For more than 75 years, the Fulbright Program has engaged accomplished and committed students, scholars, artists, teachers, and professionals of all backgrounds. We believe that by living and learning together with people from different countries and cultures we can shape a more positive vision for our communities and our world. We strive to ensure that Fulbright comprehensively reflects the diversity of U.S. society and societies abroad. Equally important to diversity is inclusion. Fulbright works to ensure that the Program’s diverse participants have successful and rewarding exchange experiences. Highlights during the past year included:

**Continuing to increase institutional diversity by prioritizing outreach to Minority-serving Institutions (MSIs), community colleges, military academies and veterans, and higher education institutions in rural and other underserved areas.**

**Expanding the network of Fulbright Student and Scholar campus representatives at U.S. colleges and universities, with a focus on MSIs and community colleges. Currently over 1,756 U.S. higher education institutions have a Fulbright campus representative, including more than 350 MSIs and 247 Community Colleges.**

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Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program 10-Year Growth
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Gender: 2021 Cohort*

- Fulbright U.S. Student Program: 1,413 TOTAL PARTICIPANTS
  - Female: 71%
  - Male: 29%

- Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program: 681 TOTAL PARTICIPANTS
  - Female: 45%
  - Male: 55%

- Fulbright Foreign Student Program: 1,762 TOTAL PARTICIPANTS
  - Female: 54%
  - Male: 46%

- Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistantship: 302 TOTAL PARTICIPANTS
  - Female: 76%
  - Male: 24%

- Fulbright Visiting Scholar Program: 1,040 TOTAL PARTICIPANTS
  - Female: 48%
  - Male: 52%

U.S. Student Applicants and Participants Race/Ethnicity*

- Applicants: 11,728 TOTAL U.S. STUDENT APPLICANTS
  - American Indian/Alaska Native: 12%
  - Black or African American: 8%
  - Asian-American or Native American: 7%
  - Hispanic: 59%
  - Other/No Response: <1%

- Participants: 1,413 TOTAL U.S. STUDENT PARTICIPANTS
  - American Indian/Alaska Native: 16%
  - Black or African American: 8%
  - Asian-American or Native American: 8%
  - Hispanic: 52%
  - Other/No Response: <1%

U.S. Scholar Applicants and Participants Race/Ethnicity*

- Applicants: 3,040 TOTAL U.S. SCHOLAR APPLICANTS
  - American Indian/Alaska Native: 10%
  - Black or African American: 8%
  - Asian-American or Native American: 6%
  - Hispanic: 63%
  - Other/No Response: <1%

- Participants: 681 TOTAL U.S. SCHOLAR PARTICIPANTS
  - American Indian/Alaska Native: 11%
  - Black or African American: 6%
  - Asian-American or Native American: 6%
  - Hispanic: 64%
  - Other/No Response: <1%

*Based on passport data from participants. Future breakdowns will include a nonbinary category as this information becomes available from the passport system.

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DR. RUTH SIMMONS
FULBRIGHTER TO FRANCE
COLLEGE PRESIDENT AND U.S. HIGHER EDUCATION LEADER