2024-25 Fulbright Finland Foundation Grantees to the U.S.

ASLA-Fulbright Research Grants for Senior Scholars
for research

Virtanen, Pirjo Kristiina
Indigenous Studies
Biocultural Diversity and Onto-Epistemic Structures
University of Helsinki
University of California, Davis, CA
The grant is cost-shared with the University of Helsinki
11 months, beginning August 2024

Total grantees for ASLA-Fulbright Research Grants for Senior Scholars Program: 1

ASLA-Fulbright Research Grants for Junior Scholars
for post-doctoral research

Kolehmainen, Pekka
North American Studies
The Conceptual Language of Antifeminism and Reactionary Realignment in the United States
University of Turku
University of California, Berkeley, CA
The grant is cost-shared with the University of Turku
7 months, beginning September 2024

Launonen, Lari
Theology
Cognitive Science of Religion and Natural Knowledge of God
University of Helsinki
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, NJ
4 months, beginning February 2025
Railo, Jesse  
Pure and Applied Mathematics  
Global and Microlocal Analysis for Geometric Integral Transforms  
LUT University, Lappeenranta  
Stanford University, CA  
*The grant is cost-shared with LUT University*  
6 months, beginning January 2025

Total grantees for ASLA-Fulbright Research Grants for Junior Scholars Program: 3

**Fulbright Finland Travel Grants for Research Collaboration**  
*for a short research visit in the U.S.*

Kapiainen, Emmi  
Reproductive Biology  
Exploring the Endometrium: Studies on Molecular Mechanisms Affecting Female Fertility  
University of Oulu  
Baylor College of Medicine, TX  
2,5 months, beginning September 2024

Leiwo, Lotta  
Folklore Studies  
Archival Research and Collaboration for Dissertation Project “Knowing Nature”  
University of Helsinki  
University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, MN  
5 weeks, beginning September 2024

Sorvari, Katariina  
Consumer Behaviour  
Making Sense of Moral Calls to Account on Social Media  
University of Vaasa  
Suffolk University, MA  
2 months, beginning October 2024

Total grantees for Fulbright Finland Travel Grants for Research Collaboration Program: 3
Fulbright Arctic Initiative Research Awards
for research collaboration and participation in the Fulbright Arctic Initiative Program

Kähkönen, Juho
Law
The Future of Sustainable Arctic Logistics and Transportation
University of Lapland, Rovaniemi
Dartmouth College, NH
Program term: September 2024 - February 2026

Joona, Tanja
International Relations
Arctic Terra Nullius and Just Green Transition
University of Lapland, Rovaniemi
Northern Arizona University, AZ; University of Delaware, DE
Program term: September 2024 - February 2026

Middleton, Alexandra
Social Sciences
Bridging the Gap: Just Transition, Energy Security, and Critical Minerals Management in the Arctic
University of Oulu
Harvard University, MA
Program term: September 2024 - February 2026

Total grantees for Fulbright Arctic Initiative Research Awards Program: 3

ASLA-Fulbright Pre-Doctoral Research Fellows
for pre-doctoral research

Jäntti, Bruno
Political Science
Advancement of Democracy, Human Rights, and the Rule of Law in EU Foreign Policy
University of Helsinki
Harvard University, MA
The grant is cost-shared with the University of Helsinki
6 months, beginning August 2024

Salenius, Karoliina
Bioinformatics
Transcript Isoform Profiling in the Developing Brain Using Long-Read Sequencing
Tampere University
New York Genome Center, NY
The grant is cost-shared with Tampere University
6 months, beginning September 2024
Wahlsten, Johan
Political Science
Capital Moves? The International Governance of Capital Flow Regulation After Global Financial Crises
University of Helsinki
Georgetown University, DC
The grant is cost-shared with the University of Helsinki
6 months, beginning September 2024

Total grantees for ASLA-Fulbright Pre-Doctoral Research Fellows Program: 3

Fulbright-KAUTE Foundation Award
for doctoral students, post-doctoral scholars, and professionals in the fields of Business, Economics, and Technology. Program in cooperation with KAUTE Foundation

