



I'd like to take this opportunity to express our sincere gratitude to RMIT University, the ACT Government, Curtin University, University of Canberra and The University of Newcastle for their ongoing commitment to supporting binational educational exchange opportunities for Australians and Americans.

The Commission can now boast eight prestigious Fulbright Distinguished Chair opportunities out of only 44 available worldwide! We now also have State-sponsored Scholarships in every State and Territory in Australia. Read on for more details about our fantastic new initiatives!

On behalf of our Board of Directors and Staff, I wish you happy holidays and a prosperous New Year!

Dr Tangerine Holt Executive Director Australian-American Fulbright Commission

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Season's Greetings from Fulbright

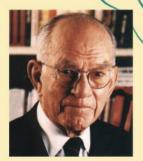
2015 has been an outstanding year for the Australian-American Fulbright Commision, in no small part thanks to the support of our Partners, Sponsors, Board Members, Selection Committee Members, Alumni, Scholars, staff and well-wishers across Australia and the United States.

As a non-profit organisation, we rely on the generousity of our stakeholders, who donate time and resources every year to ensure that we can administer our Program to the highest of standards. To all of you in the Fulbright Family, we would like to send our heartfelt gratitude and best wishes for the festive season. We thank you for your tireless efforts and dedication in 2015, without which we could not have had such success.

We look forward to working with all of you again in 2016, and continuing the growth and development of Senator Fulbright's vision: to foster peace between nations through binational academic exchange.

We must try to expand the boundaries of human wisdom, empathy and perception, and there is no way of doing that, except through education.





Fulbright Featured Alumni

The Hon Greg Hunt MP, Federal Minister for the Environment



Greg was a Fulbright Postgraduate Scholar in International Relations at Yale University (1992).

He graduated with First Class Honours in Law from Melbourne University where he also completed a Bachelor of Arts with Honours. Greg was also the Australian Universities Debating Captain in 1990.

From 1996 to 1998, Greg was a Senior Adviser to the Minister for Foreign Affairs, the Hon AJG Downer MP. In 1998, he became a Senior Fellow at the Centre for Comparative Constitutional Law at University of Melbourne, then Engagement Manager at McKinsey and Co (1999-2001) and Director of Strategy at the World Economic Forum in Geneva (2000-01).

In 2001, Greg became a Member of the Australian Parliament. He also served as President of the Australian Fulbright Alumni Association from 2003 to 2005. Greg has served as the Australian Minister for the Environment since 2013.

Learn more about this Fulbright Alumnus.

Fulbright Partners with RMIT for Two New Scholarship Opportunities

A partnership between the Australian-American Fulbright Commission and RMIT University has created two new scholarships, strengthening binational educational collaboration between Australia and the US.

The Fulbright Distinguished Chair in Entrepreneurship and Innovation is for a US citizen to work at RMIT for 6 months, with particular focus on innovation and entrepreneurship.

The new **Fulbright Postdoctoral Scholarship** is for an Australian citizen from any academic background to conduct study or research in the US for 10 months. RMIT will also offer the successful postdoctoral candidate a three-year Vice-Chancellor's Postdoctoral Fellowship upon their return from the US, to further consolidate the relationship between the University and the host US institution.

Dr Tangerine Holt, Executive Director of the Australian-American Fulbright Commission, was excited about the future of this new collaboration with RMIT.

"RMIT University is one of Australia's most renowned institutions for entrepreneurship and innovation, and Melbourne is a fantastic environment to foster new binational collaborations in this area," Dr Holt said.

"We hope that this new partnership will contribute to Australia's burgeoning Knowledge Economy, and further solidify RMIT's reputation as a leading, internationally recognised educational think-tank."

Professor Calum Drummond, RMIT Deputy Vice-Chancellor Research and Innovation and Vice-President, said the partnership would offer exciting opportunities for collaborative research that creates knowledge and makes a real impact.

