



Situation as of May 8, 2026

## 2025-26 Fulbright Finland Foundation Grantees to the U.S.

### **ASLA-Fulbright Research Grants for Senior Scholars** *for research*

#### **Korja, Riikka**

Developmental Psychology

Brain Characteristics, Self-Regulation, and Early Life Exposures

University of Turku

Columbia University, NY

*The grant is cost-shared with the University of Turku*

6 months, beginning January 2026

#### **Rousu, Juho**

Machine Learning

Representation Learning for Small Molecule Interactions and Function

Aalto University, Espoo

Tufts University, MA

*The grant is cost-shared with Aalto University*

3 months, beginning September 2025

Total grantees for ASLA-Fulbright Research Grants for Senior Scholars Program: 2

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

#### **Kuikka, Eeva**

Russian Studies

Thinking Russia's "Small-Numbered Indigenous Peoples of the North" in Global Context of Indigeneity

Tampere University

University of Washington, WA

*The grant is cost-shared with Tampere University*

4 months, beginning September 2025

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

## **The Fulbright Finland Foundation and Nokia Foundation Fellowship for Junior Scholars**

### **Tervo, Nuutti**

Radio Engineering, Wireless Communications

Generalized Analog-Digital Optimization of Nonlinear Sub-THz Power Amplifiers in Antenna Arrays

University of Oulu

University of California, Santa Barbara, CA

6,5 months, beginning August 2025

Total grantees for the Fulbright Finland Foundation and Nokia Foundation Fellowship for Junior Scholars: 1

## **Fulbright Finland Travel Grants for Research Collaboration**

*for a short research visit in the U.S.*

### **Junquera, Ada**

*Ambassadors' Circle Scholarship*

Medicine

Spatial Multiomic Analysis of Cancer Cell Niches Driving Chemotherapy Response in High-Grade Serous Ovarian Cancer

University of Helsinki

Harvard University, MA

3 months, beginning June 2026

### **Karhu, Anne**

Special Education

Evaluating Implementation and Effectiveness of Evidence-Based Behavioral Support Models

University of Eastern Finland, Joensuu

University of Missouri, MO

2 weeks, beginning June 2026

### **Kositsky, Adam**

*Ambassadors' Circle Scholarship*

Biomechanics

Mechanobiology of Tendon Regeneration: From the Lab to Practice

University of Eastern Finland, Kuopio

University of California, Davis, CA

4 weeks, beginning November 2025

### **Leppälä, Kristina**

*Ambassadors' Circle Scholarship*

Innovation Management

Bridging Sustainability Research and Research Methodologies Between the University of Eastern Finland and Stanford University

University of Eastern Finland, Kuopio

Stanford University, CA

3 weeks, beginning October 2025

**Pajula, Johanna**

Health Sciences

The Long-Term Health and Well-Being of Family Members of Children with Disabilities or Long-Term Health Conditions

Tampere University

University of Washington, WA

3 months, beginning March 2026

Total grantees for Fulbright Finland Travel Grants for Research Collaboration Program: 5

**Fulbright Arctic Initiative Research Awards**

*for research collaboration and participation in the Fulbright Arctic Initiative Program*

**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 - April 2026

**Kähkönen, Juho**

Climate Law

The Future of Sustainable Arctic Logistics and Transportation

University of Lapland, Rovaniemi

Dartmouth College, NH; Harvard University, MA

Program term: September 2024 - April 2026

**Middleton, Alexandra**

Economics and Business Administration

Bridging the Gap: Just Transition, Energy Security, and Critical Minerals Management in the Arctic

University of Oulu

Harvard University, MA

Program term: September 2024 - April 2026

Total grantees for Fulbright Arctic Initiative Research Awards Program: 3

## **ASLA-Fulbright Pre-Doctoral Research Fellows**

*for pre-doctoral research*

### **Dickman, Jaakko**

Political Science and North American Studies  
21st-century Antiwar Visual Politics in the United States  
John Morton Center for North American Studies, Turku  
New York University, NY  
*The grant is cost-shared with the University of Turku*  
6 months, beginning October 2025

