



# 2016

## AUSTRALIAN-AMERICAN FULBRIGHT COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT





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## THE FULBRIGHT PROGRAM

The Fulbright Program is the flagship foreign exchange scholarship program of the United States of America, aimed at increasing cultural understanding, collaboration, and the exchange of ideas.

Born in the aftermath of WWII, the Program was established by Senator J. William Fulbright in 1946 with the ethos of turning 'swords into ploughshares', whereby credits from the sale of surplus U.S. war materials were used to fund academic exchanges between host countries and the U.S.

Since its establishment, the Fulbright Program has grown to become the largest educational exchange program in the world, operating in over 160 countries. In its seventy-year history, more than 360,000 students, academics, and professionals have received Fulbright Scholarships to study, teach, or conduct research, and promote bilateral collaboration and cultural empathy.

Approximately 8,000 competitive, merit-based grants are awarded annually in various academic disciplines and fields of study.


## THE AUSTRALIAN-AMERICAN FULBRIGHT COMMISSION

The treaty that established the Fulbright program in Australia was signed on 26 November 1949. The initial sale of U.S. surplus war materials to Australia provided \$5.8m to fund the first fourteen years of the program. In 1964 a new agreement was entered into by the Australian and U.S. Governments to establish the Australian-American Educational Foundation (later to be known as the Fulbright Commission), funded by both governments.

Today the Australian-American Fulbright Commission, headquartered in Canberra, continues to administer the Program, thanks to the funding of the Australian and U.S. Governments, and a generous group of sponsors. This support has enabled the steady expansion of the Program, which now offers scholarships to candidates at all levels of research. The Prime Minister of Australia and the U.S. Ambassador to Australia are the Honorary Co-Chairs of the Commission.

Since its establishment, the Commission has awarded scholarships to approximately 5,000 Australians and Americans. Our distinguished alumni are an integral part of the program's rich history and ongoing professional network.





“The Fulbright Program aims to bring a little more knowledge, a little more reason, and a little more compassion into world affairs and thereby increase the chance that nations will learn to live in peace.”

J. William Fulbright

## VISION

To be the leading scholarship program between Australia and the United States that is recognised for its quality, values and opportunities, realised through a strong network of national, regional and global collaborations.

## MISSION

The Australian-American Fulbright Commission promotes educational and cultural exchange between Australia and the United States in order to enhance mutual understanding and strengthen relations between the two countries. The Commission facilitates this through the implementation of the Fulbright Program and other scholarships and exchanges.



Chair of the Board of Directors

## Professor Don DeBats

“...equal opportunity is essential, but not enough. Men and women of all races are born with the same range of abilities. But ability is not just the product of birth. It is stretched or stunted by the family you live with, and the neighborhood you live in—by the school you go to, and the poverty or richness of your surroundings. It is the product of a hundred unseen forces playing upon the infant, the child, and the man.”

Lyndon Baines Johnson, Howard University, June 4, 1965

**For nearly sixty-seven years the Fulbright Program has struggled to meet the issue which Lyndon Johnson raised in the midst of the American Civil Rights revolution: how to encourage scholars across the globe to see Fulbright as their opportunity, whatever their class, their race or their gender.**

Fulbright cannot overcome the disabilities that grow as different children in different circumstances grow into adults. But Fulbright can insist that its rewards are not for the privileged few, but rather for the able many who are equally talented but who do not believe in their talents and grow up in circumstances which mock and deride talent. These issues are alive and well in Australia today. The Australian-American Fulbright Commission cannot achieve William Fulbright's vision of 67 years ago if Fulbright scholarships and awards are a pathway only for the privileged few.

Fulbright should be a signpost, visible to all along the road of life, encouraging students, and adults, to aspire to a less travelled road, a pathway full of challenge and reward. It should inspire them, as Senator Fulbright continues to inspire us, to take the challenging path in life knowing that it will always be more rewarding than staying on the course of least resistance shaped by conformity to cultural expectations.

International exchange is a daunting journey for most, requiring an (ad)venture well outside the confines of the usual comfort zone and one that features traverses on new trails, some worn from the footsteps of those who came before, some littered with leaves no step has trodden black.

When we rise to this challenge and discover the world for ourselves, rather than as others would wish us to see it, the unknown becomes a common, and shared, ground: we see the world differently. It is that world that Fulbright wanted his program to illuminate in the belief that the resulting shared experiences, achievements, connections and memories would make all the difference - to individual lives and to the collective empathy that Senator Fulbright saw as the one true path to world peace.

The Washington careers of James William Fulbright and Lyndon Baines Johnson overlapped almost totally for over a quarter of a century: they disagreed fiercely on a great many issues, not the least of which were civil rights and foreign policy. They came from different backgrounds, one privileged, the other not. But they shared a belief in programs that could put individuals on different pathways toward different destinies; today they are both best remembered for the programs they imagined and created to achieve exactly that.

As the Australian-American Commission rededicated itself to the Fulbright vision in 2016, it did so in a year of transition and innovation, administering a burgeoning catalogue of scholarships for Australians and Americans, interviewing all short-listed candidates for all awards, looking always for the talented best no matter what their circumstance. Managing the rigorous selection process while overseeing an ongoing binational exchange program is no small feat, and I commend all our staff for finding new strategies and technologies to help manage a swathe of priorities, while maintaining their commitment to delivering a positive and enriching experience for all our scholars.

This was my final year with the Commission after serving on the Board for six years, and as Chairman for three. In my time I have worked to maintain Fulbright standards while expanding the range of opportunities for a wider range of applicants. The new Fulbright Alumni initiative in particular promises to enhance and enlarge our community, both in Australia and in the United States.

I thank my fellow Board members for their support, their wisdom, their patience, and their encouragement.