Abdullai, Abdul-Rauf Larry
Technology and Sustainability
Collective Action Towards Responsibility and Sustainability of Digital Technologies
LUT University, Lappeenranta
University of Michigan, MI
12 months, beginning August 2024

Abu-Danso, Emmanuel
Materials and Environmental Technology
Fundamentals of Critical Metals Separation From Mine Wastewater by Geo-Inspired Materials
University of Eastern Finland, Kuopio
Ames National Laboratory, IA
6 months, beginning August 2024

Total grantees for the Fulbright-KAUTE Foundation Award: 2

Fulbright-Idman Grant
for senior secondary school graduates from the Tampere City Region to complete a master’s degree in a U.S. university

Kaarsalo, Eero
Entrepreneurship and Innovation
Completing a master’s degree in Entrepreneurship and Innovation in the U.S.
Aalto University, Espoo
University of Southern California, CA
9 months, beginning August 2024

Total grantees for Fulbright-Idman Grant Program: 1
ASLA-Fulbright Graduate Grants
for graduate studies and doctoral research

Biorac Haaja, Isabella
International Relations and Global Communications
Completing a master’s degree in International Relations and Global Communications in the U.S.
Swedish School of Social Science, Helsinki
Syracuse University, NY
9 months, beginning August 2024

Laine, Riku
Criminology
Criminal Behavior and Voting During Life Course
University of Helsinki
Harvard University, MA
The grant is cost-shared with the University of Helsinki
10 months, beginning September 2024

Mäkinen, Joona
Peace and Conflict Resolution
Completing a master’s degree in Peace and Conflict Resolution in the U.S.
Trinity College Dublin, Ireland
Georgetown University, DC
The Fulbright Finland Centennial Award
10 months, beginning August 2024

Sokolova, Lada
Construction Management
Completing a master’s degree in Construction Management in the U.S.
Independent Scholar
New York University, NY
9 months, beginning September 2024

Total grantees for ASLA-Fulbright Graduate Grant Program: 4
Fulbright Finnish Language and Culture Teaching Assistants
for teaching Finnish and graduate studies

Lewis, Natalie
Finnish Language
Finnish Language Teaching Assistant
University of Oulu
University of Washington, WA
9 months, beginning September 2024

Ojala, Emma
Class Teacher Education and Special Education
Finnish Language Teaching Assistant
Graduate of the University of Eastern Finland, Joensuu
University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, MN
9 months, beginning August 2024

Total grantees for Fulbright Finnish Language and Culture Teaching Assistant Program: 2

Fulbright Finland Undergraduate Grant
funded by the Finland-America Educational Trust Fund

Ferrer Sarría, Eeva
International Relations and Global Health
Exchange Studies in the U.S.
University College Maastricht, Netherlands
American University, D.C.
4 months, beginning August 2024

Hindsberg, Christian
Economics
Completing a bachelor’s degree in Economics in the U.S.
Graduate of United World College Robert Bosch College, Germany
Washington and Lee University, VA
9 months, beginning August 2024

Pietarinen, Marcus
Economics
Completing a bachelor’s degree in Economics in the U.S.
Helsingin Suomalainen yhteiskoulu, Helsinki
Stanford University, CA
9 months, beginning September 2024
Tiitinen, Minea  
Computer Science and Linguistics  
Completing a bachelor’s degree in the U.S.  
Ressu Upper Secondary School, Helsinki  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology, MA  
9 months, beginning August 2024

Total grantees for Fulbright Finland Undergraduate Grant Program: 4

**Fulbright Distinguished Awards in Teaching**  
*semester-long program for primary and secondary level educators*

**Illman, Veera**  
Education and Foreign Language Teaching  
Teaching and Supporting Students With Multilingual Backgrounds in the Foreign Language Classroom  
Meilahti Comprehensive School, Helsinki  
Indiana University of Pennsylvania, PA  
4 months, beginning August 2024