"As a global university of technology, design and enterprise, RMIT is delighted to partner with the Fulbright Commission and deepen our research links with leading US institutions," he said.

"Investing in a research scholarship program that focuses on entrepreneurship and innovation will build new expertise in this critical area, stimulating interest and building capability for both Australia and the US."

Applications for the new Scholarships will open in 2016.



Dr Tangerine Hoit, Australian-American Fulbright Commission Executive Difector; Mr Martin Bean CBE, HMIT University Vice-Chancellor and President; Ms Frankie A Reed, US Consul General and Professor Calum Drummond, RMIT University Deputy Vice-Chancellor

ACT Government, Curtin University & University of Canberra Announce New Fulbright Scholarships

The Australian-American Fulbright Commission has formalised three new partnerships with the ACT Government, Curtin University and the University of Canberra at a signing ceremony in Canberra on Tuesday 1 December 2015.

The new **Fulbright ACT Scholarship**, Sponsored by the ACT Government will be available to Australian citizens at any level of study living and working in Canberra, and will focus on Entrepreneurship and Innovation.

This is a new milestone for the Commission, which can now offer sponsored Fulbright Scholarships in every State and Territory in Australia.



ACT Chief Minister Andrew Barr speaks at the Fulbright ACT Reception



Australia-American Fulbright Commission Board of Directors

ACT Chief Minister Andrew Barr expressed his optimism at the future of the new Fulbright initiative.

"The ACT Government is committed to promoting entrepreneurship and innovation, and I am confident that this partnership will further enhance our reputation as the 'knowledge capital' of Australia" Mr Barr said.

The new Fulbright Senior Scholarship in Resources and Energy, Sponsored by Curtin University will bring a US Citizen each year to Curtin University to undertake research with particular focus on resources and energy.

Curtin University Associate Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Professor Kate Wright had great expectations for the new Fulbright partnership.

"Curtin's vision is to change minds, change lives and change communities through its education and research. This includes overseas communities through collaboration with international partners. Through this partnership with the Fulbright Commission we hope to engage with exceptional American scholars of international repute to build sustainable research collaboration with US institutions." Professor Wright said.

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The new **Fulbright Senior Scholarship**, Sponsored by the University of Canberra will attract leading US senior academics to undertake research at the University of Canberra for four months.



(Left to Right) Dr Tangerine Holt, Fulbright Executive Director; Mr Ian Cox, Executive Director, Innovation, Trade and Investment, ACT Government; Professor Kate Wright, Associate Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Curtin University; Professor Frances Shannon, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research), University of Canberra.

Professor Don Debats, Chairman of the Australian-American Fulbright Commission Board of Directors, said that these new partnerships will encourage vital contributions to Australia's academic and professional sectors.

"We are excited about the future of these initiatives, and the prospect of increased US engagement and knowledge translation that they will bring to institutions in Australia." Professor Debats said.

"Fostering enduring binational connections is a vital step in ensuring that Australian research institutions retain a world-class standard. The Fulbright Commission is committed to being a conduit for such connections, and partnerships such as this allow us to diversify the knowledge exchange between our countries. On behalf of the Board I'd like to thank these institutions for supporting the Fulbright mission."

The new agreements were signed at a ceremony at the National Museum of Australia at 5:30pm on December 1.

Fulbright and The University of Newcastle Create New Distinguished Chair, US Postdoc Scholarships

The University of Newcastle (UON) has become the first Australian iinstitution to sponsor a prestigious U.S. Fulbright Postdoctoral Scholarship under a new partnership, officiated by US Consul General Hugo Llorens on Thursday, 3 December 2015. Aimed at strengthening research impact and reach, the partnership will produce two new scholarships for the Fulbright Program.

A Fulbright Distinguished Chair will enable an exceptional U.S. senior scholar to undertake research of shared importance to Australia and the US at UON for up to six months.

The Inaugural Fulbright Postdoctoral Scholarship is aimed at researchers who have recently completed a PhD, enabling a US scholar in any field of study to undertake up to ten months of postdoctoral research at UON.

