FULBRIGHT FINLAND FOUNDATION

Situation as of November 13, 2026

# 2026-27 Fulbright Finland Foundation Grantees to the U.S.

## ASLA-Fulbright Research Grants for Junior Scholars

*for post-doctoral research*

**Kannisto, Tarna**
Social and Moral Philosophy
Reflective Equilibrium in Test: Philosophical Discussion as Inquiry and Research Method in Educational Ethics
University of Helsinki
Stanford University, CA
*Cost-shared with the University of Helsinki*
3 months, beginning January 2027

**Leinonen, Tapio**
Theology
Masculinity in Martin Luther's Thought and Early Lutheran Theology
University of Eastern Finland, Joensuu
Yale University, CT
*Cost-shared with the University of Eastern Finland*
6 months, beginning September 2026

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

## Fulbright Research Grant for a Junior Scholar in Partnership with the Nokia Foundation

**Akpinar, Ugur**
Signal Processing
Accommodation-Invariant Near-Eye Displays With Wide Field-of-View
Tampere University
University of Utah, UT
3 months, beginning November 2026

Total grantees for the Fulbright Research Grant for a Junior Scholar in Partnership with the Nokia Foundation: 1

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

**Massé, Clément**
Conservation Biology
Trophic Ecology, Conservation, And Management of The Wolverine In Arctic Socio-Ecological Systems
University of Oulu
University of Alaska Anchorage, AK
4 weeks, beginning September 2026

**Soldano, Caterina**
*Ambassadors' Circle Scholarship*
Organic Electronics
Organic and 2D Materials for Next-Generation Electronics: AI-Driven Discovery Meets Advanced Characterization
Aalto University, Espoo
Northeastern University, MA
4 weeks, beginning July 2026

**Varfolomeeva, Anna**
Environmental Humanities
Data Centres in the Afterlives of Arctic Industries
University of Oulu
University of Alaska Fairbanks, AK
2 weeks, beginning March 2027

Total grantees for Fulbright Finland Travel Grants for Research Collaboration Program: 3

**The Fulbright Finland Foundation Fellowship for Pre-Doctoral Research**
*for pre-doctoral research*

**Heikkinen, Juulia**
Sociology of Digital Culture and Democracy
Formats of Valuation on Social Media
University of Helsinki
University of California, Berkeley, CA
*Cost-shared with the University of Helsinki*
5 months, beginning August 2026

Total grantees for The Fulbright Finland Foundation Fellowship for Pre-Doctoral Research: 1

**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*

**Tarpola, Milla**
Economics
Selling the Future: Why Breakthrough Firms Choose Acquisition Over Growth?
Paris School of Economics
Yale University, CT; Stanford University, CA
9 months, beginning September 2026

Total grantees for Fulbright-KAUTE Foundation Award: 1

**The Fulbright Finland Foundation and Idman Foundation Graduate Fellowship**

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

**Lu, Haiying**
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 and Idman Foundation Graduate Fellowship: 1

**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

**Viitasalo, Eveliina**
Forensic Chemistry
Completing a master's degree in Forensic Chemistry
Graduate of the University of Jyväskylä
University of Central Oklahoma, OK
9 months, beginning August 2026

Total grantees for the Fulbright-Idman Grant Program: 2

**ASLA-Fulbright Graduate Grant**
*for graduate studies and doctoral research*

**Laaksonen, Rose**
Sustainability and Environmental Management
Completing a master's degree in Sustainable Energy and Environmental Management
Graduate of Tampere University of Applied Sciences
Georgia Institute of Technology, GA
9 months, beginning August 2026

Total grantees for the ASLA-Fulbright Graduate Grant Program: 1

**Fulbright-Technology Industries of Finland Grant (Graduate)**
*for graduate study and research in projects with relevance to the fields represented by the technology industries. Program in cooperation with Technology Industries of Finland Centennial Foundation.*

**Hellman, Fredrik**
Information Technology
Data Management for Automated Life Cycle Assessment
Åbo Akademi University, Vaasa
Columbia University, NY
9 months, beginning August 2026

Total grantees for the Fulbright-Technology Industries of Finland Grant (Graduate): 1

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

**Hanski, Sara**
Class Teacher Education
Finnish Language Teaching Assistant
Graduate of the University of Turku
University of Washington, WA
9 months, beginning September 2026