### **Oreschnikoff, Aleksis**

International Relations  
Research Infrastructures and Arctic Security  
University of Helsinki  
Harvard University, MA  
*The grant is cost-shared with the University of Helsinki*  
6 months, beginning January 2026

Total grantees for ASLA-Fulbright Pre-Doctoral Research Fellows Program: 2

## **Fulbright-KAUTE Foundation Award**

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

### **Suviranta, Rosa**

Digital Humanities  
Developing a Microwork Framework for Research: Bridging the Perspectives of Workers and Researchers  
University of Helsinki  
Northeastern University, MA  
8 months, beginning October 2025

Total grantees for Fulbright-KAUTE Foundation Award: 1

## **Fulbright Finland Foundation Graduate Fellowship Awards**

### **Hakavuori, Joel**

*The Fulbright Finland Foundation and Technology Industries of Finland Centennial Foundation Graduate Fellowship*  
Pure Mathematics  
Lefschetz Theory and L2-Invariants  
Sorbonne University, Paris  
University of Michigan, MI  
9 months, beginning September 2025

**Holmberg, Daniel**

*The Fulbright Finland Foundation and KAUTE Foundation Graduate Fellowship*

Machine Learning on Graph Data

Develop Physics-Inspired Machine Learning Algorithms for Astrophysics Applications

University of Helsinki

University of California, Santa Barbara, CA

12 months, beginning August 2025

**Lu, Haiying**

*The Fulbright Finland Foundation and Idman Foundation Graduate Fellowship*

Finance

Completing a master's degree in Finance

Graduate of Aalto University, Espoo

Massachusetts Institute of Technology MIT, MA

Program term: August 2025 - December 2026

Total grantees for The Fulbright Finland Foundation Graduate Fellowship Awards: 3

**Fulbright-Idman Grant**

*for senior secondary school graduates from the Tampere City Region to complete a master's degree in a U.S. university*

**Saleva, Marja**

Photo-Based Visual Art

Completing a master's degree in Fine Arts

Graduate of Turku University of Applied Sciences

Pratt Institute, NY

Program term: August 2025 - May 2027

Total grantees for Fulbright-Idman Grant Program: 1

**ASLA-Fulbright Graduate Grants**

*for graduate studies and doctoral research*

**Roos, Stella**

Journalism

Completing a master's degree in Journalism

Graduate of the University College London

CUNY - City University of New York, NY

12 months, beginning August 2025

**Ylinen, Mirjami**

Energy and Environmental Law

Completing a master's degree in Environmental Law

Graduate of the University of Helsinki

University of Connecticut, CT

9 months, beginning August 2025

Total grantees for ASLA-Fulbright Graduate Grant Program: 2

**Fulbright Finnish Language and Culture Teaching Assistants**  
*for teaching Finnish and graduate studies*

**Komulainen, Alma**

Finnish Language  
Finnish Language Teaching Assistant  
Graduate of the University of Helsinki  
University of Washington, WA  
*The Fulbright Finland Centennial Award*  
9 months, beginning September 2025

Total grantees for Fulbright Finnish Language and Culture Teaching Assistant Program: 1

**Fulbright Finland Undergraduate Program**

*funded by the Finland-America Educational Trust Fund*

**Ahonen, Aaro**

Civil Engineering  
Exchange Studies  
LUT University, Lappeenranta  
University of Florida, FL  
5 months, beginning August 2025

**Ahonen, Fiona**

Digital Media Leadership  
Completing a bachelor's degree in Digital Media Leadership  
Graduate of Mäkelänrinteen lukio, Helsinki  
University of Northern Iowa, IA  
9 months, beginning August 2025

**Lindström, Stella**

Theater and Acting  
Completing a bachelor's degree in Theatre Arts  
Graduate of Schildt Upper Secondary School, Jyväskylä  
California Lutheran University, CA  
9 months, beginning August 2025