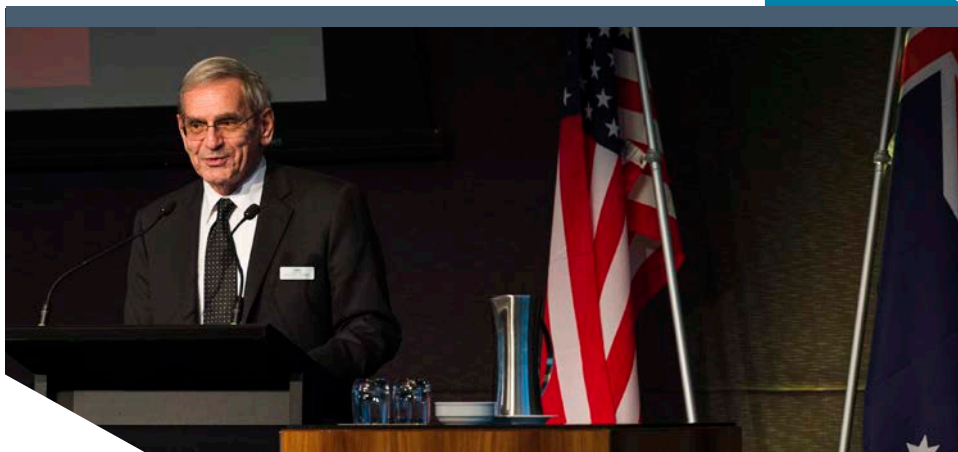
With our new Executive Director, Mr Thomas Dougherty leading the Commission I am confident that the path ahead is every bit as challenging and rewarding as J. William Fulbright would wish it to be. Innovation will continue to be the Fulbright hallmark.

Finally I look forward to news on that Fulbright journey from Mr Peter de Cure who has been appointed Chair of the Board of Directors of the Australian-American Fulbright Commission from December 2016.

*Donald A DeBats*

**Professor Don DeBats**

Chair, Board of Directors of the Australian-American Fulbright Commission







Executive Director

## Thomas Dougherty

"The essence of intercultural education is the acquisition of empathy — the ability to see the world as others see it, and to allow for the possibility that others may see something we have failed to see, or may see it more accurately. The simple purpose of the exchange program is to erode the culturally rooted mistrust that sets nations against one another."

**J. William Fulbright.** *The Price of Empire* 1989

In an era of instant global connectivity, we run the risk of assuming the overwhelming availability of information leads to a greater development of understanding. William Fulbright's emphasis on acquiring empathy through intercultural education is therefore even more relevant today than when he wrote *The Price of Empire* in 1989. President Obama made the same observation at the 60th anniversary of the Indonesian Fulbright Program: "Our need to vigorously pursue Senator Fulbright's vision has not diminished. Rather, its importance has increased." Australia and the United States share fundamental core values, including an innate belief in the value of multicultural and intercultural understanding. Indeed, our national identities have been directly forged by citizens who have brought the best of their cultures to their new homelands.

It is therefore a special honor and privilege for me to have been given the opportunity to lead the Australian-American Fulbright Commission as its new executive director. Since the inception of the program in Australia in 1949, almost 5,000 Australian and American scholars and professionals have had the opportunity to cross the Pacific to study in one another's country.

They have returned home having received degrees, conducted research, and established productive networks and professional relationships. Most importantly, however, they have returned home with the empathy envisioned by Senator Fulbright when the program was launched in 1946 in the aftermath of World War II. No people-to-people initiative has been more successful than the Fulbright Program in fostering mutual understanding, and it is the Fulbright Program's exceptional combination of renowned academic excellence and intercultural understanding that makes it unique among international scholarship programs.

To keep the Fulbright Program dynamic and relevant, new types and categories of scholarships have been introduced. During this year we have significantly expanded the range and quantity of scholarship opportunities for Australian and American academics and professionals. We are grateful to the institutions and sponsors that made these new grants possible. We look forward to building on these initiatives while ensuring that Fulbright reinforces its dual mission of promoting the highest level of academic scholarship and of fostering mutual understanding.

As the Australian-American Fulbright partnership approaches seven decades of bilateral activity and engagement, the Commission is focusing its efforts to maintain academic excellence; to build partnerships and to highlight the central role of Fulbrighters past and current as thought leaders in Australia and the U.S.; and to maximize operational efficiencies so that we can continue to thrive for decades to come. All of the staff at the Commission and I welcome the opportunity to advance these objectives.

Thomas Dougherty  
Executive Director  
Australian-American Fulbright Commission



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A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Malcolm Turnbull".

**The Hon Malcolm Turnbull MP**  
Prime Minister of Australia



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "John Berry".

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# Program Highlights

**The new Australian and American Fulbright Scholars were officially introduced at the 2016 Fulbright Scholar Presentation Evening held at the RACV City Club in Melbourne on February 25.**

The Presentation Evening is the signature event on the Fulbright calendar as we introduce our newest Scholars to the Fulbright community and celebrate their success. This year the occasion also served as an opportunity to launch the Fulbright Ambassadors Program and to farewell Dr Tangerine Holt, who stepped down as the Commission's Executive Director after five years of service.

The Commission welcomed esteemed guests to the dinner, including U.S. Ambassador to Australia, Mr John Berry; Ms Frankie Reed, U.S. Consul General for Victoria, South Australia, Tasmania and Northern Territory; Mr Hugo Llorens, U.S. Consul General for New South Wales and Queensland; Ms Cynthia Griffin, U.S. Consul General for Western Australia; the Hon Mr Steve Herbert, Victorian Minister for Training and Skills; and Mr Craig Robertson, Deputy Secretary, Higher Education, representing the Hon Daniel Andrews, Premier of Victoria.

Thirty Australians and sixteen Americans from a diverse range of academic backgrounds were awarded their certificates and Fulbright pins on the night.

