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AUSTRALIAN-AMERICAN FULBRIGHT COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT





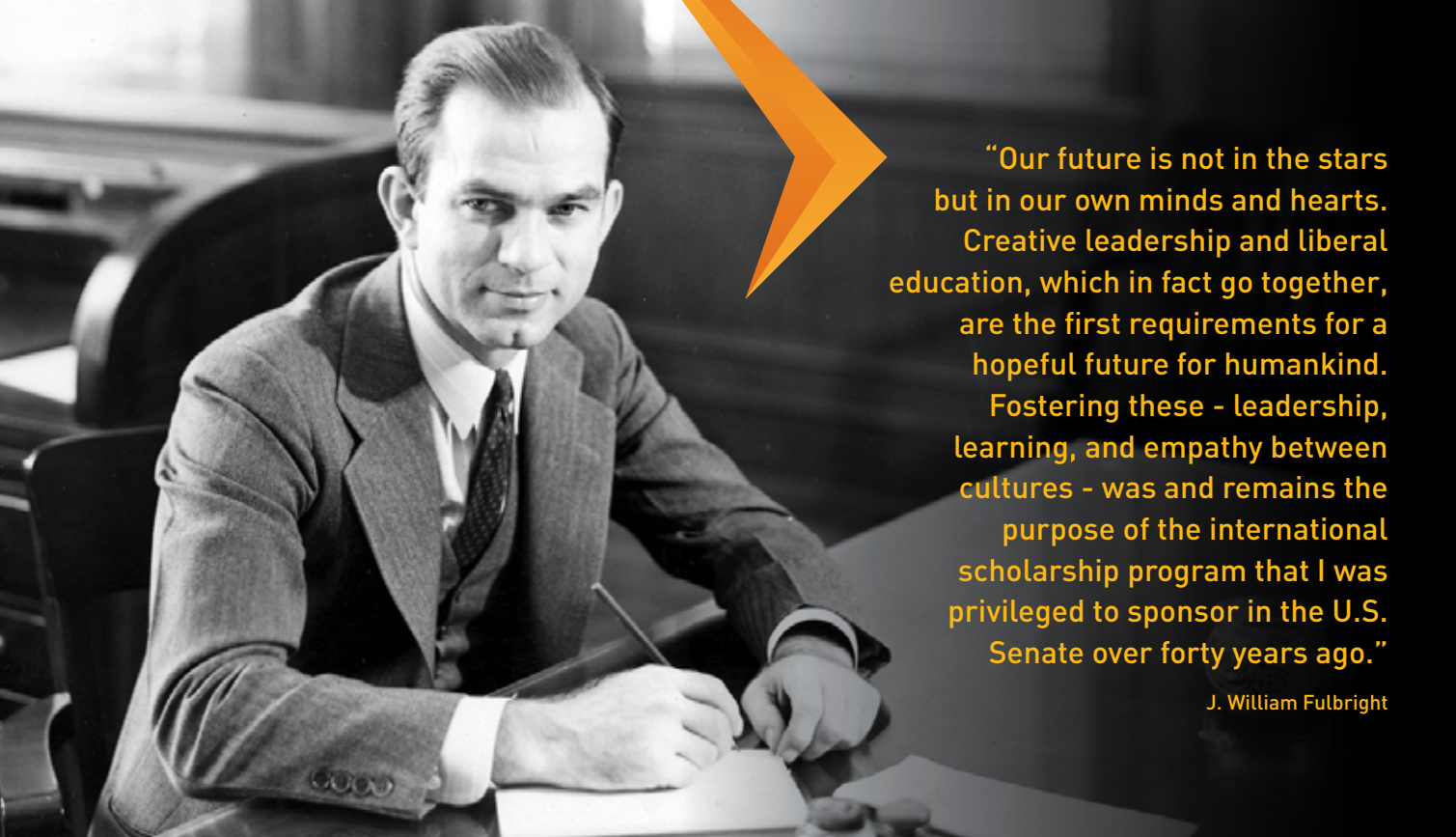
Mission Statement The mission of the Australian-American Fulbright Commission is to promote educational and cultural exchange between Australia and the United States in order to enhance mutual understanding and strengthen relations between the two countries. This is primarily achieved through a program of Fulbright Scholarships to support research and study by Australians in the United States and by Americans in Australia.



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“Our future is not in the stars but in our own minds and hearts. Creative leadership and liberal education, which in fact go together, are the first requirements for a hopeful future for humankind. Fostering these - leadership, learning, and empathy between cultures - was and remains the purpose of the international scholarship program that I was privileged to sponsor in the U.S. Senate over forty years ago.”

J. William Fulbright

Senator J. William Fulbright

It is now over 70 years since Senator Fulbright introduced his historic exchange program to the U.S. Senate, and the Program has continued to inspire creative leadership and liberal education across the world, with more than 360,000 Fulbright Scholars traversing the globe since its inception.

The founder and visionary of the Fulbright Program, James William Fulbright was born on 9 April 1905 in the quiet town of Sumner, Missouri. Educated at the University of Arkansas, Fulbright was awarded a BA degree in Political Science in 1925. He then attended Oxford University as a Rhodes Scholar where he received an MA degree. This early experience of educational exchange would profoundly influence Fulbright, and inspire the creation of the historic Program that bears his name.

When Fulbright returned to the United States, he studied law at George Washington University in Washington, DC.

During the 1930's he served in the Justice Department and was an instructor at the George Washington University Law School. In 1936 he returned to Arkansas where he was a lecturer in law and from 1939 to 1941 he was President of the University of Arkansas, the youngest university president in the country at the time.

In November 1944 Fulbright was elected to the U.S. Senate and served through to 1974, becoming one of the most influential and best-known members of the Senate. As an outspoken proponent of peaceful approaches to diplomacy, Fulbright strongly believed in the power of empathy in overcoming tensions between nations.

His legislation to establish the Fulbright Program proposed that war reparations and foreign loan repayments could be used to fund educational exchange initiatives of mutual benefit. The Fulbright Bill was subsequently passed through the Senate without debate in 1946.

In 1949 Fulbright became a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. From 1959-1974 he served as its Chairman, the longest serving Chairman of the Committee in history. After leaving the Senate in 1974, he became counsel to a Washington law firm but remained active in support of the Fulbright international exchange program.

In 1963 Walter Lippman wrote of Fulbright: “The role he plays in Washington is an indispensable role. There is no one else who is so powerful and also so wise, and if there were any question of removing him from public life, it would be a national calamity”.

Fulbright received numerous awards from governments, universities and educational organisations around the world for his efforts on behalf of education and international understanding. In 1993 he was presented with the Presidential Medal of Freedom by President Clinton.

Senator J. William Fulbright passed away on 9 February 1995 at the age of 89 at his home in Washington, DC.

The Australian-American Fulbright Program

The Australian-American Fulbright Commission is one of the most prestigious scholarship programs in the world.

Fulbright has been a conduit for bi-national educational and cultural exchange between Australia and the United States for over 66 years, with a rich history of scholarship created through a treaty that pre-dates ANZUS. During this time, close to 5000 Scholars have travelled between countries to collaborate with peers, developing enduring interpersonal and institutional connections that contribute to the growth of the Australian-American alliance in significant ways.

The Commission, funded by the Australian and U.S. governments and a diverse group of Scholarship Sponsors, is acknowledged nationally and internationally as one of the most dynamic, inclusive and multifaceted Programs in the Global Fulbright family. Our institutional partnerships have enabled the Australian Fulbright Program to be inclusive of all disciplines, to promote and

practice diversity, and to support unique individuals at every career stage from Postgraduate to Distinguished Chair. We have a broad Sponsorship base consisting of state governments, universities, private institutions, and our first American institutional partner, Kansas State University. The Commission could not deliver the Australian Fulbright Program without the generous support and commitment of these partners, as well as over 100 dedicated selection committee members, our staff and over 5000 Fulbright Alumni.

All of our Scholars are leaders in their individual disciplines and fields, but the Fulbright Program presents an array of new experiences and challenges. In alignment with the Fulbright vision, the Program reaches far beyond academic and professional collaborations.

It offers an holistic experience of academic excellence, cultural exchange, social engagement, long-term collaborative partnerships, and the unique opportunity to add a global perspective to their research.

Most importantly the Fulbright name opens many doors for our new Scholars providing them with significant networking opportunities.

The Commission strives each year to deliver to Scholars an Orientation Program which will support them in enriching their Fulbright experience. It provides them an opportunity to showcase their work, engage with the Fulbright and broader communities and deepen their understanding of the role and responsibility of serving as a Fulbright ambassador. The multiplier effect of this investment in education, research, and cultural exchange is returned in significant and immeasurable ways across academic and professional sectors.

In 2016 the Commission will continue to support Australia's burgeoning knowledge economy through binational educational collaboration, and invites all potential applicants to **Apply for a Fulbright, and Discover a Platform for your Research on the Global Stage.**

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Honorary Co-Chair Prime Minister of Australia



I am pleased to provide this message for the Australian-American Fulbright Commission 2015 Annual Report.

William Fulbright was a gifted statesman who recognised that true understanding between countries lives in the hearts and minds of individual citizens.

The culture and knowledge exchange inherent in an overseas scholarship has never been more important than in this time of globalisation.

The Fulbright scholarships, recognising excellence and fostering collaboration between Australian and American researchers, are an investment in an even brighter future for us all.

Increasingly, we will rely on our people to drive the innovation and entrepreneurship that will allow us to seize the enormous opportunities opening up to both the United States and Australia.

Our success is limited only by our imagination.

I congratulate the Commission on its work over the decades and congratulate this year's Fulbright Scholars.

I am confident they will make as significant a contribution as their predecessors to our nations, and to humanity, by expanding the frontiers of knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Malcolm Turnbull'.

The Hon Malcolm Turnbull MP
Prime Minister of Australia
18 November 2015

Honorary Co-Chair U.S. Ambassador to Australia



Senator J. William Fulbright, the founder of the Fulbright program was determined, in his words, “to bring a little more knowledge, a little more reason, and a little more compassion into world affairs and thereby to increase the chance that nations will learn at last to live in peace and friendship.”

Here in Australia, he has succeeded. The United States has no better friend than Australia. In 2015, we celebrated the 75th anniversary of diplomatic relations between our two great nations. Our close alliance, forged during the Second World War has been nurtured and has flourished in the peace and stability wrought, in no small part, by the friendships and enduring people-to-people ties brought about by over six decades of educational exchange under the Fulbright Program.

Since its establishment in 1949, the Fulbright Program in Australia has awarded scholarships to nearly 5,000 Australians and Americans. The coming years will see the number of scholarships only increase. As the Commission’s Honorary Co-Chair, I am extremely proud of the eight new scholarships that the Australian American Fulbright Commission has announced this year, including five new Distinguished Chairs. Fulbright’s strategic partnerships with universities and government institutions in the United States and in Australia are stronger than ever.

Tellingly, half of these new scholarships are designed to spur collaboration in the areas of science, technology, entrepreneurship, and innovation. Innovation is essential for success – now and in the future. It will take us to the furthest reaches of our universe and push the boundaries of human understanding. It will help us navigate the knowledge economy and face modern challenges Senator Fulbright could not have envisioned: an uncertain climate, aging populations, new and devastating diseases, and a changing climate.