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

**Fulbright Finland Undergraduate Program**
*for undergraduate exchange or degree studies. Funded by the Finland-America Educational Trust Fund.*

**Einiö, Matteus**
Finance
Exchange studies in the U.S.
Aalto University, Espoo
University of Southern California, CA
5 months, beginning January 2027

**Kares, Aaro**
Product Design
Exchange studies in the U.S.
Tampere University
University of Oregon, OR
2,5 months, beginning September 2026

**Shala, Albin**
Finance
Exchange studies in the U.S.
Hanken School of Economics, Helsinki
Miami University, OH
4 months, beginning August 2026

Total grantees for Fulbright Finland Undergraduate Program: 3

### Fulbright Distinguished Awards in Teaching

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

**Aaltonen, Anna**
Science and Language Education
Supporting Language Acquisition and Teaching Communication Skills in the Science Classroom
Lauttasaari Secondary School, Helsinki
University of Rochester, NY
4 months, beginning August 2026

**Paunonen, Eveliina**
Business and Marketing Education
Experiential Learning and Storytelling in Marketing Education
Mercuria Business College, Vantaa
Indiana University of Pennsylvania, PA
4 months, beginning August 2026

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.*

**Laes, Tuulikki**
Music Education
Building and Extending Research Partnerships, Policy and Curricular Development
University of the Arts, Helsinki
Columbia University, NY
2 weeks, beginning April 2027

**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
1 week, beginning TBC

**Moilanen, Mikko**
Exchange Administration
Renewing Cooperation with University of Hawaii at Manoa and Finding Fulbright Scholar Candidates
University of Helsinki
University of Hawaii, Manoa, HI
January 2027

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

## ASLA-Fulbright Mid-Career Professional Development Grant (MCPD)

*for professional development projects*

**Lounasmaa, Jouni**
Innovations in Healthcare
Fostering Innovations at Children's Hospitals – Developing Practices of Innovation for 21st Century Pediatrics
New Children's Hospital Foundation, Helsinki; Aalto University, Espoo
Boston Children's Hospital, MA; Harvard Medical School, MA
*Cost-shared with the New Children's Hospital Foundation*
3 months, beginning September 2026

**Rosenström, Heidi**
Non-Formal Education
Designing Futures for Science Engagement: Co-Creation as a Tool for Empowering Audiences and Preparing Organizations for Change
Heureka, the Finnish Science Center, Vantaa
Arizona State University, AZ
*Cost-shared with Heureka, the Finnish Science Center*
4,5 months, beginning March 2027

Total grantees for the ASLA-Fulbright Mid-Career Professional Development Grant (MCPD): 2

**Fulbright Finland Renewal Grants**
*for continuing studies after the initial grant year*

**Ahonen, Fiona**
*Fulbright Finland Undergraduate Program 2025-26*
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 2026

**Lindström, Stella**
*Fulbright Finland Undergraduate Program 2025-26*
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 2026

**Tiitinen, Minea**
*Fulbright Finland Undergraduate Program 2024-25; Fulbright Finland Renewal Grant 2025-26*
Computer Science and Linguistics
Completing a bachelor's degree in Computer Science in the U.S.
Massachusetts Institute of Technology, MA
9 months, beginning August 2026

**Ylinen, Mirjami**
*ASLA-Fulbright Graduate Grant 2025-26*
Energy and Environmental Law
Completing a master's degree in Environmental Law
Graduate of the University of Helsinki
University of Connecticut, CT
2,5 months, beginning June 2026

Total grantees for Fulbright Finland Renewal Grants: 4

**Study of the U.S. Institutes for Scholars and Professionals**
*short-term programs for scholars and professionals*

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

Total grantees for the Study of the U.S. Institutes for Scholars and Professionals:

**Study of the U.S. Institutes for Secondary School Educators**
*short-term programs for secondary school educators*

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

Total grantees for the Study of the U.S. Institutes for Secondary School Educators:

# 2026-27 Fulbright Finland Foundation Grantees to Finland

**Distinguished Chairs Program**

*for lecturing and research in higher education institutions in Finland*

**Arriaga, Edgar**
*Fulbright-Aalto University Distinguished Chair*
Bioanalytical Chemistry
Innovating Aging Models and Teaching Bioanalytics: A U.S. - Finland Exchange in Cellulose Research
University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, MN
Aalto University, Espoo
6 months, beginning August 2026