In addition to the Presentation Dinner, Scholars also participated in the Fulbright Orientation Program, where they had the chance to meet with their peers, build networks and gain an understanding of the Fulbright ethos, as well as the rewards and responsibilities that come with their new appointment.

From April through June the Commission's calendar was filled with Fulbright Roadshow events as the Fulbright team travelled across Australia to promote the program. These events included scholarship information sessions, meeting with key academic faculty and staff, supporting our U.S. Distinguished Chairs for the Fulbright Public Lecture Series and engaging with our valued alumni, Ambassadors and sponsors at Fulbright receptions around the country.

The Fulbright Receptions, held in each State and Territory, aimed to recognise the achievements of local Fulbright scholars, and acknowledge the support of our valued sponsors. The Commission was honoured to host U.S. Ambassador Mr John Berry in Canberra; U.S. Consul General Mr Hugo Llorens in Sydney and U.S. Consul General Ms Frankie Reed in Adelaide.

The Fulbright Distinguished Chair Lecture Series provided opportunities for Professor Carol Weissert and Professor Douglas Cochran to deliver lectures in the fields of American Political Science, and Advanced (Defence) Science and Technology respectively. These lectures were particularly popular, with Professor Weissert's lecture in Perth attracting more than 300 attendees.

The Commission's Roadshow events were hosted by The University of Queensland, Charles Darwin University, The University of Sydney, The University of Melbourne, University of Tasmania, The Australian National University, Flinders University, The University of Newcastle, and The University of Western Australia.

Dr Matilda Anderson  
2016 Fulbright Victoria  
Postgraduate Student





# Scholarships

## Scholarship Promotion

In 2016 promotion for the 2017 Australian Scholarships and 2018 U.S. Scholarships ran from February - October. Throughout the application process, support was offered to potential applicants through the Fulbright website, on social media platforms, Roadshow events and through targeted news articles.

In addition to this, the Commission streamed its first ever Fulbright Webinar: *Tips for Writing a Superior Scholarship Application*. With over 100 candidates interacting with the webinar, this new method of engagement proved a valuable tool to connect with applicants and we plan on producing more webinars in the future.

## New Scholarships

In 2016, the Fulbright Commission began administering a range of new U.S. and Australian scholarships. Covering a wide range of academic and professional fields, from the creative arts to health, resources and energy, innovation and entrepreneurship these new scholarships have greatly enhanced and expanded the current offering.

### New Australian Scholarships

In 2016 the Commission was proud to select the first Australian Scholars for new awards, including:

- » Fulbright Postdoctoral Scholarship (Vice-Chancellor's Postdoctoral Fellow) (Sponsored by RMIT University)
- » Fulbright ACT State Scholarship (Sponsored by the ACT Government)

### New U.S. Scholarships

New awards for U.S. Scholars selected in 2016 included:

- » Fulbright Distinguished Chair in Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences (Sponsored by The Australian National University)

- » Fulbright Distinguished Chair in Applied Public Policy (Sponsored by Flinders University and Carnegie Mellon University Australia)
- » Fulbright Distinguished Chair in Cultural Competence (Sponsored by The National Centre for Cultural Competence, The University of Sydney)
- » Fulbright Distinguished Chair in Science, Technology and Innovation (Sponsored by Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO))

The recipients of these awards will begin their programs in 2017.

U.S. Applications opened in early 2016 for the U.S. 2017-18 round, which include the following new opportunities:

- » Fulbright Distinguished Chair in Health (Sponsored by The University of Newcastle)
- » Fulbright Distinguished Chair in Entrepreneurship and Innovation (Sponsored by RMIT University)
- » Fulbright Senior Scholarship in Resources and Energy (Sponsored by Curtin University)
- » Fulbright Senior Scholarship (Sponsored by University of Technology Sydney)
- » Fulbright Senior Scholarship (Sponsored by University of Canberra)
- » Fulbright Postdoctoral Scholarship in Health (Sponsored by The University of Newcastle)
- » Fulbright Postgraduate Scholarship (Sponsored by Western Sydney University)

Recipients will be selected in early 2017 and will begin their programs in 2018.

Guests at the 2016 Fulbright Scholar Showcase





Scholars at the 2016 Orientation Program



Dr Simon Graham 2016 Fulbright Indigenous Postdoctoral Scholar (right) with Ms Anne Baly, former Fulbright Board Member

## Scholarship Selection Process

### Australian Selection:

The Commission's assessment process is a rigorous one with several levels of assessment both paper-based and interview-based to get a more rounded picture of the character of applicants. The expertise and passion from the many dedicated selection committee members is an important part of the process. Members come from a wide range of academic disciplines, professional fields and academic and government institutions, and each committee has one representative from the U.S. government, from the U.S. Embassy in Canberra or from the Consulates in Perth, Sydney and Melbourne.

All committee recommendations are sent to the Australian National Selection Committee. This committee plays an overarching role in ensuring a very high standard is maintained as well as diversity of disciplines and applicants.

### U.S. Selection:

Overseen by the Council for International Exchange of Scholars and the Institute of International Education in the U.S., submitted applications undergo a rigorous peer review process (by both discipline-based and regional panels), with a technical review for eligibility and completeness, concluding with an in-person meeting held to discuss and determine which applications will be recommended for further review. Following peer review, recommended applications are transmitted to the Commission for final selection and interviews.