I applaud and thank the Commission’s staff, Board Members, selection committees, our generous sponsors, and our Fulbright students and scholars for their hard work and dedication to fulfilling Senator Fulbright’s vision, by continuing the rich legacy of knowledge exchange and innovation between Australia and the United States. I am as excited as they are to see where the next year will take us.

John Berry
U.S. Ambassador to Australia



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Simple exchanges can break down walls between us, for when people come together and speak to one another and share a common experience, then their common humanity is revealed. We are reminded that we're joined together by our pursuit of a life that's productive and purposeful, and when that happens mistrust begins to fade and our smaller differences no longer overshadow the things that we share. And that's where progress begins.

- President Barack Obama

President Obama's words on the soft power of international exchange during a visit Turkey echo the sentiment that Senator Fulbright instilled into his historic exchange Program over six decades ago, demonstrating the impact on contemporary U.S. foreign policy that endures to this day through the Fulbright Commission. The power of educational exchange in breaking cultural barriers and discovering a 'common humanity' has, in fact been celebrated by myriad Presidents since the Program's inception.

President Eisenhower mused on the 'powerful forces' of information and education in supporting peace, while President Reagan spoke of a 'flickering spark in us all which, if struck at just the right age...can light the rest of our lives, elevating our ideals, deepening our tolerance, and sharpening our appetite for knowledge about the rest of the world.' President Clinton, who cited Fulbright as a mentor, said that "no one who has lived through the second half of the 20th century could possibly be blind to the enormous impact of exchange programs on the future of countries..." Even President Johnson, whose relationship with Senator Fulbright was famously mercurial, acknowledged that 'the knowledge of our citizens is one treasure which grows only when it is shared.'

The ideals that Senator Fulbright championed are more relevant today than ever before, as we approach yet another crossroads in international relations. 360,000 Scholars have traversed the Fulbright Program since its inception, and as each new Scholar takes their first step onto foreign soil, we see 'a little more knowledge, a little more reason, and a little more compassion' in world affairs.

2015 has seen significant achievements for the Commission, with a number of new agreements announced partnering Fulbright with some of Australia's most prestigious tertiary institutions. These partnerships will produce many new Scholarship opportunities for the coming years, and further broaden the already diverse pool of candidates who apply for binational exchange each year.

New opportunities mean new chances for Australian and American institutions and individuals to build relationships and further strengthen the bonds that our nations share. The Australian-American Fulbright Commission has one of the most robust Sponsorship bases in the entire global Program, and we are deeply grateful to all of our Partners, Sponsors and supporters for enabling us to continue the Fulbright mission across so many disciplines and sectors.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the Executive Director of the Fulbright Commission, Dr Tangerine Holt for her outstanding leadership, and the Commission Staff for continuing to administer the Australian Program to the highest of standards.

Thank you also to my colleagues on the Board of Directors, all of whom generously donate their time to support the Commission, and special thanks to retiring Board Member Mr Paul Hogue of the U.S. Embassy Canberra, who has finished his Australian posting and has now returned to the U.S.. We wish you all the best for your future.

Finally, on behalf of the Board I would like to once again thank all of our passionate supporters of this wonderful program, without whom none of this would be possible.

Don DeBats

Professor Don DeBats
Chair, Australian-American Fulbright
Commission Board of Directors



Executive Director Dr Tangerine Holt



2015 was a year of engagement, collaboration and connectivity for the Australian-American Fulbright Commission.

We travelled to Perth in February this year to hold another magnificent Fulbright Scholar Showcase and Presentation Dinner, where we announced our 2015 Australian and 2014 American Scholars. We were honoured to welcome Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister, the Hon Mr Christian Porter MP and the U.S. Ambassador Mr John Berry, along with a cohort of key dignitaries from the Australian and U.S. governments, universities, Fulbright selection committee members, Sponsors, donors, Scholars, Alumni and other members of the Fulbright Family at the event.

The Commission piloted a new format for our 2015 National Roadshow, delivering specialised Scholarship information sessions during one-day events at host institutions in each State and Territory. These were combined with our Fulbright Distinguished Chair Public Lectures to demonstrate the excellence across the breadth of the Fulbright Program in Australia. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank our State and Territory Hosts, Queensland University of Technology; University of Technology, Sydney; RMIT University; Curtin University; University of Canberra; University of Tasmania; Charles Darwin University and the University of Adelaide for having us on your campuses and tirelessly supporting our events.

I'd also like to thank Fulbright Distinguished Chair in American Political Science, Professor Thad Kousser and Fulbright Distinguished Chair in Advanced Science & Technology, Professor Rick Ziolkowski for travelling across Australia to deliver enthralling public lectures in their respective disciplines.

This year's Roadshow truly demonstrated the power of innovation in technology as we successfully broadcast our Roadshow events to institutions across each State and Territory via video-conferencing and live-streaming facilities. This resulted in a new level of interconnectivity for the Commission, and led to an increase in scholarship applications and recognition for our Scholars.

This year my staff and I worked with a diverse range of institutions to develop a swathe of new Scholarship initiatives, which will be realised over the coming months. We have an unprecedented number of new Partners and Sponsors, and we will very soon have the privilege of administering eight prestigious Distinguished Chair positions out of only forty-four in the Global Fulbright Program.

As always the Australian and American governments have continued to provide us vital support, allowing the Commission to administer the Fulbright Program to the highest of standards.

I would like to thank the Fulbright Board Chair Professor Don Debats who has served the Commission with strong leadership and insight.

I also thank the Board members and selection committee members whose commitment and dedication to the Fulbright Program in Australia is highly valued and regarded. I am deeply grateful to our colleagues from the U.S. Embassy and Consulates around Australia, the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, the Institute of International Education, and the Council for International Exchange of Scholars, staff, sponsors, Alumni, Honorary State Secretariats, selection committee members and to Fulbright hosts and co-hosts of events.

This tireless support of the Australian-American Fulbright Commission is greatly appreciated. We look forward to nurturing our partnerships over the coming years.

With warm wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tangerine Holt".

Dr Tangerine Holt
Executive Director
Australian-American Fulbright
Commission

ED Highlights

The Australian-American Fulbright Commission celebrated its 65th anniversary in October 2014 at a magnificent event at the Australian Embassy in Washington, hosted by the Hon Kim Beazley AC, Australian Ambassador to the United States. Representatives of the Commission came together to celebrate the auspicious occasion alongside colleagues from the Department of State, the Council of International Exchange of Scholars, the Institute of International Education, the Lois Roth Foundation, Australian university international offices, and many more Fulbright Scholars, Alumni, and stakeholders.

While in the U.S., Fulbright Executive Director, Dr Tangerine Holt also visited the Australian Consul General, Mr Nick Minchin in New York, and attended the Fulbright Association 37th Annual Conference to meet with colleagues and Alumni from across the global Fulbright Program, and present a talk entitled Partnerships that expand Fulbright: Institutions & Commissions with Professor John Leslie, Head of Department of Plant Pathology at Kansas State University.

Dr Holt also travelled to Kansas State University, meeting with faculty across campus, including President Kirk Schulz and Provost April C Mason, to discuss building the existing partnership and expanding the Oz to Oz Program, and attended the Inaugural Fulbright Distinguished Chair Public Lecture, delivered by Professor John Pluske, Murdoch University.

The Commission's annual Presentation Dinner was held on 19 February 2015 at the Perth Hyatt Regency. This signature Fulbright event was attended by more than 250 guests from across Australia and the United States.

The 2015 Australian Scholars and 2014 U.S. Scholars showcased their work in a vibrant and engaging session where esteemed guests took the opportunity to see first-hand the breadth of academic disciplines and study areas represented.

Additionally, the following institutions were corporate sponsors to the 2015 Fulbright Scholar Showcase and Presentation Dinner.



Australian Ambassador to U.S. Kim Beazley speaks at the Australian Embassy, Washington

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The 2015 Orientation Program, held in conjunction with the Scholar Showcase and Presentation Dinner in Perth brought both Australian and U.S. Scholars together at a single event to further promote networking and binational collaboration.



2015 Fulbright Scholar Presentation Dinner



Highlights



Guests mingle at the Australian Embassy, Washington



Noongar Natson Dance Troupe perform a traditional Welcome to Country at the 2015 Presentation Dinner

In April and May 2015 the Commission piloted a new format for the Fulbright Roadshow, conducting one-day events in collaboration with a Fulbright State University Host in each State and Territory. The events aimed to deliver specialised seminars, bringing together potential applicants outlining key details, insights and opportunities for each of the Postgraduate, Postdoctoral, Professional and Senior Scholar/Distinguished Chair Scholarship categories. Participants attended in person or via videoconference/online streaming facilities to link the host to other institutions State-wide. The Scholarship information sessions were video-recorded (where facilities were available) and recordings were subsequently made available online for potential applicants who may have been unable to attend on the day.

As part of the Fulbright Roadshow One-day State events, two of our Distinguished Chair Scholars travelled to each State Host to conduct engaging, inspirational public lectures on topics in their fields of research. Fulbright Distinguished Chairs, Professor Thad Kousser and Professor Richard Ziolkowski delivered lectures in the fields of American Political Science, and Advanced Science & Technology respectively.

State receptions and Alumni events were also held across Australia. The events were fantastic opportunities for engagement between sponsors, stakeholders Fulbright Alumni and Scholars in each State and Territory. We had the honour of hosting three U.S. Consuls General at receptions within their respective jurisdictions. U.S. Consul General for NSW and Queensland, Mr Hugo Llorens joined us at QUT in Brisbane, U.S. Consul General for Victoria, South Australia, Tasmania and Northern Territory, Ms Frankie Reed was in attendance at our RMIT University event in Melbourne, and U.S. Consul General for Western Australia, Ms Cynthia Griffin joined the proceedings at Curtin University in Perth.

In May, the Commission co-hosted a reception event with the Australian National University to celebrate a new partnership, and the signing of an agreement creating a new Distinguished Chair in Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences.

A new format for the Fulbright Website was implemented in May 2015 to improve site design and browsing efficiency. Analytics of the website revealed that users were able to navigate the site more quickly and via fewer pages, which is consistent with the improved structure of the website.



2014 Fulbright/Flinders Distinguished Chair in American Political Science, Professor Thad Kousser.



Delegates at the Fulbright 65th Anniversary celebration

In July, the Commission organized a public lecture with two visiting Fulbright U.S. Alumni, Dr Manav Ratti and Dr Dean Kotlowski. *Envisioning the World: History Literature and the Fulbright* featured an interesting contrast of research courtesy of the two scholars, and included fascinating stories from their Fulbright experiences.

Another reception event was co-hosted by the Commission and CSIRO in August to celebrate yet another new partnership creating the Fulbright Distinguished Chair in Science, Technology and Innovation, open to U.S. applicants in 2016.

August also saw the release of the *Proceedings of the 2013 Fulbright Symposium* publication containing a selection of papers from Symposium speakers and reflections from Symposium Chairs.

During August and September, the Commission worked with over 100 Selection Committee members to process the Australian Fulbright applications for 2016. Due to the diversified approach to Scholarship promotion, application numbers increased over previous years, particularly in focus areas such as Nuclear Science and Life Sciences.

The Commission provided broad networking and linkage opportunities through the East Asia Pacific Regional Travel Program, the Fulbright Specialist Program, and the Fulbright Alumni Initiative Grant.