**Kastikainen, Matti**  
Special Education  
Productive Learning – Recognizing Curricular Goals Achieved Outside of Classroom  
Sompio School, Kerava  
University of Rochester, NY  
4 months, beginning August 2024

Total grantees for Fulbright Distinguished Awards in Teaching Program: 2

**Fulbright Finland Travel Grants for Institutional Partnership Building**  
*for a short visit in the U.S.*

**Clements (née Carlson), Emily**  
Music Therapy  
Building Pathways for U.S.-Finland Exchange in the Research and Practice of Music Therapy  
University of Jyväskylä  
University of Houston, TX  
2 weeks, beginning October 2024

**Galarza, Juan**  
Bioinformatics  
Oulu-Miami Educational Partnership  
University of Oulu  
University of Miami, FL  
2 weeks, beginning November 2024
Kanervo, Riikka
Social Policy
Institutional Partnership Building in the Field of Social Services and Social Work
Laurea University of Applied Sciences, Vantaa
Nazareth University, NY
2 weeks, beginning October 2024

Total grantees for Fulbright Finland Travel Grants for Institutional Partnership Building: 3

ASLA-Fulbright Mid-Career Professional Development Grants
for professional development projects

Talasniemi, Anna
Art Education and Heritage Studies
Museums for Future: Museums as Sites for Societal and Ethical Discussion and Change
University of Jyväskylä
University of Illinois at Chicago, IL
5 months, beginning January 2025

Total grantees for ASLA-Fulbright Mid-Career Professional Development Grants: 1
2024-25 Fulbright Finland Foundation Grantees to Finland

Fulbright Distinguished Chairs Program
for lecturing and research in higher education institutions in Finland

Goodwin, Julie
Fulbright-Saastamoinen Foundation Distinguished Chair in Health Sciences
Pediatric Nephrology
Allostatic Load and Pediatric Origins of Adult Hypertension
Yale University, CT
University of Eastern Finland, Kuopio
2 months, Flex grant for academic years 2023-25

Hackney, Anthony
Fulbright-Saastamoinen Foundation Distinguished Chair in Health Sciences
Physiology and Nutrition Exercise
Endocrinology: Hormonal-Based Changes Associated With Health
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, NC
University of Eastern Finland, Kuopio
2 months, Flex grant for academic years 2023-25

Hou, Su-I
Fulbright-Saastamoinen Foundation Distinguished Chair in Health Sciences
Public Health, Health Promotion, and Education
Leverage Digital Technology for Health Aging in Community – Brain Health and Dementia Prevention
University of Central Florida, FL
University of Eastern Finland, Kuopio
2 months, Flex grant for academic years 2023-25

Lunney, Glynn
Fulbright-Hanken Distinguished Chair in Business and Economics
Intellectual Property Law
Transforming Copyright
Texas A&M University, TX
Hanken School of Economics, Helsinki
3 months, beginning March 2025

Wang, Gang
Fulbright-Hanken Distinguished Chair in Business and Economics
Business Management
Leadership, Acquisition Premium, and Human Resource Management: A Two-Study Project With Teaching
Florida State University, FL
Hanken School of Economics, Helsinki
3 months, beginning August 2024
Wilson, Joshua  
*Fulbright Bicentennial Chair in American Studies*  
American Conservative Politics  
Pulling Threads to Weave New Cloth: Understanding Conservatism’s Political Development  
University of Denver, CO  
University of Helsinki  
9 months, beginning August 2024

Total grantees for Fulbright Distinguished Chairs Program: 6

**Core Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program**

Bultman, Thomas  
*Fulbright-University of Turku Scholar Award*  
Ecology and Sustainable Agriculture  
Using Fungal Endophyte Mixtures to Promote Sustainable Grazing Food Systems in Finland  
Hope College, MI  
University of Turku  
6 months, beginning January 2025