Shruti Gujran – 2016 U.S.  
Fulbright Postgraduate  
Student

**PARTNERSHIPS**

# Sponsored Scholarships for Australians 2016

Sponsor	Scholarship
<b>Universities</b>	
Kansas State University	Fulbright Distinguished Chair in Agriculture and Life Sciences
Kansas State University	Fulbright Senior Scholarship
National Centre for Cultural Competence, The University of Sydney	Fulbright Postdoctoral Scholarship in Cultural Competence
Charles Darwin University (co-sponsor)	Fulbright Northern Territory Scholarship
University of Tasmania (co-sponsor)	Fulbright Tasmania Scholarship
<b>Private Organisations</b>	
Blackboard Pty Ltd (co-sponsor)	Fulbright Northern Territory Scholarship
Origin Foundation (co-sponsor)	Fulbright Professional Scholarship in Non-Profit Leadership
Australian Scholarships Foundation (co-sponsor)	Fulbright Professional Scholarship in Non-Profit Leadership
<b>State Government</b>	
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Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, Australian Government	Fulbright Indigenous Scholarship
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Australian Government	Fulbright Professional Scholarship in Australia-United States Alliance Studies
Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation	Fulbright Professional Scholarship in Nuclear Science and Technology

2016 Fulbright Scholars, Board Members and Commission Staff in Melbourne



# Sponsored Scholarships for Americans 2016

Sponsor	Scholarship
<b>Universities</b>	
The Australian National University	Fulbright Distinguished Chair in Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences
Carnegie Mellon University-Australia (co-sponsor)	Fulbright Distinguished Chair in Applied Public Policy
Flinders University (co-sponsor)	Fulbright Distinguished Chair in Applied Public Policy
National Centre for Cultural Competence, The University of Sydney	Fulbright Distinguished Chair in Cultural Competence
<b>Federal Governments</b>	
Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)	Fulbright Distinguished Chair in Science, Technology and Innovation
Defence Science and Technology Group	Fulbright Distinguished Chair in Advanced (Defence) Science and Technology
Department of Education and Training, Australian Government	Fulbright Anne Wexler Scholarship in Public Policy

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**Australian Government**



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James Cook University	Silver Sponsor
The University of Newcastle	Silver Sponsor
The University of Melbourne	Silver Sponsor
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The Australian National University	Supporter
University of Tasmania	Supporter

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# Fulbright Ambassadors Program



2016 Australian Fulbright Ambassadors with John Berry (far left), U.S. Ambassador to Australia, Board Chair Don DeBats and the Commission's Ruth Lee Martin

**The Commission seeks to build a vibrant, committed and dynamic community that promotes and enriches the Fulbright Program's vision and activities.**

The Fulbright Ambassadors Program consists of alumni and other stakeholders who contribute their time, skills and expertise toward the fulfilment of the Commission's strategic goals.

Ambassadors assist the Commission by promoting the Fulbright Program in their geographical and professional fields of work; contributing to the organisation of certain events in their state of residence; referring prospective scholarship applicants to the Commission; and recommending or introducing prospective donors and institutional partners to support the Program with in-kind or financial contributions.

Officially launched during the 2016 Fulbright Presentation Dinner in February, the Board envisioned the Fulbright Ambassadors Program as encompassing four main strategic areas:

1. Brand enhancement of Fulbright as the largest and most prestigious international academic exchange program in the world.
2. Profile-raising with individuals interested in the program from different areas of society such as the academic, public and private sectors.
3. Promotion of high-quality scholarship applications through identification of and engagement with prospective applicants.
4. Mentoring of applicants and scholars in different regions of the U.S. and Australia through Fulbright Ambassadors' own testimony and their advice to prospective and actual applicants.

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Laura Eadie - 2016  
Fulbright South Australia  
Postdoctoral Scholar

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# 2016 Australian Scholars and Students