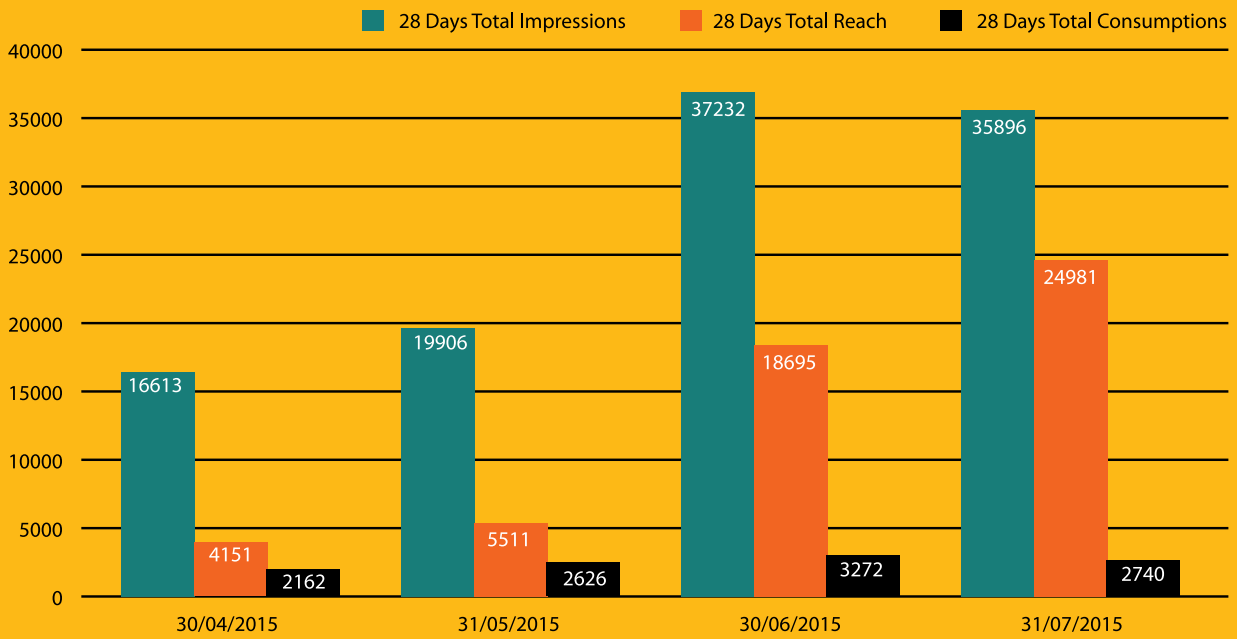
See the Recipients chapter for further information on these candidates, and the diverse research projects that have been facilitated through Fulbright funding.

This year's Fulbright Scholars received significant media attention from a variety of outlets, resulting in fantastic exposure for their research projects and the Fulbright Program. Scholars were interviewed for newspaper, radio and online articles, showcasing the breadth and diversity of Fulbright research to a national audience. Examples of this coverage can be seen on our website.

Strategic



Key Metrics – Facebook

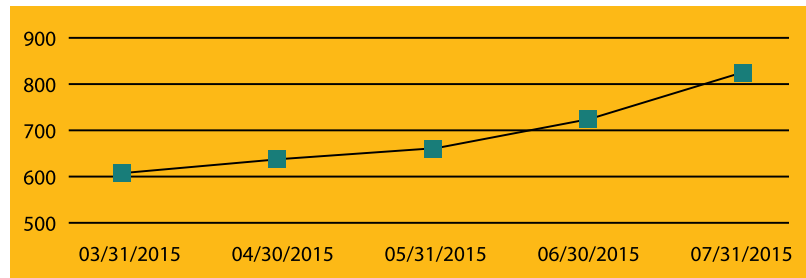


The Commission also launched a new social media engagement strategy in May, to diversify digital messaging across multiple platforms and augment outreach to potential candidates, partners, sponsors and stakeholders.

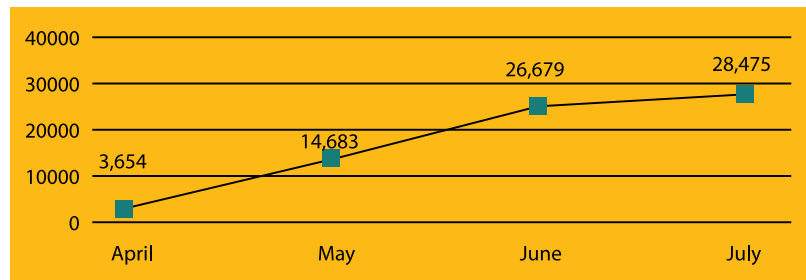
The primary engagement channels are Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and LinkedIn, with all channels garnering significant exposure from previously untapped audiences. This has enabled increased engagement with Scholars, Alumni, Partners and other stakeholders across all sectors.

Analytical data from the Commission Facebook and Twitter pages reveal upward trends in engagement, with page subscriptions, post visibility ('impressions') and activity ('consumptions') enjoying exponential growth from May onwards.

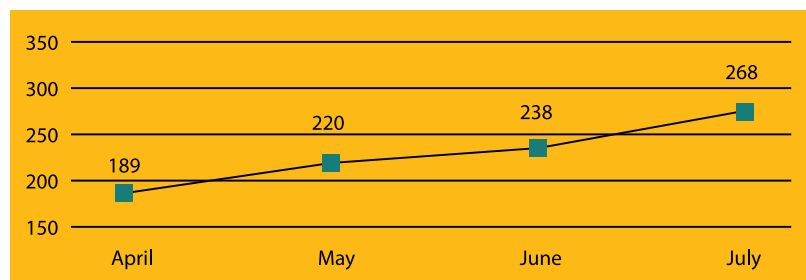
Page Growth (Total Subscribers) - Facebook



Monthly Total Impressions – Twitter



Subscribers – Twitter





(Left to Right) Fulbright U.S. Postgraduate Scholar Mr Steven Burroughs; U.S. Consul General for NSW and QLD, Mr Hugo Llorens; Griffith University Vice Chancellor & President, Professor Ian O'Connor; Australian-American Fulbright Commission Executive Director, Dr Tangerine Holt

Strategic Initiatives

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A campaign was launched to obtain sponsors for the 2015 Presentation Dinner event in Perth. This resulted in the support of twelve sponsors: The Platinum Sponsor was the University of Newcastle; the Gold Sponsor was Curtin University, the Silver Sponsors were the Defence, Science and Technology Group, James Cook University, RMIT University and Murdoch University; and our Bronze Sponsors included the Australian Government Department of Education, University of Notre Dame, Australian Catholic University, University of Queensland, and Perpetual. We also received a very generous donation from Dr Janet Holmes à Court, AC, HonFAHA, HonFAIB. The Commission is very grateful for this support.

Fulbright Ambassadors Program

The Fulbright Ambassadors Program is an exciting flagship initiative which has been developed to enhance the Commission's strategic engagement with all stakeholders across Australia and the United States, beginning in 2016. A distinguished group of individuals will be selected by the Commission's Board of Directors annually to influence, engage and connect with Fulbright applicants, scholars, alumni, sponsors, partners and other stakeholders.

Pilot information sessions of the Fulbright Ambassadors Program were held in Melbourne, Sydney, Canberra, Perth, Adelaide and Hobart (adding to an initial session in Brisbane in 2014). Following the experience of those pilot sessions, the Commission's Board of Directors is committed to developing this initiative.

New Partnerships



Dr Tangerine Holt introduces Fulbright Scholars at the WA Reception, Hosted by Curtin University



Dr Tangerine Holt and Prof. Ian Young, Vice-chancellor, ANU sign the new Distinguished Chair Agreement

New Sponsored Scholarships

Our key strategy is to create positive and productive partnerships with a growing pool of stakeholders; to strengthen the profile and awareness of the Australian-American Fulbright program and its impact on the bi-lateral relationship in a globalised context; to ensure a well-funded, viable, effective and efficient Commission; and to engage all alumni in promoting and supporting the Commission with its mission and goals.

New Sponsored Scholarship Agreements announced:

- » **Fulbright American Distinguished Chair in Science, Technology & Innovation** – Sponsored by CSIRO – Open for applications in 2016
- » **Fulbright American Distinguished Chair in Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences** – Sponsored by the Australian National University – Open for applications in 2016
- » **Fulbright American Distinguished Chair in Applied Public Policy** – Sponsored by Flinders University and Carnegie Mellon University Australia – Open for applications in 2016
- » **Fulbright American Distinguished Chair in Entrepreneurship & Innovation and Fulbright Australian Postdoctoral Scholarship** (any discipline) – Sponsored by RMIT University

New Scholarship Partnerships approved by the bi-national Australian-American Fulbright Commission Board, currently pending signing of agreement:

- » **Fulbright American Senior Scholarship in Resources and Energy** – Sponsored by Curtin University
- » **Fulbright ACT Scholarship** (Senior, Professional, Postdoctoral & Postgraduate – *Entrepreneurship & Innovation*) – Sponsored by the ACT Government
- » **Fulbright American Distinguished Chair and Postdoctoral Scholarship** – Sponsored by The University of Newcastle
- » **Fulbright American Senior Scholarship** – Sponsored by the University of Canberra
- » **Fulbright American Senior Scholarship** – Sponsored by the University of Technology, Sydney

Scholarships Program

We have a broad and diverse scholarships program that goes across both Australian and U.S. applicants, and across Postgraduate, Postdoctoral, Professional, Senior Scholar and Distinguished Chair categories.

Scholarship Promotion

In 2015, the Scholarships program focused on growth through new outreach models and improving scholar management through increased enrichment opportunities for students and scholars.

State-based outreach undertaken during the roadshow in April and May was successful, utilising an innovative new model that included presentations across all scholarship categories. In each State or Territory, one selected university functioned as a virtual 'hub' and through video-conferencing and streaming allowed other universities to tune in, and a Q and A session with Alumni panels proved very informative to potential applicants.

Fulbright's numerous scholarship opportunities were well promoted across a variety of media, with emphasis on an integrated approach that included social media campaigns as well as print and other online promotion in both the U.S. and Australia. Applicant numbers, which have been on an upward trend in recent years continued to rise, and applications were very strong.

Much attention was given to the Fulbright Facebook Page with regular posting on relevant events, scholars' achievements and of course, scholarship opening and closing dates. The Facebook page was also linked to all Australian universities and many U.S. universities and is continuing to grow strongly. The Scholarship rounds were advertised in a wide variety of websites, major newspapers and higher education newsletters throughout Australia.

Scholarship Selection

The Australian Fulbright assessment process is a rigorous one with several levels of assessment both paper-based and interview-based. This ensures that every selected scholar has been carefully assessed on a number of levels before being presented to the Australian Fulbright National Selection Committee for final recommendation and endorsement. This committee plays an overarching role in ensuring a very high standard is maintained as well as diversity of disciplines and applicants.

2015 saw a significant change with the creation of a new Postdoctoral committee to better align the selection processes with the practices of the two U.S. based administrative bodies that handle students' and scholars' respective visa requirements.