**Talka, Sara**

Design  
Exchange Studies  
Aalto University, Espoo  
ArtCenter College of Design, CA  
4 months, beginning September 2025

Total grantees for Fulbright Finland Undergraduate Grant Program: 4

## **Fulbright Distinguished Awards in Teaching**

*semester-long program for primary and secondary level educators*

### **Kupiainen, Jouni**

Visual Arts

Comics in Education: Teaching Methods and Youth Engagement

Saarnilaakso School, Espoo

University of Rochester, NY

4 months, beginning August 2025

### **Ylipulli, Sari**

Education and Foreign Language Teaching

Tackling the Challenge of Polarization in Classroom

Jaakko Ilkka Middle School, Ilmajoki

Indiana University of Pennsylvania, PA

4 months, beginning August 2025

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.*

### **Bask, Sini**

Philosophy

Partnership Building in Teacher Training

Haaga-Helia University of Applied Sciences, Helsinki

The Ohio State University, OH

2 weeks, beginning September 2025

### **Lindblom, Sari**

Leadership and Management

Continuation of Interinstitutional Academic Partnership Between Stanford University and the University of Lapland

University of Lapland, Rovaniemi

Stanford University, CA

June 2026

### **Tamelander, Tobias**

Marine Biology

Research Development Offices and Practices for Supporting Competitive Research Proposals

University of Helsinki

Stanford University, CA; University of California, Berkeley, CA

2 weeks, beginning August 2025

### **Valtakari, Kasper**

Computer Science

Institutional Partnership Building IUI – HH: Online Courses, Exchange and Research

Haaga-Helia University of Applied Sciences, Helsinki

Indiana University Indianapolis, IN

3 months, beginning February 2026

Total grantees for Fulbright Finland Travel Grants for Institutional Partnership Building: 4

**The Fulbright Finland Foundation Fellowship for Mid-Career Professionals**  
*for professional development projects*

**Kariola, Tarja**

STEM Science Education

Discover by Doing - Exploring Science Education in the U.S.

LUMA Centre Päijät-Häme

Clemson University, SC

*The grant is cost-shared with LUMA Centre Päijät-Häme*

3 months, beginning September 2025

Total grantees for The Fulbright Finland Foundation Fellowship for Mid-Career Professionals: 1

**Fulbright Finland Renewal Grants**

*for continuing studies after the initial grant year*

**Biorac Haaja, Isabella**

*ASLA-Fulbright Graduate Grant 2024-25*

International Relations and Global Communications

Completing a master's degree in International Relations and Global Communications

Swedish School of Social Science, Helsinki

Syracuse University, NY

5 months, beginning August 2025

**Kosonen, Malin**

*Fulbright Finland Undergraduate Program 2022-23*

Business, Economics and Public Policy

Completing a bachelor's degree in Economics

Gymnasiet Grankulla Samskola, Kauniainen

University of Pennsylvania, PA

9 months, beginning August 2025

**Mäkinen, Joonas**

*ASLA-Fulbright Graduate Grant 2024-25*

Peace & Conflict Resolution

Completing a master's degree in Peace & Conflict Resolution

Trinity College Dublin

Georgetown University, DC

5 months, beginning August 2025

**Peltomäki, Maria**

*Fulbright Finland Partnership Award with Vanderbilt University*

Psychology

Completing a bachelor's degree in Psychology in the U.S.

Graduate of Kauhajoki Upper Secondary School, Kauhajoki

Vanderbilt University, TN

*Hilppa A.K. Roby Scholarship*

9 months, beginning August 2025

**Sokolova, Lada**

*ASLA-Fulbright Graduate Grant 2024-25*

Construction Management

Completing a master's degree in Construction Management

Aalto University, Espoo

New York University, NY

9 months, beginning September 2025

**Tiitinen, Minea**

*Fulbright Finland Undergraduate Program 2024-25*

Computer Science and Linguistics

Completing a bachelor's degree in Computer Science

Ressu High School, Helsinki

Massachusetts Institute of Technology MIT, MA

9 months, beginning August 2025

Total grantees for Fulbright Finland Renewal Grants: 6

# 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 2025-27

### **Hou, Su-I**

*Fulbright-Saastamoinen Foundation Distinguished Chair in Health Sciences*

Public Health, Health Promotion and Education

Leverage Digital Technology for Healthy 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