**Beasley, Jeannette**
*Fulbright-Saastamoinen Foundation Distinguished Chair in Health Sciences*
Nutrition Epidemiology
Wellbeing and Cardiovascular Disease Risk in Global Aging Populations: A Cross-National Analysis
New York University, NY
University of Eastern Finland, Kuopio
2 months, Flex grant for academic years 2026-28

**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

**Farley, Christine**
*Fulbright-Hanken Distinguished Chair in Business and Economics*
Intellectual Property Law
The Legal Afterlife of Modernist Design: Evolving Protections in American and European Law
American University, DC
Hanken School of Economics, Helsinki
2 months, beginning August 2026

**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

**Rejaie, Reza**
*Fulbright-Nokia Distinguished Chair in Information and Communications Technologies*
Cybersecurity
AI-Enabled Cybersecurity with Runtime-Programmable Network Telemetry
University of Oregon, OR
University of Helsinki
6 months, Flex grant for academic years 2026-27

**Strang, Cameron**
*Bicentennial Chair in North American Studies sponsored by the Fulbright Finland Foundation and the University of Helsinki*
Early American History
Knowledge is Survival: A New History of American Exploration
University of Nevada, Reno, NV
University of Helsinki
9 months, beginning August 2026

Total grantees for the Distinguished Chairs Program: 7

## Core Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program

**Bolinger, Alexander**
*Fulbright-University of Vaasa Scholar Award*
Management
Cross-National Comparison of Tactics for Developing Leadership Pipelines in the Energy Sector
Idaho State University, ID
University of Vaasa
5 months, beginning January 2027

**Combs, Kalei**
*Mid-Career Professional Development Program (MCPD)*
Academic Advising in Higher Education
Strengthening International Biomedical Research Networks: Building a Doctoral Exchange
University of Washington, WA
Tampere University
4 months, beginning August 2026

**Crandall, Mindy**
*Fulbright-Saastamoinen Foundation Grant in Health and Environmental Sciences*
Forest Policy and Economics
Forests on the Edge: Policy Impacts on Forestry with Increasing Global Sustainability Pressures
Oregon State University, OR
University of Eastern Finland, Joensuu
7 months, beginning August 2026

**Fisk, Jonathan**
*Fulbright-University of Vaasa Scholar Award*
Energy Policy
Digitization and the Energy Lifecycle: Emerging Challenges in Finland and the United States
University of Utah, UT
University of Vaasa
6 months, beginning January 2027

**Girard, Steven**
*Fulbright-University of Turku Scholar Award*
Chemistry
Cross-Cultural Fusion in Biomaterials: U.S.–Finland Collaboration for Implant Innovation & Education
University of Wisconsin, Whitewater, WI
University of Turku
10 months, beginning August 2026

**Jiang, Xiaoquan**
*Fulbright-University of Turku Scholar Award*
Finance
Decrypting Cryptocurrency Volatility
Florida International University, FL
University of Turku
6,5 months, beginning January 2027

**Keranen, Kade**
*Fulbright-University of Oulu Scholar Award*
Geophysics
Assessing Subsurface Vulnerability to Rapid Environmental Change in Finland
Cornell University, NY
University of Oulu
5 months, beginning August 2026

**Langendorfer, Anne**
*Fulbright-Tampere University Scholar Award*
English
The Use of Personal Stories in U.S. College Admissions Application Essays
University of Tennessee, TN
Tampere University
10 months, beginning September 2026

**Mada Kannan, Arunachala**
*Fulbright-LUT-EMRC Scholar Award*
Environmental Science and Engineering
Battery-Centric Electric Power Mobility for a Sustainable Future
Arizona State University, AZ
LUT University, Lappeenranta
3,5 months, beginning September 2026

**Umbach, Paul**
*Fulbright-Tampere University Scholar Award*
Higher Education Policy
Reshaping Universities: A Study of Finnish University Merger Outcomes
North Carolina State University, NC
Tampere University
5 months, beginning August 2026