As can be seen in **Figure 1** the spread of disciplines/fields was wide with good representation across many areas in the 2015 selection period. There are strong numbers in the Arts and Social Sciences and also in Education. Law is also well represented as are the Sciences including Engineering and Computer Science, Life Sciences, and Chemistry. The area of Medicine and Biology was particularly strong this year.

As can be seen in **Figure 2** there was a good spread of disciplines across all fields with strongest numbers in Medicine and Biology and in the Arts and Social Sciences.

Figure 1: Selected Australian Scholars by Discipline/Field for 2016

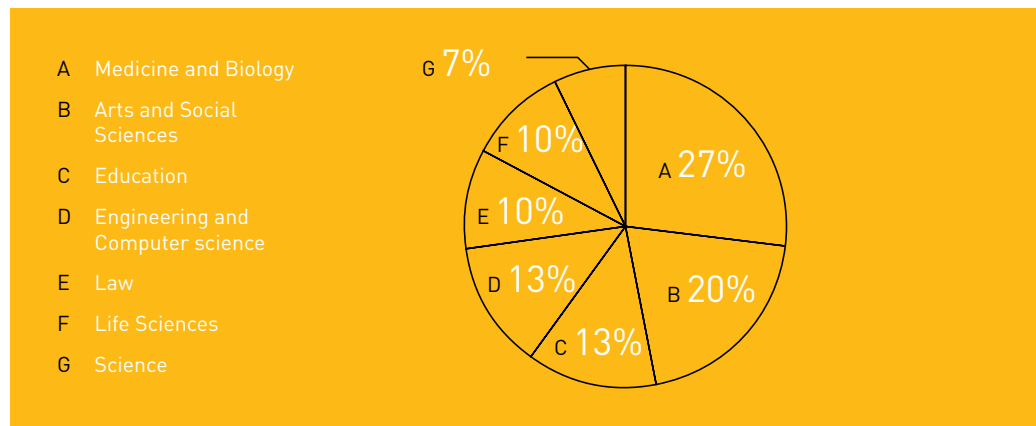
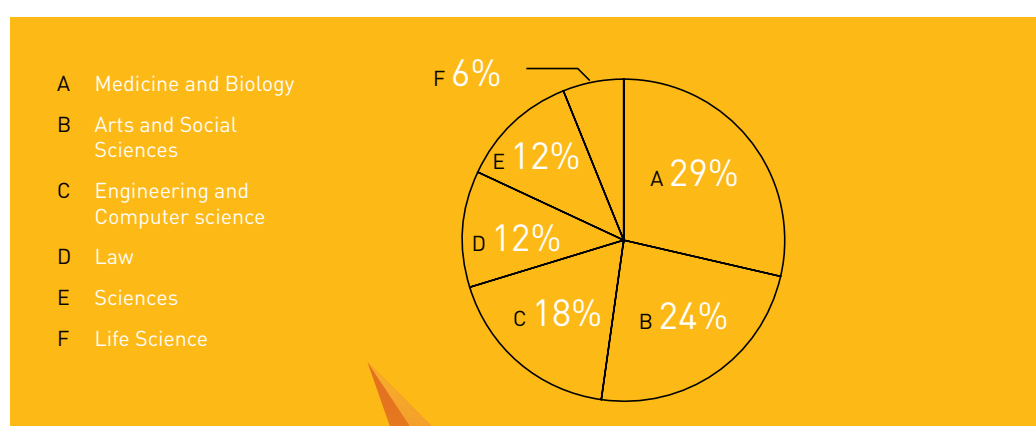


Figure 2: Selected U.S. Scholars by Discipline/Field for 2015/2016



Scholarships



Fulbright Victoria Scholars at the 2015 Orientation Program

Scholarship Management

The 2015 Orientation program took place in Perth from 18-20 February, allowing scholars and students from the U.S. and Australia to come together for important information sessions, enjoy invaluable networking opportunities and to learn more about the vision of the Fulbright Program.

A Scholar Showcase and subsequent Presentation Dinner took place at the Perth Hyatt Hotel – the showcase allowed students and scholars to exhibit a summary of their research in a poster format, providing an excellent talking point for discussion of their work with Sponsors, Alumni and other members of the Fulbright Community.

The Presentation dinner followed with all present enjoying a traditional Welcome to Country from representatives of the Noongar Nation, followed by keynote speeches from His Excellency Mr John Berry, U.S. Ambassador to Australia and the Hon Mr Christian Porter MP, Parliamentary Secretary officially representing the Hon Mr Tony Abbott, Prime Minister of Australia.

Australian Postgraduate students benefitted from the introduction of IIE placement services this year, with a number of students using this new resource to navigate the U.S. university admissions process. Six Australian students also had the opportunity to attend IIE- administered gateway orientations on arrival in the U.S., a unique introduction to student life in the U.S. for which feedback has been highly favourable.

Australian Postgraduates were able to apply for extra funding to support conference attendance through the generosity of the Gregory Schwartz Enrichment Grant.

U.S. Postgraduates had the opportunity to apply for extra funding through the Lois Roth Foundation. The foundation provides extra funding for scholars to enhance their research capabilities.

Another successful scholarship enrichment opportunity is an innovative program created between the Australian-American Fulbright Commission and Kansas State University. The Oz to Oz Program, as it is called, supports short-term visits by Australian Fulbright Scholars to K-State faculty (Professional and Senior categories) to advance collaborative research activities.

It is “designed to ground our Australia Initiative in faculty-faculty interactions and increase international collaborative research programs....” Kansas State University President, Kirk Schulz.

The experiences at K-State University are providing exceptional enrichment opportunities for our Fulbright Scholars, allowing them to exchange ideas and share knowledge at high levels with K-State colleagues. This is leading to exciting, ongoing collaborations across a range of disciplines.

2015 Fulbright Postdoctoral Scholar in Cultural Competence, Dr Stephane Shepherd with NSW State Secretary, Ms Jordi Austin.



Distinguished Chairs & the Impact of Fulbright

The 2014 Fulbright-Flinders Distinguished Chair in American Political Science was Professor Thad Kousser. Thad spent a stimulating five months learning about polarisation in Australian politics, about how Australian politicians view their politics, and about how Australian academics study their politics and politicians. Key to this was the support given by host institution, Flinders University, that provided connections to the politics, history, law, and public policy faculty.

Also crucial to his Fulbright experience were the interviews he conducted with politicians in six different states and territories, all of which were facilitated by Fulbright board members and by connections made through Flinders. Through his Fulbright Road Show talks and visits to other universities along the way, Professor Kousser was able to establish collaborations with Australian academics for ongoing research projects and connect with the broader network of researchers in Australia.

Professor Rick Ziolkowski, the 2014 Fulbright Distinguished Chair in Advanced Science and Technology undertook research with scholarship sponsor DST Group's facilities in Victoria. In addition to four general Fulbright lectures, helping promote the Fulbright program and participating in its informational sessions, Rick also gave several technical and focused presentations across Australia. This resulted in significant contacts at Australian universities that will lead to close collaborations into the future.

His research focused on the cooperative efforts of a composite materials group at DST Group-Fisherman's Bend and a research team at RMIT in Melbourne to build a set of electromagnetic devices that were designed and integrated into a carbon reinforced plastic material (CRPM). These devices include an electrically small antenna, an electromagnetic absorber, a broad bandwidth artificial magnetic conductor and a set of transmission lines with circuit elements included.

Current efforts continue to emphasize learning how to better sew the required conductive threads into the CRPM and testing the results.

Professor Anthony Maeder is the 2015 Fulbright Distinguished Chair in Agriculture and Life Sciences, sponsored and hosted by Kansas State University. Anthony's research is titled "Promoting healthy lifestyle in children and adolescents - benefits from multiple channels of intervention" - his program commenced in August of 2015 and focuses on young people's affinity for use of mobile devices and the appeal of social connectivity enabled by this environment to offer opportunities for boosting engagement and adherence to more conventional approaches.

Anthony will investigate methods to develop purposeful mobile applications to support physical activity and nutrition programmes already underway with K-State collaborators, based on expertise gained in recent comparable programmes at Western Sydney University in Australia. Anthony's public lecture tour, which has taken him to other research groups across the USA from Maryland and Washington DC to Denver Colorado and back to the "Little Apple" (Manhattan, Kansas) aimed also to enable broader interactions in this area.

2015 Fulbright Distinguished Chair in Agriculture and Life Sciences, Prof. Anthony Maeder, 2015 Fulbright Distinguished Chair in Advanced Science and Technology Prof. Richard Ziolkowski, and 2015 Fulbright Distinguished Chair in American Political Science, Prof. Thad Kousser



Alumni Engagement

Engagement

As part of its engagement strategy, the Commission continues to promote a vibrant and enthusiastic Alumni community, which includes all Alumni of the Australian-American Fulbright Program, both in the U.S. and Australia

Approximately 100 alumni contributed to panels for new scholars during the Orientation Program coinciding with the Presentation Dinner in Perth (February 2015), and for prospective applicants during scholarship information sessions in all capital cities of Australia as part of the Fulbright Roadshow (April and May 2015). The panels providing exciting first-hand testimonies from both Fulbright Alumni and current Scholars who provided inspiration for prospective applicants.

In collaboration with the Commission, Alumni across Australia and the U.S. welcomed returning Fulbrighters and new Scholars arriving to their cities through personal support and group gatherings. These events included informal dinners in capital cities of Australia during the Fulbright Roadshow, several of them in coordination with local chapters of the Australian Fulbright Alumni Association (AFAA). The Commission thanks all these alumni for their time and friendly peer-support.

The Commission utilised a range of strategies to engage with Alumni, and connect them with peers involved in similar research or professional interests and expertise. These Alumni networks promote the exchange of knowledge, contacts and the enhancement of productive collaborations across borders.



Prominent Alumni meet the the Australian Fulbright Alumni-Sponsored 2015 WG Walker Scholar, Ms Kathleen Heath at the 2015 Scholar Showcase in Perth

The Commission actively supported the celebration of annual gatherings, gala dinners, concerts and other events organised by AFAA chapters across Australia. The Commission also provided AFAA with legal, logistical and administrative support throughout the year, and particularly, during the Annual General Meeting held in March 2015.

The Commission administered a number of enrichment opportunities for U.S. scholars in the region, U.S. and Australian Alumni, and Australian higher education institutions (see sections on the East Asia Pacific Regional Travel Program, the Fulbright Alumni Initiative Grant and the Fulbright Specialist Program below). These programs have a high impact in terms of Alumni engagement and outreach, partnership-building, expertise sharing and increase of the multiplier effect of the Fulbright experience.

Executive Director, Dr Tangerine Holt implemented a new Fulbright Honour Boards initiative, inviting Australian universities and Fulbright-partnered institutions to showcase affiliated Fulbright Alumni on their respective websites. This will enable each institution to showcase the history and legacy of their Fulbrighters, and celebrate their achievements.

Alumni success stories were sourced and promoted across all online channels, showcasing the depth and diversity of achievement of former Fulbrighters.

Alumni Highlights



2008 Alumnus, **Dr. F. Joseph Pollock** reported that the Aboriginals and Torres Strait Islanders in Marine Science (ATSIMS) program, that he founded, is now entering its third year.

ATSIMS aims to inspire Indigenous high school students to pursue careers in marine science and management and prepares them to succeed in these critically important fields. They have now worked with 120 students from schools spanning a 200km stretch of the North Queensland coast and in June another cohort of 40 bright Indigenous scholars will join the ranks of ATSIMS alumni.

