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The role of donors is critical. They help us bring together the best scientists, academics, artists, educators, future leaders, and change-makers. Today, an increasing share of our scholarships are funded directly by our Finnish and U.S. community of donors.

Whether donating directly to scholarships or to dedicated endowments, establishing a new scholarship, providing a real estate gift, or making a legacy gift by adding the Foundation to one's will, all gifts send a clear message that the Fulbright Finland experience is transformational and like no other.

The Foundation's dedicated funds have grown from gifts of every size from 5 euros to over 50,000 dollars. Their strength lies in the shared commitment: every contribution, no matter its size, is valued, recognized, and part of a permanent legacy we build together. Making a gift is a simple yet powerful way to shape the future.

Donations can go directly to grants or be added to endowments that fund grants from their annual returns. Donations made to the Foundation's 75th Anniversary Fund directly fund grants for Finnish and U.S. students, scholars, and professionals. The Fulbright Finland Centennial Fund, on the other hand, is an endowment and meant to last into perpetuity, and its annual yields are used to fund grants. It was launched in 2016 to honor the 100th anniversary of Finland's independence.

Special Funds Support Selected Causes

Donations can be directed to new grants in general, or donors can choose to support a specific cause within Finnish-U.S. exchanges that is close to their heart.

The Friends of Fulbright Finland Alumni Enrichment Fund is a special endowment supporting grants for U.S. alumni to return to Finland to continue and expand their original Fulbright projects and collaboration. Like the Centennial

Fund, the Alumni Enrichment Fund is an endowment that uses its annual yields to fund grants. A major share of this endowment came from the legacy gift by the Foundation's alumna and volunteer team member, **Suzanne Louis**, who passed away in 2020.

A generous gift to the Foundation by Dr. **Bruce Fowler** created the Bruce A. Fowler Fund for Fulbrighters with Disabilities. It provides extra funding support for grantees with disabilities whether related to mobility, vision, hearing, or any other type, in order to help them get the most from their Fulbright experience.

The Fulbright Finland Centennial Travel Grants in Architecture, Design, and the Visual Arts are special awards made possible by a donation from the Foundation's alum, **Peter B. MacKeith**. The fund supports Finnish or U.S. Fulbright graduate students in these fields to help cover their Fulbright project-related travel expenses.

A long-term donor agreement with Dr. **E. Michael Loovis** created the Fulbright Finland Foundation E. Michael Loovis Scholastic Award for Finns for study or research at Cleveland State University.

Ambassador's Circle

Founded in 2024, the Ambassadors' Circle honors the 75th Anniversary of the Fulbright Finland Foundation. Through this fund, private philanthropists together with Finnish and U.S. companies jointly support research and study in the U.S. for Finnish scholars, students, and experts in fields critical for the development of science, economy, and innovation in Finland.

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**Donor spotlight**

"I have seen the importance of international research and educational collaboration as a Fulbright Board member, LUT University Vice-Rector for internationalization, and a visiting scholar to the U.S. The Fulbright Finland Foundation has a unique role in the Finnish society. It has been invaluable and extremely successful in advancing the academic relationships with U.S. higher education."

Kirsimarja Blomquist

Professor of Knowledge Management, LUT University
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"I give to the Fulbright Finland Foundation because my Fulbright grant was the launching pad for an extraordinary journey – what began as a 9-month grant turned into 11 unforgettable years living and working in Finland."

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Leasa Weimer

Director for Strategic
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