## DISTINGUISHED CHAIR SENIOR SCHOLARS



### Ruth Wallace

**Scholarship:**  
Fulbright Distinguished Chair in  
Agriculture and Life Sciences

**Sponsor:**  
Kansas State University

**Home:**  
Northern Institute, Charles Darwin  
University

**Host:**  
Kansas State University



### Ralf Georg Dietzgen

**Scholarship:**  
Fulbright Senior Scholarship

**Sponsor:**  
Kansas State University

**Home:**  
The University of Queensland

**Host:**  
Kansas State University



### Calum John Drummond

**Scholarship:**  
Fulbright Senior Scholarship

**Home:**  
RMIT University

**Host:**  
Koch Institute, Massachusetts  
Institute of Technology



### Clinton Fookes

**Scholarship:**  
Fulbright Senior Scholarship

**Home:**  
Queensland University of  
Technology

**Host:**  
The City College at the City  
University of New York

## PROFESSIONAL SCHOLARS



### Sundhya Pahuja

**Scholarship:**  
Fulbright Senior Scholarship

**Home:**  
The University of Melbourne

**Host:**  
Institute for Global Law and Policy,  
Harvard University



### Anya Reading

**Scholarship:**  
Fulbright Tasmania Senior Scholar

**Sponsor:**  
University of Tasmania and  
Tasmanian Government

**Home:**  
University of Tasmania

**Host:**  
Center for Imaging the Earth's  
Interior, University of Colorado at  
Boulder



### Hichem Demortier

**Scholarship:**  
Fulbright Professional Scholarship  
in Non-Profit Leadership

**Sponsor:**  
Origin Foundation and Supported  
by the Australian Scholarships  
Foundation

**Home:**  
National Critical Care and Trauma  
Response Centre

**Host:**  
Harvard Humanitarian Initiative



### Chris Dixon

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

**Sponsor:**  
Australian Government, Department  
of Foreign Affairs and Trade

**Home:**  
The University of Queensland

**Host:**  
Edward A. Clark Center for  
Australian and New Zealand studies,  
The University of Texas at Austin



### Peter Hudson

**Scholarship:**  
Fulbright Professional Scholarship

**Home:**  
St Vincent's Hospital and The  
University of Melbourne

**Host:**  
Center to Advance Palliative Care,  
New York and New York University



### Sally Ursula Jane Salmon

**Scholarship:**  
Fulbright Professional Scholarship  
in Nuclear Science and Technology

**Sponsor:**  
The Australian Nuclear Science  
and Technology Organisation  
(ANSTO)

**Home:**  
The University of Western Australia

**Host:**  
School of Earth, Energy and  
Environmental Sciences, Stanford  
University



### Kristian Wale

**Scholarship:**  
Fulbright Professional Coral Sea  
Scholarship (Business/Industry)

**Home:**  
Shaftesbury Centre

**Host:**  
School of Social Transformation,  
Arizona State University



### Nicholas Wyman

**Scholarship:**  
Fulbright Professional Scholarship in  
Vocational Education and Training

**Sponsor:**  
Australian Government, Department  
of Education and Training

**Home:**  
The Institute for Workplace Skills  
and Innovation

**Host:**  
The Urban Institute, Washington DC



## POSTDOCTORAL SCHOLARS

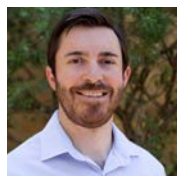


### Marcel David Zimmet

**Scholarship:**  
Fulbright Professional Scholarship

**Home:**  
Sydney Children Hospital's Network  
and The University of Sydney

**Host:**  
University of California San Diego  
and the University of Washington

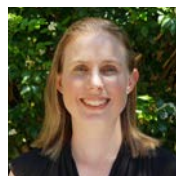


### David P. Bishop

**Scholarship:**  
Fulbright New South Wales  
Postdoctoral Scholarship

**Home:**  
University of Technology Sydney

**Host:**  
David Geffen School of Medicine,  
University of California, Los  
Angeles



### Kathryn Crowe

**Scholarship:**  
Fulbright Postdoctoral Scholarship

**Home:**  
Research Institute for Professional  
Practice, Learning and Education,  
Charles Sturt University

**Host:**  
Centre for Education Research  
Partnerships, Rochester Institute  
of Technology



### Laura Eadie

**Scholarship:**  
Fulbright South Australia  
Postdoctoral Scholarship

**Home:**  
SAHMRI (South Australian Health  
and Medical Research Institute)

**Host:**  
St. Jude Children's Research  
Hospital, Department of Pathology

## POSTGRADUATE STUDENTS



### Simon Graham

**Scholarship:**  
Fulbright Indigenous Postdoctoral  
Scholarship

**Sponsor:**  
Australian Government, Department  
of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

**Home:**  
The University of Melbourne

**Host:**  
Center for HIV Educational Studies &  
Training (CHEST), Hunter College of  
the City University of New York



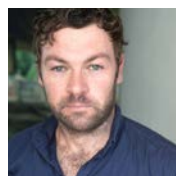
### Kathryn Gilbey

**Scholarship:**  
Fulbright Postdoctoral Scholarship  
in Cultural Competence

**Sponsor:**  
National Centre for Cultural  
Competence, The University of  
Sydney

**Home:**  
University of Southern Queensland

**Host:**  
California State University



### Brendan Quinn

**Scholarship:**  
Fulbright Postdoctoral Scholarship

**Home:**  
Burnet Institute and Monash  
University

**Host:**  
Center for Behavioral & Addiction  
Medicine, University of California,  
Los Angeles



### Matilda Anderson

**Scholarship:**  
Fulbright Victoria Postgraduate  
Scholarship

**Home:**  
Western Health

**Host:**  
T.H. Chan School of Public Health,  
Harvard University

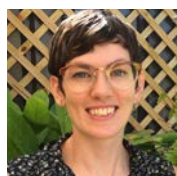


### Rachelle Peta Cole

**Scholarship:**  
Fulbright Postgraduate Scholarship

**Home:**  
Glenroy College, Victoria

**Host:**  
Stanford University



### Jenna Margaret Crowe-Riddell

**Scholarship:**  
Fulbright Postgraduate Scholarship

**Home:**  
The University of Adelaide, School  
of Biological Sciences (Genetics  
and Evolution)

**Host:**  
University of Florida



### Vafa Darren Ghazavi

**Scholarship:**  
Fulbright Anne Wexler Scholarship  
in Public Policy

**Sponsor:**  
Australian Government,  
Department of Education and  
Training

**Home:**  
Australian Government,  
Department of the Prime Minister  
and Cabinet

**Host:**  
Harvard University



### Monique Hurley

**Scholarship:**  
Fulbright Northern Territory  
Postgraduate Scholarship

**Sponsor:**  
Charles Darwin University,  
Northern Territory Government and  
Blackboard Ltd

**Home:**  
North Australian Aboriginal Justice  
Agency

**Host:**  
Columbia University



### Shraddha Kashyap

**Scholarship:**  
Fulbright Western Australia  
Postgraduate Scholarship

**Home:**  
The University of Western Australia

**Host:**  
New York University and Bellevue  
Program for Survivors of Torture



### Craig William McCormack

**Scholarship:**  
Fulbright Western Australia  
Postgraduate Scholarship

**Home:**  
The University of Western  
Australia

**Host:**  
Sasakawa International Center  
for Space Architecture, University  
of Houston



### Daniel McNamara

**Scholarship:**  
Fulbright Postgraduate  
Scholarship

**Home:**  
The Australian National  
University

**Host:**  
School of Computer Science,  
Carnegie Mellon University



### David Ian Rawson

**Scholarship:**  
Fulbright Queensland Postgraduate  
Scholarship

**Home:**  
St Ursula's College, Toowoomba

**Host:**  
Harvard University



### Hannah Ryan

**Scholarship:**  
Fulbright Postgraduate Scholarship

**Home:**  
Federal Court of Australia

**Host:**  
Kennedy School of Government,  
Harvard University



### Caitlin Blanche Trethewy

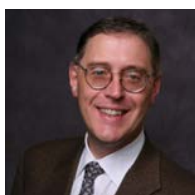
**Scholarship:**  
Fulbright Postgraduate Scholarship  
(WG Walker)