While there is still another year before the first cohort of ATSIMS scholars enters University, there are already promising signs pointing towards their potential for future success. Since completing the program, participating schools have reported that nearly 90% of the ATSIMS alumni improved their science marks and that more than 50% moved up an entire letter grade.

Students' self-reported interest in attending University also more than doubled over the course of the program. When Joseph came to Australia as a Fulbright scholar in 2008, his research had nothing to do with Indigenous cultures or community outreach. His Fulbright project brought him to remote coastal communities where he had the unique privilege of meeting the truly amazing Indigenous elders, ultimately inspiring him to found ATSIMS.



2010 Fulbright Alumna, **Ms Sarah Holland-Batt** released a follow-up to her award-winning poetry compilation, *Aria*.

Her new publication, *The Hazards*, is a dazzling, inventive and highly anticipated collection of poetry. Rapidly acquiring an international reputation as a leading Australian poet of her generation, Sarah Holland-Batt wrote the poems in *The Hazards* during her time living in New York and Rome, and has recently returned to the country after a prestigious fellowship at the Yaddo Colony in New York.

Poems from the collection have appeared in *The New Yorker*, *Poetry* and other major international magazines.



Alumnus **Tim Berra** (1978), University Professorial Fellow at Charles Darwin University, Professor Emeritus in the Dept. of Evolution, Ecology & Organismal Biology at Ohio State University and recipient of three Fulbright Awards to Australia (1969, 1979 and 2009) was selected to join the Inaugural Class of the Ohio State Emeritus Academy, along with 70 distinguished colleagues, from amongst over 2,300 emeritus faculty.

Professor Berra presented his book *Darwin & his Children: His Other Legacy*, during the 65th Anniversary celebrations at the Embassy of Australia in Washington DC, dedicating the occasion to the Fulbright Program in Australia. An ichthyologist, Professor Berra is recognised as a leading scholar of Charles Darwin and is the author of over 80 scientific papers and seven books.

Highlights





Alumnus **Tim Nohe** (2006) was one of only 10 social innovators recognised by the Warnock Foundation this year for his work to create accessible online and smartphone delivered urban forest stewardship resources including for example, using GPS technology to create a highly precise inventory of the forest features of Springfield Woods in Northeast Baltimore. The information will be placed in a database and made accessible online to anyone with a computer or smartphone.

As noted in an Warnock Foundation article, “Nohe foresees countless possible ways to use that information, from a visitor identifying a bird’s song, to a neighborhood group learning how to take care of trees, to local children studying the history of their community”.

Tim Nohe is Professor of Visual Arts at the University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC), and founding Director of the Center for Innovation, Research and Creativity in the Arts (CIRCA).

Alumnus **Surya Singh** (2005) worked with colleagues at The University of Queensland to develop a motion-sensing <Smart Football> for visually impaired people. Surya’s research interests lie in compliant systems in dynamic environments, particularly robot hardware design, integrated motion planning and control and humanitarian robotics projects. Dr Singh is Senior Lecturer (Mechatronics), and Mechatronics Plan Director at the Robotics Design Laboratory (RDL), Part of the UQ Robotics Centre, with appointments in Biomedical Engineering, MedTeQ, QBI and CSIRO QCAT, in the School of Information Technology and Electrical Engineering, The University of Queensland.

Alumni **Leah Curtis** (2005) and **Shahrdad Lotfipour** (2000) were actively involved in the organisation and promotion of the TEDxFulbright Conference in Santa Monica held on 26 September 2015. The event was a resounding success. As reported by the Huffington Post online, “There was an impressive lineup of speakers, including Hollywood action star, Dolph Lundgren, who presented a surprisingly personal Talk about the childhood abuse he grew up with in Sweden”. Most of the speakers were Fulbright alumni, including: “Ryan Bart, magician, Alice Blumenfeld, flamenco dancer, Brian Boxer Wachler, physician, Ralph Gibson, photographer, Kate Conklin, performer/educator, Michael Goldberg, venture capitalist, Alice Kimm, architect, Samantha Lakin, genocide expert, Leland Lazarus, public relations expert, James Mary O’Connor, architect, Ruairi Robertson, nutritionist/microbiologist, Priyali Sur, journalist, Catalina Talero, civic engagement educator, Cristina Trenas, film maker/communications expert, Brigham Yen, broker and urban development expert, and yours Truly, Eric Trules, blogger/clown.” The theme, ‘fights worth fighting’ reflects the spirit of Fulbrighters, spreading mutual understanding between the people of the U.S. and the rest of the world, sharing ideas worth spreading and the fierce fight Fulbrighters take on to protect their beloved Program.



(Left) Dr Surya Singh’s Smart football (Right) The TEDxFulbright Conference was a huge success

2015 AUSTRALIAN FULBRIGHT SCHOLARS AND STUDENTS

DISTINGUISHED CHAIR



Professor Anthony John Maeder, PhD

Scholarship:

Fulbright Distinguished Chair in Agriculture and Life Sciences

Sponsor:

Kansas State University

Home Institution:

Western Sydney University

Host Institution:

Kansas State University

SENIOR SCHOLARS



Scott Cameron Chapman, PhD

Scholarship:

Fulbright Senior Scholarship

Sponsor:

Kansas State University

Home Institution:

Agriculture Flagship CSIRO and The University of Queensland

Host Institution:

Kansas State University



Ted Lefroy, PhD

Scholarship:

Fulbright Tasmanian Senior Scholarship

Home Institution:

University of Tasmania

Host Institution:

University of Washington



Tim McCormack

Scholarship:

Fulbright Senior Scholar

Home Institution:

University of Tasmania and The University of Melbourne

Host Institution:

The U.S. Naval War College, Newport



Stuart Tangye

Scholarship:

Fulbright Senior Scholarship

Home Institution:

Garvan Institute of Medical Research

Host Institution:

Rockefeller University, NY



Jill Fredryce White, PhD

Scholarship:

Fulbright Senior Scholarship

Home Institution:

The University of Sydney

Host Institution:

University of Pennsylvania

PROFESSIONAL SCHOLARS



Matthew Crowley

Scholarship:

Fulbright Professional Coral Sea Scholarship (Business/Industry)

Home Institution:

Department of Commerce, Western Australia and The University of Western Australia

Host Institution:

Federal Trade Commission in Washington DC and New York City and Georgetown University



Michelle Deshong

Scholarship:

Fulbright Indigenous Professional Scholarship

Sponsored:

Australian Government, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

Home Institution:

James Cook University

Host Institution:

University of Arizona



Robert John Fowler

Scholarship:

Fulbright Professional Scholarship in Climate Change and Clean Energy

Sponsored:

Australian and U.S. Governments

Home Institution:

University of South Australia

Host Institution:

George Washington University

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PROFESSIONAL SCHOLARS



Simon Jarman, PhD

Scholarship:
Fulbright Professional Scholarship

Home Institution:
Australian Antarctic Division,
Australian Government
Department of the Environment

Host Institution:
Center for Coastal Studies,
Provincetown



Adam Lockyer, PhD

Scholarship:
Fulbright Professional Scholarship
in Australia-United States Alliance
Studies

Sponsor:
Australian Government, Department
of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Home Institution:
Macquarie University

Host Institution:
Georgetown University



Sean O'Toole

Scholarship:
Fulbright Professional Scholarship
in Vocational Education and
Training

Sponsor:
Australian Government,
Department of Education and
Training

Home Institution:
NSW Department of Family and
Community Services

Host Institution:
University at Albany, State
University of New York



Dr Mark Putland

Scholarship:
Fulbright Professional Scholarship

Home Institution:
Emergency Medicine Training,
Bendigo and Monash University

Host Institution:
The Hospital of the University of
Pennsylvania Trauma Centre

PROFESSIONAL SCHOLARS



Annette Stewart

Scholarship:
Fulbright Professional Scholarship
in Non-Profit Leadership

Sponsor:
Origin Foundation and Supported by
Australian Scholarships Foundation

Home Institution:
Bush Heritage Australia

Host Institution:
Conservation Measures Partnership

POSTDOCTORAL SCHOLARS



Emma Barrett, PhD

Scholarship:
Fulbright New South Wales
Postdoctoral Scholarship

Home Institution:
The University of New South Wales

Host Institution:
Medical University of South
Carolina



Renxun Chen, PhD

Scholarship:
Fulbright Postdoctoral Scholarship

Home Institution:
The University of New South Wales

Host Institution:
Rutgers University



William Edgar Feeney, PhD

Scholarship:
Fulbright Postdoctoral Scholarship

Home Institution:
The University of Queensland

Host Institution:
The University of Delaware and
University of California Berkeley

POSTDOCTORAL SCHOLARS



Gayle Maloney, PhD

Scholarship:
Fulbright Western Australia
Postdoctoral Scholarship

Home Institution:
Psychological Wellness Centre

Host Institution:
Yale University



Stephane M. Shepherd, PhD

Scholarship:
Fulbright Postdoctoral Scholarship
in Cultural Competence

Sponsored:
National Centre for Cultural
Competence, The University
of Sydney

Home Institution:
Swinburne University

Host Institution:
University of California Los Angeles
and University of Nebraska-Lincoln



Charis E Teh, PhD

Scholarship:
Fulbright Victoria Postdoctoral
Scholarship

Home Institution:
The Walter and Eliza Hall Institute
of Medical Research, Melbourne

Host Institution:
Stanford University School of
Medicine

2015 AUSTRALIAN FULBRIGHT SCHOLARS AND STUDENTS

POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARS



Dylan John Cronin

Scholarship:
Fulbright Postgraduate Scholarship

Home Institution:
Queensland University of
Technology

Host Institution:
Washington State University (WSU)
and Pacific Northwest National
Laboratory (PNNL)



Isaac Carlisle Donnelly

Scholarship:
Fulbright Postgraduate Scholarship

Home Institution:
The University of New South Wales

Host Institution:
Northeastern University



Joel Thomas Fuller

Scholarship:
Fulbright South Australian
Postgraduate Scholarship

Home Institution:
University of South Australia

Host Institution:
University of Massachusetts,
Amherst



Kathleen Heath

Scholarship:
Fulbright Postgraduate Scholarship
(WG Walker)

Home Institution:
The University of Sydney

Host Institution:
Harvard University



Dr Rachel Clare Heenan

Scholarship:
2015 Fulbright Postgraduate
Scholarship

Home Institution:
The University of Melbourne

Host Institution:
Harvard University



Dean Jarrett

Scholarship:
Fulbright Indigenous Postgraduate
Scholarship

Sponsored:
Australian Government,
Department of the Prime Minister
and Cabinet

Home Institution:
University of Technology Sydney

Host Institution:
University of Arizona



Josiah Khor

Scholarship:
Fulbright Postgraduate
Scholarship

Home Institution:
The Australian National University

Host Institution:
Texas A&M University



Dr Robert Marshall

Scholarship:
Fulbright Northern Territory
Postgraduate Scholarship

Home Institution:
Royal Darwin Hospital

Host Institution:
Columbia University



Tracey V Steinrucken

Scholarship:
Fulbright Queensland Postgraduate
Scholarship

Home Institution:
Western Sydney University and
CSIRO Biosecurity Flagship

Host Institution:
University of California Berkeley



Briony Swire-Thompson

Scholarship:
Fulbright Western Australia
Postgraduate Scholarship

Home Institution:
The University of Western Australia

Host Institution:
Massachusetts Institute of
Technology (MIT)