US Consul General for New South Wales, Queensland and ACT Mr Hugo Llorens witnessed the signing of the new Fulbright Partnership in Newcastle. "The Fulbright Program is the United States' flagship exchange program and is the most widely recognized and prestigious international education exchange program in the world. I know this new partnership with Newcastle University will only add to the success of the Fulbright program." *Continued page 4.*





(Left) Fulbright Executive Director, Dr Tangerine Holt and University of Newcastle Vice-Chancellor & President, Professor Caroline McMillen sign the new Fulbright/University of Newcastle Scholarship Agreement, witnessed by US Consul General Mr Hugo Llorens and University of Newcastle Pro Vice-Chancellor, Professor Deborah Hodgson

(Right) US Consul General Mr Hugo Llorens is taken on a tour of the Hunter Medical Research Institute at the University of Newcastle by Deputy Vice-Chancellor Professor Kevin Hall, and HMRI Director, Professor Michael Nilsson

Historical Feature - Professor Joshua Lederberg: In Memoriam



Joshua Lederberg (1925-2008)

Prior to winning his 1958 Nobel Prize in Medicine, Professor Joshua Lederberg was a Fulbright Visiting Professor at The University of Melbourne in 1957.

Not only did his groundbreaking research on bacterial genetics win him the Nobel, while in Australia he contributed to the research on antibody production that would earn Australian Sir Frank MacFarlane Burnet the Nobel Prize in medicine in 1960. The collaboration between professors/doctors Lederberg and Burnet is part of a long and successful tradition of US-Australian partnership in biomedical research.

Also while in Australia, Prof. Lederberg witnessed the ascent of Sputnik in October 1957. This spurred a lifelong interest in the study of life beyond Earth – he coined the term "exobiology" and worked as a consultant to NASA for 20 years.

He was outspoken on the subject of interstellar contamination and helped develop NASA's protocols for sterilization, decontamination, and quarantine of spacecraft and samples. He also helped design the device used by the Mariner and Viking missions to collect and analyze data. See here for a full list of Fulbright-related Nobel Laureates.

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University of Newcastle Vice-Chancellor, Professor Caroline McMillen, said she was delighted to partner with one of the most respected international research exchange programs in the world.

"It is a great honour to be selected to partner with the Fulbright Scholarship Program and it is a strong reflection of UON's world-class research outcomes and our commitment to growing an outstanding research-intensive university in regional Australia," said Professor McMillen.

Executive Director of the Australian-American Fulbright Commission, Dr Tangerine Holt, said the Fulbright Postdoctoral Scholarship was an area of great interest and future development to the Commission.

"This is a great milestone for the Commission, as it is the first time an Australian institution has sponsored a US Fulbright Postdoctoral Scholarship. We are extremely grateful to Professor McMillan for supporting Fulbright, and also to Professors Kevin Hall and Deborah Hodgson for championing this initiative on behalf of the University."

"The University of Newcastle is in the top 300 institutions worldwide, and one of Australia's leading universities for research output. We are very pleased to be able to partner with them on these two exciting initiatives and contribute to the growth of their international network." Dr Holt said

As part of the Fulbright Distinguished Chair scholarship, UON will also facilitate a national lecture series in which the selected candidate will travel on the Fullbright Roadshow and present on topics in their field of expertise.

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(Left to Right) Professor Michael Nilsson, Director, HMRI: Professor Deborah Hodgson, Pro Vice-Chancellor, University of vcastle; Professor Caroline McMillen, Vice-Chancellor & President, University of Newc or Tangerine Holt, Executive Director, Fulbright Commission Mr Hugo Llorens, US Consul General: Professor Kevin Hall Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Universit



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Key Dates

2016 Fulbright Scholar Presentation Evening 25 February 2016, RACV Club Melbourne

- 5:15pm Fulbright Scholar Showcase
- 7:00pm Presentation Dinner

Register HERE for tickets to this premier Fulbright event

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