

Situation as of June 30, 2025

2025-26 Fulbright Finland Foundation Grantees to Finland

Fulbright Distinguished Chairs Program

for lecturing and research in higher education institutions in Finland

Beyer, Andreas

Fulbright-Saastamoinen Foundation Distinguished Chair in Health Sciences

Cardiovascular Physiology

Genetic Predisposition to Major Adverse Cardiovascular Events in Cancer Patients

Medical College of Wisconsin, WI

University of Eastern Finland, Kuopio

2 months, Flex grant for academic years 2025-27

Brown, Keith

Fulbright Bicentennial Chair in North American Studies at the University of Helsinki

Anthropology

Deadly Entanglements: Europe and the United States in the Long 20th Century

Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ

University of Helsinki

9 months, beginning August 2025

Hong, OiSaeng

Fulbright-Saastamoinen Foundation Distinguished Chair in Health Sciences

Nursing Science and Public Health

Exploring Inclusion of Sauna Bath in Health Promotion and Disease Prevention for Firefighters

University of California, San Francisco, CA

University of Eastern Finland, Kuopio

2 months, Flex grant for academic years 2025-26

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 2024-26

Vaiman, Vlad

Fulbright-Hanken Distinguished Chair in Business and Economics

Management

Managing Talents and Artificial Intelligence: Integrating Artificially Intelligent Colleagues into Workplace Ecosystems

California Lutheran University, CA

Hanken School of Economics, Helsinki

4 months, Flex grant for academic years 2025-26

Total grantees for Fulbright Distinguished Chairs Program: 5

Core Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program**Becker, Edward**

Fulbright-Tampere University Scholar Award

Architecture

Design and Development Models for Sustainable Multifamily Housing in Mass Timber

Virginia Polytechnic Institute, VA

Tampere University

10 months, beginning August 2025

Bird, Robert

Fulbright-University of Vaasa Scholar Award

Business Law

Legal Strategy Meets Legal Design: Developing Strategic Legal Design in Finland

University of Connecticut, CT

University of Vaasa

4 months, beginning August 2025

Bui, Quang “Neo”

Fulbright-University of Vaasa Scholar Award

Information Systems

Dynamic Capabilities and Cybersecurity Resilience

Rochester Institute of Technology, NY

University of Vaasa

5 months, beginning August 2025

Hintz, Elizabeth

Fulbright-Tampere University Scholar Award

Health Communication

Promoting Resilience for Finnish Health Care Workers Through Communication Skills Training

University of Connecticut, CT

Tampere University

3 months, beginning January 2026

Lupien, Sandra

Seeking Solutions for Global Challenges Award

Mass Timber Ecosystem Development and Policy

Cataloging, Analyzing, and Comparing Policies and Initiatives to Advance Sustainable Mass Timber Construction Manufacture

Michigan State University, MI

University of Eastern Finland, Joensuu

6 months, Flex grant for academic years 2025-26

Murillo, Angela

Fulbright-Haaga-Helia Scholar Award

Information Science

Expanding Global Classroom Curriculum to Deepen International Collaboration

Indiana University Indianapolis, IN

Haaga-Helia University of Applied Sciences, Helsinki

5,5 months, beginning January 2026

Nain, Amrinder

Fulbright-University of Oulu Scholar Award

Mechanical Engineering

Integrin-Nucleus Axis in Cancer Cell Migration and Mitosis on Fibrous Environments

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, VA

University of Oulu

6 months, beginning January 2026

Rameshbabu, Anjali

Fulbright-Tampere University Scholar Award

Occupational Psychology

Social Connection at Work: Understanding the Finnish Work Culture and Sharing the Total

Worker Health Approach to Worker Wellbeing

Oregon Health & Science University, OR

Tampere University

3 months, beginning August 2025

Zhuang, Qianlai

Fulbright-Saastamoinen Foundation Grant in Health and Environmental Sciences

Climate Science

Investigating the Role of Peatlands and Wildfires in Environment and Climate Change Over the Arctic

Purdue University, IN

University of Eastern Finland, Kuopio

5 months, beginning August 2025

Total grantees for Core Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program: 9

Fulbright Finland Foundation Fellowship Awards

Laguna, Ana

Fulbright Finland Foundation and University of Oulu Fellowship Award

Health Humanities

Bridging Humanities and Healthcare: A Curriculum for Empathy and Interdisciplinary Learning

Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey, NJ

University of Oulu

3,5 months, beginning October 2025

Total grantees for Fulbright Finland Foundation Fellowship Awards: 1

Fulbright Global Scholar Award

Hill, TL

Management

Impact Measurement and Stakeholder Governance of Community-University Research Collaboratives

Temple University, PA

University of Vaasa

2,5 months, flex award for academic years 2024-26

Total grantees for the Fulbright Global Scholar Award: 1

Fulbright Arctic Initiative Research Award

Gordon, Heather

Interdisciplinary Studies

Indigenous Sovereignty & Arctic Security: Human Rights and Environmental Justice in Governance

Independent Researcher

University of Lapland – Arctic Centre, Rovaniemi

Grant term TBC

Total grantees for Fulbright Arctic Initiative Research Program: 1

Fulbright U.S. Student Program

Those in the U.S. Student Program will be in Finland at least for 1 academic year.