Kathryn Zealand

Scholarship:
Fulbright-Anne Wexler Scholarship
in Public Policy

Home Institution:
McKinsey & Company

Host Institution:
Harvard University

2015 U.S. FULBRIGHT SCHOLARS AND STUDENTS

DISTINGUISHED CHAIRS



Douglas Cochran

Scholarship:
Fulbright Distinguished Chair in Advanced Science and Technology

Sponsor:
Australian Government Defence Science and Technology Group – DSTG

Home:
Arizona State University

Host:
Defence Science and Technology Group



Carol Weissert

Scholarship:
Fulbright-Flinders University Distinguished Chair in American Political Science

Sponsor:
Flinders University

Home:
Florida State University

Host:
Flinders University



SENIOR SCHOLARS



Linda Fetters

Scholarship:
Fulbright Senior Scholarship

Home:
University of Southern California

Host:
Cerebral Palsy Alliance Research Institute



David Lee

Scholarship:
Fulbright Senior Scholarship

Home:
University of Miami

Host:
The University of Sydney



Kirsten Nielsen

Scholarship:
Fulbright Senior Scholarship

Home:
University of Minnesota

Host:
The University of Queensland



Paul Secunda

Scholarship:
Fulbright Senior Scholarship

Home:
Marquette University

Host:
The University of Melbourne



Mike Webster

Scholarship:
Fulbright Senior Scholarship

Home:
Cornell University

Host:
The University of Melbourne

PROFESSIONAL SCHOLAR



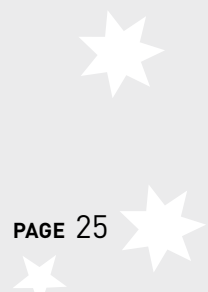
Michael Jensen

Scholarship:
Fulbright Professional Scholarship in Climate Change and Clean Energy

Sponsor:
Australian and U.S. Governments

Home:
U.S. Department of Energy

Host:
The University of New South Wales



2015 U.S. FULBRIGHT SCHOLARS AND STUDENTS

POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARS:



Courtland Adams

Scholarship:
Fulbright Postgraduate Scholarship

Home:
United States Military Academy

Host:
The University of Melbourne



Mary Ajamian

Scholarship:
Fulbright Postgraduate Scholarship

Home:
Columbia University

Host:
The Alfred Hospital and Monash University



Brian Entler

Scholarship:
Fulbright Postgraduate Scholarship

Home:
The University of Scranton

Host:
Macquarie University



Abby Kelly

Scholarship:
Fulbright-CSIRO Postgraduate Scholarship

Sponsor:
CSIRO

Home:
University of Washington

Host:
CSIRO Manufacturing Flagship



Matthew Lee

Scholarship:
Fulbright Postgraduate Scholarship

Home:
University of Pennsylvania

Host:
Queensland University of Technology



Vincent Redhouse

Scholarship:
Fulbright-Anne Wexler Scholarship in Public Policy

Sponsor:
Australian Government, Department of Education and Training

Home:
University of Arizona

Host:
The Australian National University



Jana Soares

Scholarship:
Fulbright Postgraduate Scholarship

Home:
St. Edward's University

Host:
University of Technology, Sydney



Benjamin Tien

Scholarship:
Fulbright Postgraduate Scholarship

Home:
Princeton University

Host:
Monash Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences

Fulbright Specialist Program Recipients

The Fulbright Specialist Program (FSP) supports Australian educational institutions through grants to bring U.S. Specialists in selected disciplines to Australia for a period ranging between two and six weeks.

The aim of the FSP grant is to assist Australian educational institutions to exchange expertise and build collaborative linkages with U.S. faculty and professionals on curriculum and faculty development, institutional planning and a variety of other activities.

“UNE was **thrilled to host** Professor Scott’s visit. This allowed us to collaborate at a **deep level of cooperation** to seek out and evaluate potential pathways for developing STEM education at UNE. **It was wonderful** that Prof Scott was able to do this so generously. Her visit did provide an **excellent foundation for developing** a mutually beneficial relations between UNE and UW Bothell.”

Professor Stephen Tobias,
University of New England

“In collaboration with several Australian research institutes, Dr Lounibos **provided public and academic lectures** about the risk the Asian Tiger Mosquito poses, and how **his research has led to new control strategies**. The University also developed potential collaborative links for research programs. Prof. Lounibos’ public lectures helped demonstrate the **quality of work taking place** in Queensland.”

Professor Scott Ritchie,
James Cook University

“Professor Goodmark’s visit provided a **wonderful opportunity to gain a better understanding** of legal responses to domestic violence in the USA. As we are potentially moving towards significant law reforms around domestic violence in Australia it was very helpful to hear Professor Goodmark’s views about what does and does not work in the USA. Professor Goodmark provided **some wonderful insights** into running student clinical programs within law schools in the USA and those insights will help to inform us as we further develop our clinical programs here.”

Professor Heather Douglas,
University of Queensland



Fulbright Specialists collaborate with Australian institutions each year, creating new partnerships and enhancing research capacity

Awarded Institution (s)	Awardee’s Main Representative	Specialist	Affiliation	Field
University of Queensland	Professor Heather Douglas	Professor Leigh Goodmark	University of Maryland	Law
University of New England	Professor Stephen Tobias	Professor Elaine Scott	University of Washington, Bothell	Education
James Cook University	Professor Scott Ritchie	Professor Leon Lounibos	University of Florida	Global/Public Health
University of Sydney & ANU	Professor Patrick Parkinson	Professor Thomas Oldham	University of Houston	Family Law
University of Sydney & Curtin University	Dr Gerard Goggin & Dr Katie Ellis	Professor Beth Haller	Towson University	Communications/ Journalism
University of Melbourne	Professor Bill Adam	Dr Lisa Gruenberg	Harvard University	Public/Global Health

Specialist

Enrichment Programs for Students, Scholars, and Alumni

The Fulbright Commission is committed to enhancing the exchange experiences of Scholars and Alumni through various enrichment opportunities that facilitate further travel and knowledge exchange. These initiatives serve to augment the multiplier effect of Fulbright, and promote increased institutional collaboration.

Gregory Schwartz Enrichment Grant

In 2006, Claire and Steven Schwartz established the Fulbright Gregory Schwartz Enrichment Grants in memory of their son Gregory Schwartz who had a love of history and a strong interest in the United States.

This grant is awarded to Australian Fulbright Scholars in the U.S. to enrich their Fulbright experience by supporting travel and attendance to conferences and activities associated with their research projects.

Scholar	Scholarship	Home Institution	Host Institution	Discipline	Activity
Justin Hartley	Queensland State Postgraduate Scholarship	The University of Queensland	Harvard University	Public Administration	10th International Symposium of Pediatric Pain, Seattle Children's Hospital
Alison Witchard	Postgraduate Scholarship	Australian National University	Harvard University	Anthropology	Facing Our Risk of Cancer Empowered Annual Conference, Basser Center for BRCA



Fulbright Postgraduate Scholar
Alison Witchard



Fulbright Queensland Postgraduate Scholar
Justin Hartley



Lois Roth Endowment

The Lois Roth Endowment honors the life and work of Lois Wersba Roth by promoting and encouraging dialogue across national, linguistic, disciplinary and cultural boundaries, focusing on countries that were especially important to Lois in her life and career.

Fulbright Project Support via the Endowment aims at enriching Scholars' experiences by providing supplementary support for their research endeavours.

The 2015 award went to William Lempert for his dissertation research in cultural anthropology (University of Colorado at Boulder), which posits that understanding Indigenous media is an essential element in engaging and supporting some of the most culturally rich, yet vulnerable peoples of the world.

With high levels of media productivity and success in Aboriginal activism, the Kimberley region of Australia provides an ideal place to explore the stakes involved in how Indigenous media makers come to represent different visions of Aboriginality.

To learn more about it, Lempert designed an ethnographic study of these two similar, cohabiting Indigenous media organizations in and around the ethnically diverse town of Broome in Northwestern Australia.

Following the social lives of their media through collaboration on production teams helps reveal the tensions and paradoxes of contemporary Aboriginality, as embedded within the daily practices of diverse video projects.

With this study, Lempert hopes to contribute to scholarly understanding of the changing diversity of Indigenous media in settler-colonial nations, as well as mutual understandings of Indigenous challenges and perspectives in Australia and the United States.

Endowment



2014 U.S. Fulbright
Postgraduate
Scholar and Lois
Roth recipient
William Lempert

Oz to Oz Program

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The Kansas State University Oz to Oz Program is aimed at adding value to the Fulbright experience by providing funding to Australian Fulbright Scholars conducting research in the U.S. to travel to KSU for short visits, facilitating further faculty engagement and collaboration.

This year's recipients came from a diverse array of academic backgrounds, and many conducted public lectures during their stay in Manhattan, Kansas.

Kansas State University and the Australian-American Fulbright Commission are to be commended for developing the Oz to Oz Program. It was a highly interesting part of the Fulbright experience and has provided the basis for ongoing connection and collaborations with Kansas over the coming years.

Fulbright Senior Scholar
Anthony McLeod

Scholar	Scholarship	Home Institution	Host Institution	Discipline
Dr Jill Thistlethwaite	Senior Scholarship	University of Technology, Sydney	University of Minnesota	Medical Sciences (Medical Education)
Raymond Cadmore	Professional Scholarship in Vocational Education and Training	Sunraysia Institute of TAFE	Forsyth Community Technical College	Education (Vocational Education and Training)
Dr Peter Dean	Professional Scholarship in Australia-United States Alliance studies	Australian National University	Georgetown University	History (Strategic History)
Dr Anthony McLeod	Senior Scholarship	Murray Darling Basin Authority	University of Colorado, Boulder	Law (Water Management)
Dr Neil Saintilan	Professional Scholarship in Climate Change and Clean Energy	NSW Office of Environment and Heritage	Southern California Coastal Water Research Program	Environmental Sciences (Ecology)
Dr Richard Eccleston	Tasmania State Senior Scholarship	University of Tasmania	George Mason University	Political Science (Political Economy)
Dr Heidi Muenchberger	Professional Coral Sea Scholarship	Griffith University	Cornell University	Public/Global Health (Rehabilitation and disability, medical architecture)
Karen Hart	Professional Scholarship in Non-Profit Leadership	The Youth Junction, Inc.	Non-profit Centres Network (Alliance Centre)	Social Work (Not-for-profit services)



Professor John Pluske delivers his inaugural Distinguished Chair Lecture at Kansas State University



East Asia Pacific Regional Travel Program (EAP RTP)

The Fulbright East Asia & Pacific Regional Travel Program, funded by the East Asia Pacific Fulbright Office at the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs at the State Department in Washington DC, offers local institutions, Posts and Commissions the opportunity to benefit from the academic and professional expertise of Fulbright Senior Scholars based in another country within the East Asia & Pacific region.

This includes Australia, Brunei, Burma, Cambodia, China, Fiji, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Mongolia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Samoa, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand and Vietnam.