**Wagner, Anita**
*Fulbright-Saastamoinen Foundation Grant in Health and Environmental Sciences*
Health Policy
Pharmaceuticals in Health Systems: Collaborative Teaching, Mentoring, and Research for Wise Policy
Harvard University, MA
University of Eastern Finland, Kuopio
9 months, beginning September 2026

**Wright, John**
*Fulbright-Turku UAS Scholar Award*
Engineering
Developing an Automation and Robotics Applied Engineering Program at Turku UAS
Millersville University of Pennsylvania, PA
Turku University of Applied Sciences
4,5 months, beginning January 2027

**Yu, Wensong**
Fulbright-LUT-EMRC Scholar Award
Electrical Engineering
Collaboration for Addressing Key Challenges of Solid State Transformer Adoption
North Carolina State University, NC
LUT University, Lappeenranta
6 months, Flex grant for academic years 2026-27

Total grantees for Core Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program: 13

## Fulbright Global Scholar Award

**Bachhuber, Marcus**
Internal Medicine
Advancing the Innovative Use of Data to Address Emerging Issues in Addiction
Oregon Health & Science University, OR
University of Helsinki
2 months, beginning May 2027

**Ehrlich, Elana**
Cellular Biology
Innovative Strategies to Identify and Target Host Factors in Kaposi's Sarcoma-Associated Herpesvirus Driven Malignancies
Towson University, MD
University of Helsinki
2 months, beginning May 2027

Total grantees for the Fulbright Global Scholar Award: 2

**Fulbright Finland-U.S. Icebreaker Capacity Building Program**
*A one-week Arctic capacity building program for helping institutions identify collaboration opportunities and build capacity for increased U.S.-Finnish science and technology development for icebreakers and their use in Arctic environments.*

**Ashjian, Carin**
Biological Oceanography
Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, MA

**Bardet, Philippe**
Mechanical Engineering
George Washington University, D.C.

**Capanna, Roberto**
Nuclear/Mechanical Engineering
George Washington University, D.C.

**Datla, Raju**
Naval Architecture and Ocean Engineering
Stevens Institute of Technology, NJ

**Duddu, Ravindra**
Civil and Environmental Engineering
Vanderbilt University, TN

**Euskirchen, Eugenie**
Ecosystem Ecology
University of Alaska Fairbanks, AK

**Fu, Joshua**
Civil and Environmental Engineering
University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN

**Ibrahim, Ahmed**
Naval Architecture
U.S. Naval Academy, MD

**Jackson, Anna**
Research Administration
The University of Chicago, IL

**Kang, HeonYong**
Ocean Engineering
Texas A&M University, TX

**Maki, Kevin**
Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering
University of Michigan, MI

**McKenney, Thomas**
Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering
University of Michigan, MI

**Murdza, Andrii**
Engineering Sciences
Dartmouth College, NH

**Petit Bon, Matteo**
Biology, Ecology
North Carolina State University, NC

**Renshaw, Carl**
Earth Sciences
Dartmouth College, NH

**Scambos, Theodore**
Polar Geophysics & Polar Climate
University of Colorado Boulder, CO

**Srinivasa, Arun**
Mechanical Engineering
Texas A&M University, TX

**Verma, Alok**
Marine Engineering, Lean Manufacturing & Six Sigma
Texas A&M University, TX

Total grantees for the Fulbright Finland-U.S. Icebreaker Capacity Building Program: 18

## Fulbright U.S. Student Program

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

**Bazouche, Fatiha**
*Fulbright Finland Doctoral Award*
Innovative Learning Design and Technology
Developing Critical Thinking Through Explainable AI and Learner-Built Language Models
Ohio University, OH
University of Helsinki

**Curran, Emily**
*Fulbright-LUT University Graduate Award*
Global Management of Innovation and Technology
Completing a master's degree in Global Management of Innovation and Technology
Graduate of Villanova University, PA
LUT University, Lappeenranta

**Farrand, Sophia**
*Fulbright-Tampere University Graduate Award*
Global Politics
Completing a master's degree in Peace, Mediation, and Conflict Research
Graduate of Scripps College, CA
Tampere University

**Halley-Gluesing, Morgan**
*Fulbright-Aalto University Graduate Award*
Water Resources Engineering
Completing a master's degree in Water and Environmental Engineering
Graduate of the Michigan Technological University, MI
Aalto University, Espoo