11,5 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 and 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

### **Midgette, Allegra**

*Fulbright Finland Foundation and Tampere University Fellowship Award*

Home Economics Teacher Education

Learning How to Care: An Investigation Into the Finnish Educational Approach

Texas A&M University, TX

Tampere University

4 months, beginning January 2026

### **Yen, Alan**

*Fulbright Finland Foundation and Turku University of Applied Sciences Fellowship Award*

Hospitality Management

Building an Inclusive Work Environment: Sexual Orientation Diversity in the Hospitality Industry

Ball State University, IN

Turku University of Applied Sciences

5 months, beginning January 2026

Total grantees for Fulbright Finland Foundation Fellowship Awards: 3

## **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

1,5 months, beginning October 2025

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*

Sociology and Economics

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 2024-25*

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 2024-25*

Education

Completing a master's degree in Education and Learning

Graduate of Duke University, NC

University of Turku

### **Schirmacher, Natalie**

*Fulbright-Tampere University Graduate Award 2024-25*

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 2024-25*

Social Sciences

Completing a master's degree in Accessibility and Diversity in Digital Services

Graduate of University of Colorado Boulder, CO

Tampere University

Total grantees for Fulbright U.S. Student Program Renewals: 4

## **Fulbright Distinguished Awards in Teaching Research Program**

*a semester-long program for primary and secondary level educators*

### **Ko, Elizabeth**

Social and Emotional Learning

Promoting Wellbeing: Finnish Strategies for Providing Student Support Services in

Elementary School

The Summit Country Day School, OH

University of Helsinki

4 months, beginning January 2026

**Noble, Marc**

English and Math

Enhancing Bilingual Education in the U.S. Through Insights From Finland

Sabin Dual Language Magnet School, IL

University of Helsinki

6 months, beginning January 2026

Total grantees for Fulbright Distinguished Awards in Teaching Research Program: 2

**Fulbright Leaders for Global Schools Program**

*for U.S. K-12 school and district administrators to develop innovative approaches to important issues in their communities, share best practices, and build global networks to drive change that benefits all students. The program is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State with funding provided by the U.S. Government. The program takes place over 10 days in January 2026.*

**Aderhold, David**

Education Administration

West Windsor - Plainsboro Regional School District, NJ

**Austin-Franco, Mary**

Education Administration

Anne Arundel County Public Schools, MD

**Ballantyne, Christina**

Education Administration

Sunnyvale School District, CA

**Barnett, Demian**

Education Administration

Peabody Charter School, CA

**Carstens, Frederick**

Education Administration

Frontier Middle School, NY

**Caruz, Vern**

Education Administration

Rancho Milpitas Middle School, CA

**Coke, Ingrid**

Education Administration

Academies of Clover School District, SC

**Cupolo, David**

Education Administration

St. James Intermediate School, SC

**Dawson, Carol**

Education Administration

Grant Public Schools, MI

**Diaz, Jose**

Education Administration  
Albert Einstein Academies, CA

**Downs, Bobbie**

Education Administration  
Burlington County Special Services School District, NJ

**Duphey, Bianca**

Education Administration  
District of Columbia Public Schools, DC

**Durazo, Nicole**

Education Administration  
Lakin Prep Academy, AZ

**Haas, Gregory**

Education Administration  
Greater Lowell Technical High School, MA

**Knopick, Joe**

Education Administration  
Jackson Local School District, OH

**Laursen, Rosamaría**

Education Administration  
Verona Area School District, WI

**Mayer, Christopher**

Education Administration  
Stephen T. Mather Building Arts & Craftsmanship High School, NY