Elder, Kate  
*Fulbright-VTT Award in Science, Technology and Innovation*  
Materials Science and Engineering  
Establishing Process-Structure Links During Additive Manufacturing of High-Entropy Alloys  
Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, CA  
VTT Technical Research Centre of Finland, Espoo  
6 months, beginning August 2024

Euskirchen, Eugenie  
*Seeking Solutions for Global Challenges Award*  
Terrestrial Ecosystem Science  
Extreme Events and Carbon Cycling in Northern Peatlands: Implications for Global Climate Feedbacks  
University of Alaska Fairbanks, AK  
University of Lapland, Rovaniemi; University of Eastern Finland, Joensuu; University of Helsinki  
6 months, beginning August 2024

Fowler, Amy  
*Fulbright-University of Turku Scholar Award*  
Ecology  
Ecosystem-Level Effects of a Novel Invasive Species in Finland’s Archipelago Sea  
George Mason University, VA  
University of Turku  
6 months, beginning July 2024
Hayes, Jarrod
*Fulbright Iceland-National Science Foundation Arctic Security Award to Iceland and Finland*
Security Studies/International Security
University of Massachusetts, Lowell, MA
University of Turku
3 months, beginning January 2025

Ho, Chun-Hsing
*Fulbright-Tampere University Scholar Award*
Construction Engineering and Transportation
Evaluating the Impact of Freeze-Thaw Cycles and Moisture Damage on Pavement Performance in Finland
University of Nebraska - Lincoln, NE
Tampere University
6 months, beginning January 2025

Kim, Daekwan
*Fulbright-University of Vaasa Scholar Award*
Business, Management, and Marketing
Global vs Regional Industry 4.0 Ecosystems and Their Performance and Sustainability Implications
Florida State University, FL
University of Vaasa
4 months, beginning September 2024

Lin, Xiaomao
*Fulbright-Saastamoinen Foundation Grant in Health and Environmental Sciences*
Climate Science
A Non-Steady-State and High-Frequency Chamber Study for Tree-Stem Methane Emission
Kansas State University, KS
University of Eastern Finland, Kuopio
8 months, beginning August 2024

Marttinen, Risto
Physical Education Pedagogy
Beyond PISA: A Culturally Responsive Approach to Finnish Physical Activity and Education
George Mason University, VA
University of the Arts Helsinki
5 months, beginning January 2025
McClintock, Madison
*Mid-Career Professional Development Program*
Film Production
Finnish Folk Art: Exploring Cultural Identity and Sense of Place
Self-Employed
Craft Museum of Finland, Jyväskylä
5 months, beginning January 2025

Newmark Engberg, Julianne
*Fulbright-Tampere University Scholar Award*
Technical and Professional Communication
UX+You: The Technical & Professional Communication Student’s Intro to Usability & User Experience
University of New Mexico, NM
Tampere University
10 months, beginning August 2024

Shortridge, Julie
*Fulbright-University of Oulu Scholar Award*
Environmental Engineering
Socio-Environmental Modeling of Climate Change Tipping Points in a Rapidly-Warming Arctic
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, VA
University of Oulu
9 months, beginning August 2024

Total grantees for Core Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program: 12

Fulbright Global Scholar Award

Hill, TL
Business
Impact Measurement and Stakeholder Governance of Community-University Research Collaboratives
Temple University, PA
University of Vaasa
2.5 months, Flex grant for academic year 2024-25

Total grantees for the Fulbright Global Scholar Award: 1
Fulbright U.S. Student Program
Those in the U.S. Student Program will be in Finland at least for 1 academic year.