**Lambright, Kathryn**
*Fulbright-Tampere University Graduate Award*
Biomedical Sciences and Engineering
Completing a master's degree in Biomedical Instrumentation and Medical Physics
Graduate of the University of Rochester, NY
Tampere University

**Lateer, Abigail**
*Fulbright-University of Helsinki Graduate Award*
Sustainable Agroforestry
Completing a master's degree in Environmental Change and Global Sustainability
Graduate of St. Lawrence University, NY
University of Helsinki

**Lawrence, Elizabeth**
*Fulbright-University of Jyväskylä Graduate Award*
Psychology
Completing a master's degree in Music and Science
Graduate of Middle Tennessee State University, TN
University of Jyväskylä

**Parr, Mya**
*Fulbright-LUT University Graduate Award*
Sustainability
Completing a master's degree in Technology, Environment, and Societal Change
Graduate of Arizona State University – Tempe, AZ
LUT University, Lappeenranta

**Perez Lantigua, Dallianny**
*Fulbright-LUT University Graduate Award*
Sustainability
Completing a master's degree in Sustainability Science and Solutions
Graduate of Villanova University, PA
LUT University, Lappeenranta

**Schonhoff, Jessica**
*Fulbright-LUT University Graduate Award*
Social Science
Completing a master's degree in Global Communications and Clean Air, Water and Energy
Graduate of the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, MN
LUT University, Lappeenranta

**Washburn, Sarah**
*Fulbright-LUT University Graduate Award*
Business Analytics
Completing a master's degree in Business Analytics
Graduate of the University of Georgia, GA
LUT University, Lappeenranta

**Zia, Zaeem**
*Fulbright-University of Turku Graduate Award*
Data Analytics
Completing a master's degree in Information and Communication Technology Data Analytics
Graduate of Franklin and Marshall College, PA
University of Turku

Total grantees for Fulbright U.S. Student Program: 12

## Fulbright U.S. Student Program Renewals

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

**Bommireddy, Laya**
*Fulbright-University of Turku Graduate Award 2025-26*
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 2025-26*
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 2025-26*
Analytical Chemistry
Completing a master's degree in Chemistry and Analytics for Circular Economy
Graduate of Bryn Mawr College, PA
University of Jyväskylä

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

Total grantees for the Fulbright U.S. Student Program Renewals: 3

## Friends of Fulbright Finland Alumni Enrichment Award

**Amstislavski, Philippe**
Biotechnology, Bio-Based Materials
Developing a Measurement Framework for Scaling Mycelium-Cellulose Foams
University of Alaska Anchorage, AK
VTT Technical Research Centre of Finland, Espoo
2 weeks, beginning January 2027

**Broussard, John**
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 August 2026

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

Total grantees for the Friends of Fulbright Finland Alumni Enrichment Award: 2

## 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*

**Riley, Kathleen**
Anthropology
Lecture and Strengthen Research Collaboration with the Researchers at the University of Jyväskylä
Current Fulbright host and program: Aix-Marseille University, France; Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program
IC host in Finland: University of Jyväskylä
December 2026

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

Total grantees for the Inter-Country Travel Grant Program: 1

**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*

**Buck, Holly**
Energy and Natural Resources Law
Arctic Energy Security and Critical Minerals Governance
University of Buffalo, NY
University of Lapland, Rovaniemi
3 weeks, beginning May 2027

**Hintz, Elizabeth**
Communication & Journalism
Communication Resilience Training for Health Care Workers
University of Connecticut, CT
Tampere University
2 weeks, beginning May 2027

**Scheel, Jennifer**
Applied Economics
City Exchange: Vantaa
City of Cleveland, OH
City of Vantaa
2 weeks, beginning May 2027

**Stephenson, Shelley**
Higher Education
Charting Haaga-Helia's Internationalization Priorities
CoreCollaborative International, AZ
Haaga-Helia University of Applied Sciences, Helsinki
6 weeks, beginning October 2026

**Stiegmann, Regan**
Lifestyle and Performance Medicine
Defense Performance Interventions in Finland and in the USA
Rocky Vista University, CO
University of Helsinki
6 weeks, beginning January 2027

Total grantees for Fulbright Specialist Program: 5

# TOTAL NUMBER OF GRANTEES

As of November 13, 2026

Finnish grantees: 28
U.S. grantees: 63
Total: 91

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