**Morales, Wendy**

Education Administration  
Monmouth-Ocean Educational Services Commission, NJ

**Ptomey, Harlan**

Education Administration  
Cedar Bluffs Public School, NE

**Turner, Teresa**

Education Administration  
Richland County School District One, SC

Total grantees for Fulbright Leaders for Global Schools Program: 20

## **Friends of Fulbright Finland Alumni Enrichment Award**

### **Beeferman, Leah**

*Mid-Career Professional Development Program (MCDP) 2016-17*

Arts

True Background Air

Rhode Island School of Design, RI

Bioart Society, Helsinki

4 weeks, beginning June 2026

### **Broussard, John**

*Fulbright-Hanken Distinguished Chair in Business and Economics 2016-17*

Finance

Designing and Implementing a Next-Generation, AI-Integrated Master of Science in Finance and Accounting Curriculum at the University of Vaasa

SUNY - Empire State University, NY

University of Vaasa

6 weeks, beginning May 2026

### **Niemistö, Paul**

*U.S. Core Fulbright Scholar Program 1998-99 and 2016-17*

Musicology Documenting Finnish "Harmoniemusik" Activity in the 18th and 19th Centuries

St. Olaf College, MN

National Library of Finland, Helsinki

March 2026

### **O'Connell, Thomas**

*Fulbright Specialist Program 2023-24*

Biostatistics

Advancing Data Analysis and Visualization for Sport and Health Sciences

Indiana University Indianapolis, IN

University of Jyväskylä

May 2026

### **Prado, Jill**

*Fulbright Teachers for Global Classrooms 2022*

Global Education and Cultural Competency

The Finland and Vermont Exchange

Greenbridge Vermont, Inc., VT

Joensuun yhteiskoulun lukio; Etelä-Tapiola Upper Secondary School, Espoo

November 2025

### **Zirkle, Christopher**

*Fulbright-Haaga-Helia Scholar Award 2021-22*

Professional Teacher Education

Comparative Research on the Professional Development Needs of Vocational Education Teachers in Finland and the United States

The Ohio State University, OH

Haaga-Helia University of Applied Sciences, Helsinki

February - March 2026

Total grantees for the Friends of Fulbright Finland Alumni Enrichment Award: 6

## **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*

### **Bairaktarova, Diana**

Mechanical Engineering

Advance Institutional Collaboration in Teaching Development With a Particular Focus on the Integration of Artificial Intelligence in Higher Education

Current Fulbright host and program: Technical University of Sofia, Bulgaria; Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program

IC host in Finland: Aalto University, Espoo

May 2026

### **Bamberg, Michael**

American English

Lecture and Collaborate With Students and Researchers at the University of Oulu

Current Fulbright host and program: Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznan, Poland; Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program

IC host in Finland: University of Oulu

April 2026

Total grantees for the Inter-Country Travel Grant Program: 2

## **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

### **Jones, Michael**

Political Science

Mathematical Methods in the Social Sciences and Elderly Care

American Mathematical Society, MI

Tampere University

6 weeks, beginning October 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

**Korogodsky, Alexander**

Management Information Systems  
Cyber-Physical Systems Innovation for Crowd Management  
University of Miami, FL  
University of Jyväskylä  
2 weeks, beginning March 2026

**Meier, Benjamin**

Community Health Planning and Policy Development  
Interdisciplinary Partnership for Transformative Education  
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, NC  
Tampere University  
3 weeks, beginning May 2026

**Saffron, Christopher**

Chemistry Education  
Biomass Conversion Technologies: UEF-MSU Joint Effort  
Michigan State University, MI  
University of Eastern Finland, Joensuu  
4 weeks, beginning June 2026

**Santiago-Blay, Jorge**

Biology Education  
Educational Outreach of Pre-Mendelian Genetic Prehistory  
Independent Scholar  
Finnish Museum of Natural History LUOMUS, Helsinki  
6 weeks, beginning March 2026

Total grantees for Fulbright Specialist Program: 9

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As of May 8, 2026

Finnish grantees: 39

U.S. grantees: 73

Total: 112

## Fulbright Finland Foundation

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