**Home:**  
GHD Group

**Host:**  
Harvard University

# 2016 U.S. Scholars and Students

## DISTINGUISHED CHAIRS



### Benny Freeman

**Scholarship:**

Fulbright Distinguished Chair in Science, Technology and Innovation

**Sponsor:**

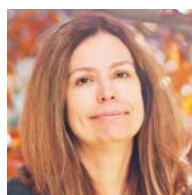
Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)

**Home:**

University of Texas at Austin

**Host:**

Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)



### Valerie Hudson

**Scholarship:**

Fulbright Distinguished Chair in Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

**Sponsor:**

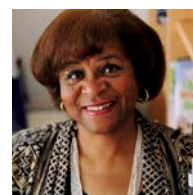
The Australian National University

**Home:**

The George H.W. Bush School of Government and Public Service, Texas A&M University

**Host:**

Coral Bell School of Asia-Pacific Affairs, The Australian National University



### Yolanda Moses

**Scholarship:**

Fulbright Distinguished Chair in Cultural Competence

**Sponsor:**

National Centre for Cultural Competence, The University of Sydney

**Home:**

University of California Riverside

**Host:**

National Centre for Cultural Competence, The University of Sydney



### Angus Rupert

**Scholarship:**

Fulbright Distinguished Chair in Advanced (Defence) Science and Technology

**Sponsor:**

Australian Government, Defence Science and Technology Group

**Home:**

U.S. Army Aeromedical Research Laboratory, Fort Rucker Alabama

**Host:**

Defence Science and Technology Group, Aerospace Division, Melbourne



### David Stoesz

**Scholarship:**

Fulbright Distinguished Chair in Applied Public Policy

**Sponsor:**

Flinders University and Carnegie Mellon University-Australia

**Home:**

The MSW Program, Kean University

**Host:**

Flinders University and Carnegie Mellon University-Australia



### Gregory Alexander

**Scholarship:**

Fulbright Senior Scholarship

**Home:**

University of Missouri, Sinclair School of Nursing

**Host:**

Macquarie University



### Patricia Aufderheide

**Scholarship:**

Fulbright Senior Scholarship

**Home:**

American University

**Host:**

Queensland University of Technology



### Derek Bailey

**Scholarship:**

Fulbright Senior Scholarship

**Home:**

New Mexico State University

**Host:**

University of New England



### Hillary J. Haldane

**Scholarship:**

Fulbright Senior Scholarship

**Home:**

Department of Sociology, Criminal Justice and Anthropology, College of Arts and Sciences, Quinnipiac University

**Host:**

Queensland Centre for Domestic and Family Violence Research, Central Queensland University

## POSTGRADUATE STUDENTS



### Bradley Zebrack

**Scholarship:**

Fulbright Senior Scholarship

**Home:**

University of Michigan School of Social Work, Ann Arbor, Michigan

**Host:**

CanTeen Australia



### Millicent Cripe

**Scholarship:**

Fulbright Postgraduate Scholarship

**Home:**

Yale University

**Host:**

The University of Sydney



### Travis Franks

**Scholarship:**

Fulbright Postgraduate Scholarship

**Home:**

Arizona State University

**Host:**

The University of Queensland



### Raechel French

**Scholarship:**

Fulbright Postgraduate Scholarship

**Home:**

Cornell University

**Host:**

The University of Melbourne



### Shruti Gujran

**Scholarship:**

Fulbright Postgraduate Scholarship

**Home:**

University of Maryland

**Host:**

The University of Melbourne



### Sophie Hollingsworth

**Scholarship:**

Fulbright Anne Wexler Scholarship in Public Policy

**Home:**

New York University

**Host:**

The University of Sydney



### Sean Patrick Reilly

**Scholarship:**

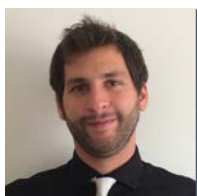
Fulbright Postgraduate Scholarship

**Home:**

Stable Isotope Lab, Santa Clara University

**Host:**

The Djunbunji Land and Sea Program  
James Cook University



### Gideon Singer

**Scholarship:**

Fulbright Postgraduate Scholarship

**Home:**

Purdue University

**Host:**

Central Queensland University  
Appleton Institute

## Distinguished Chairs and the Impact of Fulbright



**The Fulbright Distinguished Chair Awards are among the most prestigious appointments in the Fulbright Scholarship Program, enabling leading senior academics from Australia and the United States to engage, collaborate, and create productive research networks with their binational colleagues.**

Each award is created in collaboration with the host institution to foster dynamic research development in strategic focus areas. The Australian-American Fulbright Commission organised the visits of three Distinguished Chair awards over the 2016 financial year, including the Fulbright Distinguished Chair in Agriculture and Life Sciences, sponsored by Kansas State University; the Fulbright Distinguished Chair in Advanced (Defence) Science and Technology, sponsored by the Defence Science and Technology Group and the Fulbright Distinguished Chair in American Political Science, sponsored by Flinders University.



