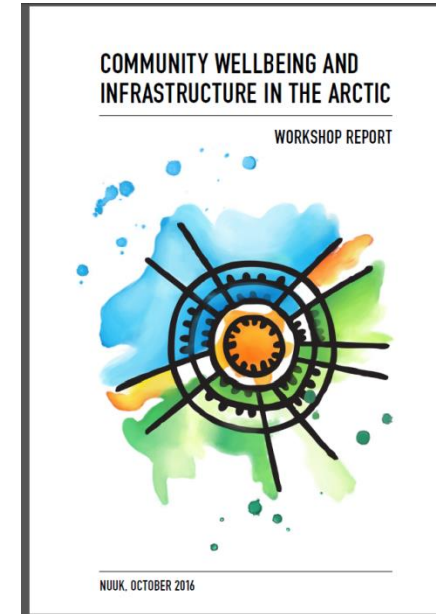
- Multi-lateral
- Multi-disciplinary
- Interactive and responsive
- Applied
- Policy relevant
- Community involvement
- Public outreach





Fulbright Arctic: Products and Outcomes

- Original research
- Policy recommendations
- Conferences and workshops
- Leveraged funding
- Community engagement
- Post-program collaborations



Introduction

Arctic peoples are experiencing profound environmental, social, and economic change caused by climate change, resource development, and globalization. The Arctic is confronted with national policy challenges on issues of community health and well-being, energy resources, environmental protection, sustainability of the Arctic Coast, infrastructure, indigenous rights, and regional governance. The eight nations of the Arctic have an established history of peaceful cooperation, especially around scientific research, but this cooperation is increasingly tested as the Arctic becomes more prominent in the global geopolitical landscape.

The Arctic nations are joined together as dialog through the Arctic Council. Founded in 1996 as a high-level international forum, the Arctic Council serves to promote cooperation and coordination among the Arctic states. Its working groups provide important assessments on issues such as

The Fulbright Arctic Initiative is a new interdisciplinary, multidisciplinary, and trans-disciplinary program designed around specific applied research challenges in the areas of water, energy, health and infrastructure. The Initiative is designed to have an immediate impact on the understanding of these Arctic issues within the boundaries of the U.S. Chairmanship of the Arctic Council (2013-2017). The Fulbright Arctic Initiative brings together leading scholars, policy makers, government officials, indigenous peoples and other stakeholders to identify critical Arctic issues, conduct policy-oriented research, and provide these findings and recommendations.



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Lead Scholars

Lead Scholars will provide Fulbright Arctic Initiative Scholars:

- Intellectual leadership
- Mentoring
- Facilitate discussion and collaboration



Dr. Gregory Poelzer

Professor in the School of Environment and Sustainability (SENS) at the University of Saskatchewan, Fulbright Arctic Alumnus



Dr. Elizabeth Rink

Professor of Community Health in the Department of Health and Human Development at Montana State University, Fulbright Arctic Alumna





Fulbright Arctic Initiative III: Program Details

- 18 months: Spring 2021- Fall 2022
- Three in-person seminar meetings
- Individual Fulbright research exchange visit (1.5 – 3 months)
- Ongoing virtual and in-person collaboration
- Research Themes:
 - ❖ **Arctic Security & Cooperation**
 - ❖ **Arctic Infrastructure in a Changing Environment**
 - ❖ **Community Dimensions of Health**





Research Themes

- Collaborative research will be built around three overlapping and inter-related themes:
 - **Arctic Security & Cooperation**
 - **Arctic Infrastructure in a Changing Environment**
 - **Community Dimensions of Health**
- Applicants will select a theme and explain how their research fits into these overarching areas of inquiry
- In addition to choosing a primary thematic area for their research and group work, applicants should identify a secondary thematic area with relevance to their work