Asmus, Ava
Fulbright-LUT University Graduate Award
Marketing and Business
Completing a master’s degree in International Marketing Management
Graduate of Hope College, MI
LUT University, Lappeenranta

Conroy, Paul
Fulbright-University of Helsinki Graduate Award
Russian, Eurasian, and Eastern European Studies
Completing a master’s degree in Russian, Eurasian, and Eastern European Studies
Graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point, NY
University of Helsinki

Fazio, Jenna
Fulbright-LUT University Graduate Award
Social Sciences
Completing a master’s degree in Sociotechnical Systems and Sustainability Transitions
Graduate of Villanova University, PA
LUT University, Lappeenranta

Greene, Andrew
Fulbright-University of Turku Graduate Award
Education
Completing a master’s degree in Education and Learning
Graduate of Duke University, NC
University of Turku

Moje, Katelyn
Fulbright-LUT University Graduate Award
Social Sciences
Completing a master’s degree in Sociotechnical Systems and Sustainability Transitions
Graduate of Iowa State University, IA
LUT University, Lappeenranta

Nguyen, Anh
Fulbright-Aalto University Graduate Award
Control, Robotics, and Autonomous Systems
Completing a master’s degree in Automation and Electrical Engineering
Graduate of the University of New Hampshire, NH
Aalto University, Espoo
Rod, Lauren  
Fulbright-LUT University Graduate Award  
Business Administration  
Completing a master's degree in International Marketing Management  
Graduate of Boise State University, ID  
LUT University, Lappeenranta  

Schirmacher, Natalie  
Fulbright-Tampere University Graduate Award  
Peace, Mediation, and Conflict Research  
Completing a master's degree in Peace, Mediation and Conflict Research  
Graduate of Villanova University, PA  
Tampere University  

Thiede, Megan  
Fulbright-Tampere University Graduate Award  
Information Technology and Communication Sciences  
Completing a master's degree in Accessibility and Diversity in Digital Services, Sustainable Societies and Digitalisation  
Graduate of the University of Colorado Boulder, CO  
Tampere University  

Total grantees for Fulbright U.S. Student Program: 9

Fulbright U.S. Student Program Renewals  
for continuing master’s degree studies after the initial grant year  

Information on awarded grants will be updated after selections have been made.  

Total grantees for Fulbright U.S. Student Program Renewals:

Fulbright Distinguished Awards in Teaching Research Program  
a semester-long program for primary and secondary level educators  

Information on awarded grants will be updated after selections have been made.  

Total grantees for Fulbright Distinguished Awards in Teaching Research Program:

Friends of Fulbright Finland Alumni Enrichment Award  

Total grantees for the Friends of Fulbright Finland Alumni Enrichment Award:
Inter-Country Travel Grants
for one-week lecturing visits by U.S. Fulbright scholars, teachers, and other professionals based in another country to Finnish universities and universities of applied sciences

Information on awarded grants will be updated after selections have been made.

Total grantees for the Inter-Country Travel Grant Program:

Fulbright Specialist Program
for short-term lecturing and professional collaboration visits by U.S. faculty and professionals to Finnish universities and universities of applied sciences

Andonian, Lynne
Education
Developing the Course: Community Based Interventions
San Jose State University, CA
JAMK University of Applied Sciences, Jyväskylä
2 weeks, beginning September 2024

Brush, Jennifer
Gerontology and Dementia Care
Building Staff Competency in Person-Centered Care Using Montessori
Brush Development Company, OH
Suomen MuistiMontessori ry, Espoo
2 weeks, beginning September 2024

Leavengood, Scott
Agriculture
Innovation Management in Wood Industry
Oregon State University, OR
University of Helsinki
4 weeks, beginning October 2024

Salles, Felipe
Music and Jazz Studies
Brazilian Jazz Composition and Performance Residence
University of Massachusetts Amherst, MA
Metropolia University of Applied Sciences, Helsinki; UMO Helsinki
2 weeks, beginning October 2024

Williams, Holly
Criminal Justice and Public Policy
Multinational Approach to Criminological Theory – US/Finland
Clemson University, SC
Tampere University
2 weeks, beginning May 2025
Information on awarded grants will be updated after selections have been made.

Total grantees for Fulbright Specialist Program: 5

TOTAL NUMBER OF GRANTEES

As of June 25, 2024

Finnish grantees: 32
U.S. grantees: 33
Total: 65

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