Anzenberger, Robert

Fulbright Finland Doctoral Award

Finnish-U.S. Diplomatic History

America's Favorite Republic? Finnish-US Relations from 1917-1946

University of Kentucky, KY

University of Oulu

Blair, Ariana

Fulbright-Tampere University Graduate Award

Peace, Mediation and Conflict Research

Completing a master's degree in Peace, Mediation, and Conflict Research

Graduate of University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh, WI

Tampere University

Bommireddy, Laya

Fulbright-University of Turku Graduate Award

Socioeconomics

Completing a master's degree in Inequalities, Interventions and New Welfare State

Graduate of Wellesley College, MA

University of Turku

Boyett, Emily

Fulbright-University of Helsinki Graduate Award

Global Politics and Communication

Completing a master's degree in Global Politics and Communication

Graduate of University of Missouri, MO

University of Helsinki

Caldwell, Dana

Fulbright-University of Jyväskylä Graduate Award

Analytical Chemistry

Completing a master's degree in Chemistry and Analytics for Circular Economy

Graduate of Bryn Mawr College, PA

University of Jyväskylä

Christensen, T. Beckett

Fulbright-Tampere University Graduate Award

Peace, Mediation, and Conflict Resolution

Completing a master's degree in Peace, Mediation, and Conflict Research

Graduate of Cornell College, IA

Tampere University

Dioguardi, Amelia

Fulbright-LUT University Graduate Award

Sustainability Science

Completing a master's degree in Sustainability Science and Solutions

Graduate of Villanova University, PA

LUT University, Lappeenranta

Flynn, Matthew

Fulbright-LUT University Graduate Award

Social Science

Completing a master's degree in Digital Social Science

Graduate of Washington and Lee University, VA

LUT University, Lappeenranta

Hall, Eli

Fulbright-LUT University Graduate Award

Social Sciences

Completing a master's degree in Technology, Environment and Societal Change

Graduate of Shepherd University, WV

LUT University, Lappeenranta

Heath, Samuel Lake

Fulbright-LUT University Graduate Award

Industrial Engineering

Completing a master's degree in Global Management of Innovation and Technology

Graduate of Liberty University, VA

LUT University, Lappeenranta

Thompson, Kate

Fulbright Finland Doctoral Award

Forest Ecology

Hyperspectral Bioindicators for Remote Detection of Tritium Contamination

University of Wisconsin - Madison, WI

University of Jyväskylä

Total grantees for Fulbright U.S. Student Program: 11

Fulbright U.S. Student Program Renewals

for continuing master's degree studies after the initial grant year

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

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

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

Prado, Jill

Global Education and Cultural Competency
The Finland and Vermont Exchange
Greenbridge Vermont, Inc., VT
Joensuun yhteiskoulun lukio; Etelä-Tapiola Upper Secondary School, Espoo
2 months, beginning October 2025

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

Total grantees for the Friends of Fulbright Finland Alumni Enrichment Award: 1

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 organizations, universities, and universities of applied sciences

Christie, Sian

Entrepreneurship
Global Entrepreneurship: Cross-Cultural Development at Haaga-Helia
St. Olaf College, MN
Haaga-Helia University of Applied Sciences, Helsinki
3 weeks, beginning August 2025

Johri, Aditya

Engineering Education
Developing Doctoral Training Practices
George Mason University, VA
Aalto University, Espoo
3 weeks, beginning September 2025

Kaufman, Kristen

International Relations and Subnational Diplomacy
City-To-City Co-operation to Promote Transatlantic Relations
United States Council for International Business, NY
City of Helsinki
2 weeks, beginning August 2025

Khoury, Theodore

Entrepreneurship
Supporting Impact-Driven Entrepreneurship Research at Aalto
Portland State University, OR

Aalto University, Espoo
6 weeks, beginning September 2025

Stiegmann, Regan

Public/Global Health

Defense Performance Interventions in Finland and in the USA

Rocky Vista University, CO

University of Helsinki

Grant term TBC

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 30, 2025

U.S. grantees: 34

Fulbright Finland Foundation grantees to the U.S. will be announced at a later date

Fulbright Finland Foundation

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