### **Carol Weissert**

**The 2015 Fulbright Distinguished Chair in American Political Science was Professor Carol Weissert, Head of the Leroy Collins Institute for Public Policy, Florida State University.**

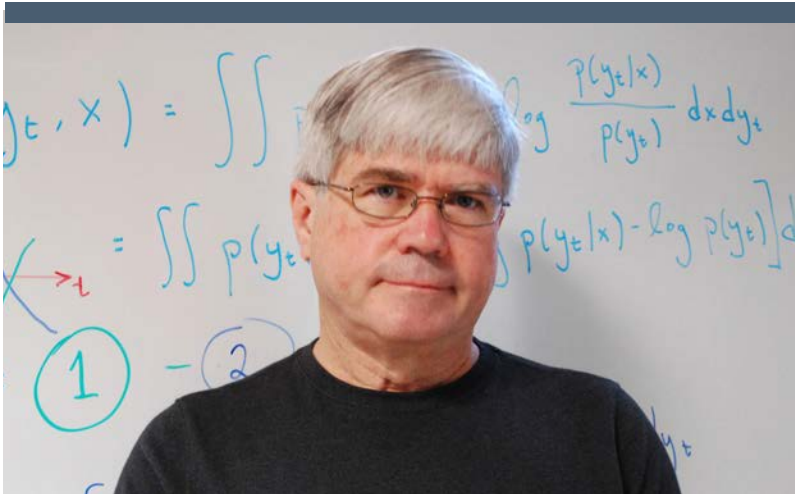
Carol's research focused on the politics of intergovernmental cooperation in Australia and the U.S. During her time at Flinders University, she conducted a comparative analysis of bilateral and multilateral negotiations that make up an essential component of intergovernmental relationships.

She interviewed a number of Commonwealth and state officials, parliamentarians, and staff of intergovernmental organizations, attended meetings of the Australian Health Ministers' Advisory Council in Hobart, and delivered a synopsis of her findings at a public lecture at Flinders University.

Her research provided a nuanced account of the give-and-take of the intergovernmental negotiation processes now and historically.

Carol also participated in the 2016 Fulbright Distinguished Chair Public Lecture Series, delivering talks on the U.S. presidential election and on intergovernmental negotiation at various institutions across Australia. These lectures all drew large crowds, facilitating meaningful dialogue and engagement with Carol's research.





### Douglas Cochran

**The 2015 Fulbright Distinguished Chair in Advanced (Defence) Science and Technology was Professor Douglas Cochran.**

Doug's program focused on the development of new mathematical techniques for detection and characterization of signal sources using multi-channel remote sensing systems. His research undertaken in collaboration with project hosts at Defence Science and Technology Group was presented in university seminars and prepared for publication. Specifically, four joint research papers were submitted to peer-reviewed journals, two of which were accepted for publication in July, 2016. A return trip to Australia to continue collaborative activities from this Fulbright project is already scheduled.

Doug's lectures during the 2016 Fulbright Distinguished Chair Public Lecture Series focused on passive radar as an 'electromagnetically green technology', analysing the potential civilian and military applications of this technology, and the benefits of its use in the context of finite radio-frequency spectrum resources. These presentations enabled great engagement with diverse groups of researchers, students, university faculty and other interested audience members.



### Ruth Wallace

**Professor Ruth Wallace is the 2016 Fulbright Distinguished Chair in Agriculture and Life Sciences.**

Ruth's project, *Biosecurity at the Margins*, tests the hypothesis that remote communities can contribute to the effective delivery of plant biosecurity surveillance. She plans to build on research in northern Australia and focus on engaging regional and marginalized communities in biosecurity identification and response systems at a local and national level.

Ruth will work with researchers at the Research and Extension Division at Kansas State University to understand the ways that remote communities can contribute to, and partner in, the effective delivery of plant biosecurity surveillance through engaging with Indigenous experts at the decision making level. The project will contribute to understanding the processes that underpin priorities and decision making in policy networks and policy implementation.



# Fulbright Alumni Initiative Grant

**The Fulbright Alumni Initiative Grant aims** to help build the individual Fulbright experience into long-term organisational partnerships and linkages. The grants support 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 two Australian and two American alumni.



**Professor Abbe Smith,** Director, Criminal Defense and Prisoner Advocacy Clinic; Co-Director, E. Barrett Prettyman Fellowship Program, Faculty of Law, Georgetown University.

Abbe's project in legal ethics will build on the research she did as a Fulbright Senior Scholar on the culture, ethics, and motivations of lawyers who represent "unpopular" clients in Australia. Her Fulbright work focused largely on criminal defense counsel, but also included lawyers representing asylum-seekers and prisoners.



**Professor Steven Segal Mack,** Distinguished Professor of Mental Health and Social Conflict, University of California Berkeley, School of Social Welfare.

Steven's project will study community treatment order (CTO) and its effectiveness under a new rights-oriented Mental Health Law. It will suggest future system and legal changes that will enable the fine tuning of a more efficient system of mental health care for people with severe mental illness.



**Dr Steven Kenway,** Research Group Leader Water-Energy-Carbon, Faculty of Chemical Engineering, The University of Queensland.

Steven's project will explore opportunities and barriers for energy generation at water and wastewater utilities, with the goal of helping establish a U.S.-Australian chapter in a 'Water-Energy-Land Efficiency Alliance' to be launched by the University of Queensland in 2016.



**Professor Neil Saintilan,** Head, Department of Environmental Sciences Macquarie University.

Neil's project will study the impacts of climate change on the world's wetland ecosystems. The visit will formalize a community of practice involving UCLA and Macquarie University, providing a research review and best practice guidelines for tidal wetland restoration projects globally.

## Alumni Highlights



**Stuart Cunningham**, now considered Australia's leading media industry academic, was awarded a \$535,000 ARC Discovery Project Grant from the Federal Government this year to pursue his research into a new global screen ecology led by social media entrepreneurs.



**David Hobbs**, Flinders biomedical engineer, featured his award-winning accessible gaming system at the 3rd European Conference on Design4Health at Sheffield Hallam University in July. Developed by a team of cross-institutional researchers and designers, 'OrbIT' was designed specifically for people with limited hand function, such as children with cerebral palsy.



**Mary Ajamian's** co-authored article, "Intestinal cell damage and systemic immune activation in individuals reporting sensitivity to wheat in the absence of coeliac disease," was published by *Gut*, a leading international journal in gastroenterology and hepatology journal in July.