Regional travel should enhance and support the interests of the visiting U.S. Fulbright Senior Scholar as well as his/her host institution collaborators. Activities may include lectures, graduate or faculty seminars, curriculum advising, public lectures and/or panel presentations.

The purpose of this program is to share the expertise of Fulbright Senior Scholars already in the region more widely. Visiting Fulbright Senior Scholars may wish to use some of their free time for research or other independent academic work, however such activities should not be the primary purpose of their travel, nor should they represent more than a small portion of their time spent in another country.

2015 Recipients

Scholar's name	Home	Host	Field
Mr Terence Reilly	Taiwan	China	Theatre
Dr Bruce Sware	Thailand	Philippines	Psychology
Mr Kevin Thompson	Indonesia	Singapore	Urban Design & Landscape Architecture
Dr Bruce Sware	Thailand	Vietnam	Psychology
Dr Marylin Rahilly	Taiwan	Vietnam	English as second language
Professor Jared Williams	Cambodia	Samoa	Agriculture, soil and food production
Dr Cynthia Wiseman	Vietnam	Cambodia	TESOL & Teacher Training
Professor Barry Jones	Indonesia	Thailand	Engineering & Infrastructure Project Management
Ven Karma Tsomo	Indonesia	Hong Kong	Religious Studies
Professor Hongtu Chen	Thailand	China	Gerontechnology
Dr Brian Roberts	Indonesia	Taiwan	American literature and American studies
Professor Edward Kennelly	Hong Kong	South Korea	Pharmacognosy
Mr Lane Burt	Australia	Singapore	Climate Change
Professor Christine Franklin	New Zealand	Australia	Statistics Education
Professor Edward Kennelly	Hong Kong	Thailand	Pharmacognosy
Dr Daniel Saunders	New Zealand	Australia	Social Work
Professor Chun Han Wang	Hong Kong	Japan	Film & Creative Arts
Dr Brian Roberts	Indonesia	Australia	American Literature
Professor Ann Murphy	China	Taiwan	Law
Professor Michael Forest	China	Mongolia	Philosophy
Dr Jung Ha-Brookshire	Hong Kong	China	Textile & Clothing

Recipients of Fulbright Alumni Initiative Grant (FAIG)

The aim of this program is to help build the individual Fulbright experience into long-term organisational partnerships and linkages. The grants support any activities that achieve both short and long-term objectives of ongoing institutional collaboration. We would like to express our appreciation to the 2015 FAIG Selection Committee for choosing such exceptional alumni with outstanding research projects to add to the Fulbright legacy. This year, grants were awarded to four alumni: Professor Jill Thistlethwaite (2014), Professor John Foster (2009), Professor Iona Novak (2013) and Mr Hyatt Frobose (2010).



Professor Jill Thistlethwaite

(University of Technology, Sydney) visited the National Center for Interprofessional Practice and Education in Minneapolis during her Fulbright scholarship period.

The centre explores the most effective ways to provide inter-professional education and practice. It supports sites in several U.S. states which provide health care. This follow-on project will allow Jill to return to the center at the time when the sites are submitting their data for analysis. The findings have the potential to influence the inter-professional education and collaborative practice (IPECP) agenda in Australia. The importance of this project relates not only to how we educate future health professionals but also how health services are funded.



Professor John Foster

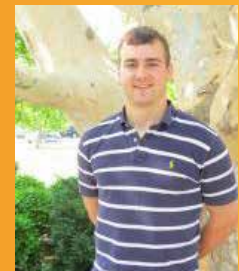
(University of New South Wales) will further research collaborations around the problem the peripheral nerve repair.

This procedure is a technically demanding microsurgical one. Reliance upon sutures in such procedures is time-consuming and commonly elicits foreign body inflammatory reactions, resulting in endoneural fibrosis responsible for poor nerve regeneration and functionality. Currently there are no suitable alternatives to sutures for nerve repair. John's project will conduct an assessment of the conduits in vitro using excised nerves and subsequently in a preliminary study in rats. The project will consolidate the current collaboration and establish the framework for another animal trial at the McGowan Institute for Regenerative Medicine. Furthermore, the project will also support the continued exchange of personnel, who will gain valuable technical skills and cultural experiences.



Professor Iona Novak

(University of Sydney), will devise with a team the world's first research protocol for testing the safety of neural stem cells in human newborns for repairing brain injury, as a potential cure for cerebral palsy. This cutting-edge medical science is now ready for the first time to test in infants with cerebral palsy. The collaborations were established during her Fulbright scholarship period at University of California, San Francisco.



Mr Hyatt Frobose

(Kansas State University), will develop a national live animal evaluation competition where university students from across Australia can participate annually and discuss current issues and the future of the livestock industry, like similar programs in the U.S. These competitions can be a recruitment tool for universities and an opportunity for universities to create linkages with private industry partners in need of trained young people to continue the success of the Australian livestock industry.

Recipients



AUSTRALIAN-AMERICAN FULBRIGHT COMMISSION

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2015

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Your Board members submit the financial report of Australian-American Fulbright Commission for the financial year ended 30 September 2015.

In the prior year, the financial year end of Australian-American Fulbright Commission was changed from 31 December to 30 September to align with U.S. Fulbright Reporting requirements. Accordingly, the figures presented for 2015 are for the twelve months ended 30 September 2015. The comparative figures for the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity, statement of cash flows and the related notes are for nine months from 1 January 2014 to 30 September 2014 and the comparative statement of financial position is as at 30 September 2014.

Board Members

The names of Board members throughout the year and at the date of this report are:

- » Professor Don DeBats (Chair)
- » Mr Paul Houge (resigned 15 July 2015)
- » Professor Margaret Gardner (resigned 31 December 2014)
- » Ms Anne Baly
- » Ms Laura Anderson
- » Dr Varuni Kulasekera
- » Ms Cynthia Griffin
- » Ms Andrea Faulkner
- » Mr Peter de Cure
- » Professor Russell Trood
- » Ms Bettina Malone (appointed 15 July 2015)
- » Professor Barney Glover (appointed 3 July 2015)

Principal Activities

The principal activities of the Australian-American Fulbright Commission are to promote educational and cultural exchange between Australia and the United States through the implementation of the Fulbright program of scholarship promotion, selection, management, outreach and partnerships across a range of scholarships and exchanges.

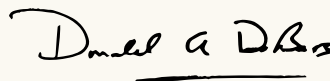
Significant Changes

No significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the year.

Operating Result

The surplus for the 2015 financial year amounted to \$8,951 (2014: \$1,213,947).

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the members of the Board.



Professor Don DeBats
Chair



Ms Bettina Malone
Treasurer

Dated this 12th day of November 2015

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.





INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF AUSTRALIAN-AMERICAN FULBRIGHT COMMISSION

Report on the Financial Report

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of the Australian-American Fulbright Commission (the commission), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 September 2015, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the certificate by members of the board.

Directors' Responsibility for the Financial Report

The directors are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Those standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the association's preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the committee, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Australian-American Fulbright Commission as at 30 September 2015 and its financial performance for the period then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements.

Basis of Accounting

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note 1 of the financial report which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared by the Commission to satisfy the requirements of the Manual for Binational Commissions and Foundations and to meet the needs of members. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shane Belchambers'.

Shane Belchambers, FCA
Registered Company Auditor
BellchambersBarrett

Canberra, ACT
Dated this 12th day of November 2015

STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2015

	Note	2015 \$	2014 \$
Revenue	2	3,146,966	3,865,331
Expenses			
Australian Fulbright scholar expenses		(1,068,470)	(1,101,763)
United States Fulbright scholar expenses		(542,250)	(536,250)
Wexler scholar expenses		(280,000)	(280,000)
Wexler program expenses		(2,077)	(9,439)
Additional awards		(25,000)	(44,181)
Wexler program returns		48,750	70,209
Program returns		142,510	156,940
Non-program expenses		(293,437)	(231,943)
Employee expenses		(768,384)	(525,775)
Administration		(166,609)	(148,010)
ANU Scholarship		(176,080)	-
Investment fees & expenses		(1,325)	(8,019)
Foreign exchange gain/(losses)		(5,643)	6,847
Total Expenses		(3,138,015)	(2,651,384)
Surplus from operations		8,951	1,213,947
Other comprehensive income		-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year		8,951	1,213,947

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.



STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2015

	Note	2015 \$	2014 \$
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	3	611,600	517,907
Financial assets	4	13,326,138	13,137,155
Trade and other receivables	5	361,360	393,258
Other current assets	6	51,116	68,932
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		14,350,214	14,117,252
TOTAL ASSETS		14,350,214	14,117,252
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	7	743,567	586,386
Provisions	8	1,535,529	1,483,176
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		2,279,096	2,069,562
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Provisions	8	23,550	9,073
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		23,550	9,073
TOTAL LIABILITIES		2,302,646	2,078,635
NET ASSETS		12,047,568	12,038,617
EQUITY			
Reserves	9	11,235,775	10,474,591
Retained surplus		811,793	1,564,026
TOTAL EQUITY		12,047,568	12,038,617

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2015

	Scholarship Endow- ments	Fulbright Commis- sion Schol- ar Funds	Relocation Reserve	General Reserve	Wexler Reserve	Retained Earnings	Total
	\$	\$		\$	\$	\$	\$
Balance at 1 January 2014	-	-	-	400,813	4,700,000	5,723,857	10,824,670
Profit attributable to members	-	-	50,000	-	-	1,163,947	1,213,947
Transfers to/from reserves	9,925,923	498,668	-	(400,813)	(4,700,000)	(5,323,778)	-
Balance at 30 September 2014	9,925,923	498,668	50,000	-	-	1,564,026	12,038,617
Profit attributable to members	-	-	-	-	-	8,951	8,951
Transfers to/from reserves	767,321	(6,137)	-	-	-	(761,184)	-
Balance at 30 September 2015	10,693,244	492,531	50,000	-	-	811,793	12,047,568

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2015

	Note	2015 \$	2014 \$
CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Scholarship funding from sponsors and governments		2,849,152	2,884,953
Interest received		2,348	11,601
Payments to suppliers and employees		(3,070,148)	(2,215,965)
Other revenue		25,878	22,097
Net cash generated by operating activities		(192,770)	702,686
CASH FLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Proceeds from / (purchase of) investments		292,106	(1,292,771)
Net cash provided by / (used in) investing activities		292,106	(1,292,771)
Net increase in cash held		99,336	(590,085)
Cash at the beginning of the financial year		517,907	1,101,145
Effects of exchange rate changes on cash		(5,643)	6,847
Cash at the end of the financial year	3	611,600	517,907

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.



Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The financial statements are special purpose financial statements prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Manual for Binational Commissions and Foundations. The directors have determined that the organisation is not a reporting entity.

Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Manual for Binational Commissions and Foundations, and the following applicable Australian Accounting Standards and Accounting Interpretations:

AASB 108: Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors

AASB 110: Events after the Balance Sheet Date

AASB 1031: Materiality

No other Accounting Standards, Australian Accounting Interpretations or other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board have been applied.

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historic costs and do not take into account changing money values or, except where stated specifically, current valuations of non-current assets.

The following significant accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless stated otherwise, have been adopted in the preparation of these financial statements.

