



Situation as of June 5, 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

2 months, 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 September 2026

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

4 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 KSHV-Driven Malignancies

Towson University, MD

University of Helsinki

2 months, beginning May 2027

Total grantees for the Fulbright Global Scholar Award: 2

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; University of Eastern Finland, Joensuu

Chau, Emilie

Fulbright-LUT University Graduate Award

Social Sciences

Completing a master's degree in Digital Social Science

Graduate of Princeton University, NJ

LUT University, Lappeenranta

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: 13

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 the Fulbright U.S. Student Program Renewals:

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 TBC

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

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

Stiegmann, Regan

Public/Global Health

Defense Performance Interventions in Finland and in the USA

Rocky Vista University, CO

University of Helsinki

6 weeks, beginning September 2026

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

Total grantees for Fulbright Specialist Program: 1

TOTAL NUMBER OF GRANTEES

As of June 5, 2026

Finnish grantees: 28

U.S. grantees: 38

Total: 66

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