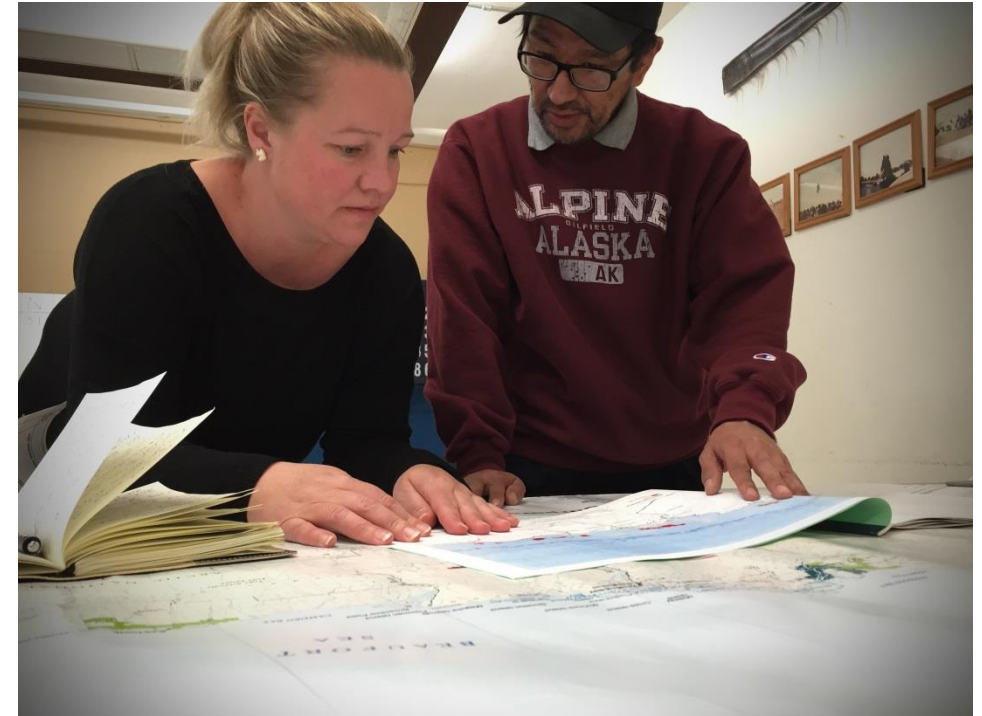
Participant Experience

Alumni Stories

Lara Johannsdottir, Iceland
Fulbright Arctic Initiative, 2018-19

Greg Poelzer, Canada
Fulbright Arctic Initiative, 2015-16

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Fulbright Arctic Initiative, 2018-19





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Fulbright Arctic Initiative III: Eligibility

- Open to scholars at all career stages, to include applied researchers, professionals, and Indigenous and traditional knowledge experts active in the academic, public or private sectors.
- At least four of the scholars will be selected from the United States; at least one scholar will be selected from each of the other Arctic Council member states.





Eligibility (cont.)

- Applications accepted from Arctic Council nations: United States, Canada, the Kingdom of Denmark including Greenland and the Faroe Islands, Iceland, Finland, Norway, Sweden or Russia.
- Non-U.S. applicants must be citizens of the country from which they are applying and residing in that country at the time of application
- U.S. citizenship and permanent residency in the United States is required for U.S. applicants
- Preference will be given to early or mid-career academics, applied researchers and/or professionals with research experience in the public, non-profit, or private sector
- A Ph.D. or equivalent professional/terminal degree is preferred. For professionals and practitioners outside academe, recognized professional standing and substantial professional accomplishments are required.
- Non-U.S. Scholars must demonstrate a proficiency in English





Application Deadlines

- U.S. Applicants:
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2020
 - U.S. applicants submit applications to IIE
- Non-U.S. Applicants:
 - International applicants should contact the Fulbright Commission in their home country





Timeline

- Notification of Selection: December 2020
- Opening Group Meeting (Canada): Spring 2021
- Mid-year Group Meeting (Norway): Winter 2021-2022
- Individual Research Exchange Visits: Complete by August 2022
- Final Group Meeting (United States): Fall 2022





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