Accounting Policies

a. Income Tax

No provision of income tax has been raised as the organisation is exempt from income tax under Section 50 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act*.

b. Foreign currency transactions

i. Functional and presentation currency

The financial statements are presented in Australian dollars, which is the organisation's functional and presentation currency.

ii. Transactions and balances

Foreign currency transactions are recorded on initial recognition, in the functional currency by applying the exchange rate at the date of the transaction. Monetary items are translated at the closing rate applicable at reporting date.

Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of such transactions and from the translation at year-end exchange rates of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognised in the income statement.

c. Property, Plant and Equipment

In order to be consistent with the Manual for Binational Commissions and Foundations item 402.2, non-current assets purchased from 1993 onwards are expensed in the year of purchase.

On 31 December 2013 the Commission obtained an independent valuation of the strata title building units it owns and occupies at 6 Napier Close Deakin ACT. The valuation was \$750,000.

The Commission intends to sell 6 Napier Close Deakin ACT within the next financial year. Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing proceeds with the carrying amount. These gains and losses are included in the statement of comprehensive income. As non-current assets purchased are expensed in the year of purchase, any consideration received on the sale of 6 Napier Close Deakin ACT will be recognised as a gain within the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income.

d. Employee Provisions

Provision is made for the Commission's obligation for short-term employee benefits. Short-term employee benefits are benefits (other than termination benefits) that are expected to be settled wholly before 12 months after the end of the annual reporting period in which the employees render the related service, including wages and salaries. Short-term employee benefits are measured at the (undiscounted) amounts expected to be paid when the obligation is settled.

The Commission's obligations for short-term employee benefits such as wages and salaries are recognised as a part of accounts payable and other payables in the statement of financial position.

Contributions are made by the entity to an employee superannuation fund and are charged as expenses when incurred.

e. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash on hand includes cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks, and other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less.

f. Trade and other receivables

Accounts receivable and other debtors include amounts due from members as well as amounts receivable from donors. Receivables expected to be collected within 12 months of the end of the reporting year are classified as current assets. All other receivables are classified as non-current assets.

g. Financial Assets

The Commission classifies its investments as financial assets at market value. Realised and unrealised gains and losses arising from changes in the market value of the investments are included in the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income in the year for which they arise.

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

h. Impairment of Assets

At the end of each reporting year, the Commission reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have been impaired. If such an indication exists, an impairment test is carried out on the asset by comparing the recoverable amount of the asset, being the higher of the asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use, to the asset's carrying amount. Any excess of the asset's carrying amount over its recoverable amount is recognised in the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income.

i. Revenue and Other Income

Government funding revenue

Non-reciprocal government funding is recognised in profit and loss when the Commission obtains control of the funding, it is probable that the economic benefits gained from the funding will flow to the Commission and the amount of the funding can be measured reliably.

If conditions are attached to the funding which must be satisfied before it is eligible to receive the contribution, the recognition of the funding as revenue will be deferred until those conditions are satisfied.

When government funding revenue is received whereby the Commission incurs an obligation to deliver economic value directly back to the contributor, this is considered a reciprocal transaction and the revenue is recognised in the statement of financial position as a liability until the service has been delivered to the contributor, otherwise it is recognised on receipt.

Sponsorship revenue

Sponsorship revenue is recognised upon receipt of the funds received from the Sponsor.

Donations

Donations and bequests are recognised as revenue when received.

Interest

Interest revenue is recognised using the effective interest rate method, which, for floating rate financial assets, is the rate inherent in the instrument.

The Commission does not charge GST on any revenue stream.

j. Program commitment liability

The Commission records commitments of scholarship expenditures at such time as the Commission makes specific commitments. Thus, scholarships are recorded as expenses and liabilities when they are incurred. The liability is recorded as the total cost of each scholarship, including such future payments as return travel, at the time the scholarship is awarded. The liability as at 30 September represents scholarships that have not been completed.

k. Trade and Other Payables

Goods and services received by the Commission during the reporting year that remain unpaid. The balance is recognised as a current liability with the amounts normally paid within 30 days of recognition of the liability.

l. Comparative Figures

When required, comparative figures have been adjusted to conform to the changes in presentation for the current financial year.

m. Goods and Services Tax (GST)

The Commission is registered for GST through the indirect tax concession scheme. The Commission is not able to charge GST on any revenue. Expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Tax Office (ATO). In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of the expense. The net amount of GST recoverable from the ATO is classified as part of payables in the statement of financial position. Payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable.

Cash flows are included in the statement of cash flows on a gross basis, except for the GST component of cash flows arising from investing activities which is recoverable from the ATO is classified as part of the operating cash flows.

n. Change in financial year end

During the prior financial year the financial year end of Australian-American Fulbright Commission was changed from 31 December to 30 September to align with U.S. Fulbright reporting requirements. Accordingly, the figures presented for 2015 are for the twelve month year ended 30 September 2015. The comparative figures for 2014 for the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity, statement of cash flows and the related notes are for nine months from 1 January 2014 to 30 September 2014 and the comparative statement of financial position is as at 30 September 2014.



NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2015

	2015 \$	2014 \$
NOTE 2: REVENUE		
Australian Government funding	933,994	921,725
United States Government funding	888,374	746,101
Income from investments	481,089	445,184
Private sector sponsorship	67,436	94,600
University sponsorship	401,258	125,161
Government sponsorship	252,192	1,426,936
Presentation sponsorship	51,000	40,880
Donations	3,350	2,060
Interest earned	2,348	11,601
Administration fee on sponsorship	43,397	31,046
Other Income	22,528	20,037
	3,146,966	3,865,331

	2015 \$	2014 \$
NOTE 3: CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		
Operating cheque account	346,435	185,511
Fund bank account	6	6
At call bank account	249,961	281,737
Treasury account	32	32
USD account	14,866	50,321
Total cash at bank	611,300	517,607
Cash on hand	300	300
	611,600	517,907

	2015 \$	2014 \$
NOTE 4: FINANCIAL ASSETS		
Wexler Scholarship Fund	5,653,882	5,723,778
Wexler Scholarship – Admin Fund	-	9,963
WA Fund	1,013,254	1,039,705
Fulbright Reserve Fund	784,209	756,330
VIC Fund	647,062	667,712
NSW Fund	606,358	604,890
SA Fund	570,040	588,795
QLD Fund	480,531	496,058
Coral Sea Fund	369,965	387,048
Australian Alumni (WG Walker) Fund	367,262	379,344
ANU CBE Fund	420,933	247,226
Clean Energy Fund	-	76,469
AFAA Fund	95,382	92,976
VET Scholarship	-	41,763
U.S. Alumni Fund	29,437	28,629
Saver Account	839,838	504,534
Fulbright Professional Fund	492,531	498,668
Indigenous Endowment	955,454	993,267
	13,326,138	13,137,155

It should be noted that \$23,584 (2014: \$24,194) of the above investments are currently invested in two managed funds which are frozen. Capital is being returned to investors by the Responsible Entities as and when they are able to sell assets in their portfolio. Therefore these funds are restricted and the Commission cannot sell these managed funds and access this cash if desired.

	2015 \$	2014 \$
NOTE 5: TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES		
Trade Debtors	286,733	355,615
Other Debtors	74,627	37,643
	361,360	393,258

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2015

	2015 \$	2014 \$
NOTE 6: OTHER CURRENT ASSETS		
GST Receivable from ATO	6,670	20,202
Prepayments	44,446	48,730
	51,116	68,932

NOTE 7: TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES		
Trade payables	11,158	21,924
Funds held on behalf of Australian Fulbright Alumni Assoc.	95,382	92,976
Funding received in advance	603,080	436,161
EAP Fulbright travel program	12,684	18,035
Accrued expenses	12,600	12,500
Employee salary sacrifice	-	871
St George credit card	8,663	3,919
	743,567	586,386

NOTE 8: PROVISION FOR UNPAID PROGRAM COSTS		
CURRENT		
Annual leave provision	60,089	38,113
Provision for unpaid program costs	1,475,440	1,445,063
	1,535,529	1,483,176
NON CURRENT		
Long service leave provision	23,550	9,073
	1,559,079	1,492,249

ANALYSIS OF TOTAL PROVISIONS			
Annual leave \$	Long service leave \$	Unpaid program costs \$	Total \$
OPENING BALANCE			
38,113	9,073	1,445,063	1,492,249
NET AMOUNTS RAISED / USED			
21,976	14,477	30,377	66,830
CLOSING BALANCE			
60,089	23,550	1,475,440	1,559,079

Provision for Long-term Employee Benefits

Provision for employee benefits represents amounts accrued for annual leave and long service leave.

The current portion for this provision includes the total amount accrued for annual leave entitlements and the amounts accrued for long service leave entitlements that have vested due to employees having completed the required period of service. Based on past experience, the company does not expect the full amount of annual leave or long service leave balances classified as current liabilities to be settled within the next 12 months. However, these amounts must be classified as current liabilities since the company does not have an unconditional right to defer the settlement of these amounts in the event employees wish to use their leave entitlement.

The non-current portion for this provision includes amounts accrued for long service leave entitlements that have not yet vested in relation to those employees who have not yet completed the required period of service.

In calculating the present value of future cash flows in respect of long service leave, the probability of long service leave being taken is based upon historical data. The measurement and recognition criteria for employee benefits have been discussed in Note 1.



NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2015

	2015 \$	2014 \$
NOTE 9: RESERVES AND ACCUMULATED FUNDS		
<i>Wexler reserve</i>		
Balance at beginning of the year	-	4,700,000
Transfer to Scholarship Endowments Reserve	-	(4,700,000)
Balance at end of the period	-	-
<i>General reserve</i>		
Balance at beginning of the year	-	400,813
Transfer to Scholarship Endowments Reserve	-	(400,813)
Balance at end of the year	-	-
<i>Scholarship Endowments Reserve</i>		
Balance at beginning of the year	9,925,923	
Transferred from Retained Earnings	767,321	4,825,110
Transferred from Wexler Reserve	-	4,700,000
Transferred from General Reserve	-	400,813
Balance at end of the year	10,693,244	9,925,923
<i>Fulbright Scholar Funds Reserve</i>		
Balance at beginning of the year	498,668	-
Transferred from Retained Earnings	(6,137)	498,668
Balance at end of the year	492,531	498,668
<i>Relocation Reserve</i>		
Balance at beginning of the year	-	-
Transferred from Retained Earnings	50,000	50,000
Balance at end of the year	50,000	50,000
Total Reserves	11,235,775	10,474,591

NOTE 10: EVENTS AFTER THE REPORTING PERIOD

There were no events subsequent to 30 September 2015 and prior to the adoptions of these financial statements which, in the opinion of the Board, need to be included in these financial statements.

NOTE 11: ENTITY DETAILS

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We, Professor Don DeBats and Ms Bettina Malone, being members of the Board of Australian-American Fulbright Commission, certify that the annual financial statements attached to this certificate give a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of Australian-American Fulbright Commission during and at the end of the financial year ending on 30 September 2015.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the members of the Board.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Donal a DeBats". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Professor Don DeBats
Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bettina Malone". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Ms Bettina Malone
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Dated this 12th day of November 2015

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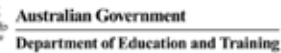
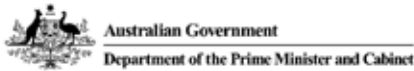
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