**The Hon Greg Hunt**, former President of the Australian Fulbright Alumni Association (AFAA) was appointed as the Australian Government Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science in July 2016. He had served as Minister for the Environment in the previous federal government.



**Tim Berra** wrapped up research he started in the Northern Territory in 2001. This was his 8th visit to Darwin in the past 15 years, with an output of 13 publications so far. Tim first received a Fulbright Postdoctoral Scholarship to ANU in 1969, continued with a Fulbright Senior Research Fellowship in 1979 at Monash University, and was furthered by a Fulbright Senior Specialist Grant in 2009 to Charles Darwin University. CDU maintains strong links with his home institution, Ohio State University at Mansfield, as a result of Tim's research.



**Donna Coleman**, now based at the University of Melbourne, performed a series of chamber music concerts at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art in September. Donna holds a PhD in Music, and is an honorary member of the Melbourne Conservatorium of Music, and academic member of the Melbourne Conservatorium of Music.



**Sarah Holland-Batt** had her poems shortlisted at the WA Premier's Book Awards, the NSW Premier's Kenneth Slessor Poetry Prize, the Queensland Literary Awards Judith Wright Calanthe Prize and AFAL John Bray Memorial Prize. She also won the Council of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences 2016 Australia Future Leader Prize.

# Fulbright Specialist Program



**The Fulbright Specialist Program 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 grant is to exchange expertise and build collaboration with U.S. faculty and professionals on curriculum and faculty development, institutional planning and a variety of other activities.

This year, James Cook University, one of the six Australian institutions to receive the grant, funded the visit of Fulbright Specialist Professor Phil Lounibos, of the University of Florida. A world leader in the invasion dynamics of *Aedes albopictus* (commonly known as the Asian tiger mosquito), Professor Lounibos has helped develop programs in the U.S. and South America to minimise its impact.

Native to Asia, the mosquito has been one of the fastest spreading species over the past two decades. In addition to the ecological problems inherent in rapid spread of any species, of particular importance are the serious public health risks posed by the introduction and establishment of this aggressive pest. Upon establishment, the Asian Tiger mosquito is not only a pest, but has the potential to introduce a wide range of human pathogens into communities.

According to Professor Lounibos' main host, Professor Scott Ritchie, from the College of Public Health, Medical and Veterinary Sciences, this visit helped Australian researchers and mosquito control managers in developing comprehensive approaches to control this invasive pest.

In collaboration with several Australian research institutes, Professor Lounibos presented lectures on the risk the Asian tiger mosquito poses, and how his research has led to new control strategies. Professor Lounibos participated in a meeting of Queensland Health's Aedes Albopictus Technical Advisory Group to help formulate new strategies to control the mosquito, and to prevent it from invading the Australian mainland. He also met with researchers and vector control specialists to develop collaborative links to improve Australia's research programs targeting this strain of mosquito.

The visit contributed to strategic planning and ongoing research into a significant environmental and possible health threat to Australia.

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collaboration



# Fulbright Regional Travel Program

The Fulbright East Asia and Pacific Regional Travel Program, funded by the East Asia Pacific Fulbright Office at the U.S. State Department, 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 and Pacific region.

Visiting Fulbright Senior Scholars may give lectures, present graduate or faculty seminars, or advise on curriculum. The program is currently managed by the Australian-American Fulbright Commission, and over thirty grants were awarded this year.

One of the grants funded a visit to Thailand by Fulbright Senior Scholar, Dr Robert Sterken (The University of Texas at Tyler/ Yangon University). He delivered a special presentation on the U.S. presidential election process at the U.S. Embassy in Bangkok.



Dr Sterken delivers his talk at the U.S. Embassy, Bangkok

The seminar was attended by Her Royal Highness, Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn, U.S. Ambassador to Thailand, Glyn Davies and a group of military cadets from the Chulachomklao Royal Military Academy (CRMA).

Following Dr Sterken's lecture, Her Royal Highness and the CRMA group joined Ambassador Davies at his residence for a special luncheon.



Dr Sterken welcomes Her Royal Highness, Princess Sirindhorn and U.S. Ambassador to Thailand, Mr Glyn Davies



## Gregory Schwartz Enrichment Grant

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

This grant is awarded to Australian Fulbright Students 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
Dylan Cronin	Postgraduate Scholarship	Queensland University of Technology	Washington State University	Chemistry	International Chemical Congress of Pacific Basin Societies (PACIFICHEM) Conference in Honolulu.
Tracey Steinrucken	Queensland Postgraduate Scholarship	Western Sydney University/ Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)	University of California, Berkeley	Invasive Plant Pathology	MASMC 2016 Conference
Isaac Donnelly	Postgraduate Scholarship	The University of New South Wales	Northeastern University, Boston	Mathematics	APS March Meeting in Baltimore
Briony Swire-Thompson	Western Australia Postgraduate Scholarship	The University of Western Australia	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	Cognitive Psychology / Political Science	Midwest Political Science Conference
Robert Marshall	Northern Territory Postgraduate Scholarship	Royal Darwin Hospital	Columbia University	Public Policy / Health Policy	CUGH Global Health Conference, San Francisco
Rachel Heenan	Postgraduate Scholarship	The University of Melbourne	Harvard University	Public Health (Global Health)	CUGH Global Health Conference, San Francisco



# Lois Roth Endowment

**The Lois Roth Endowment was established in 1986 to honour the life and work of Lois Wersba Roth.**

The aim of the awards is to promote and encourage dialogue across national, linguistic, disciplinary and cultural boundaries. The Endowment commemorates the life of Lois Roth by supporting individuals who work in the places and fields of enquiry that she loved, which include humanities, visual and performing arts, and social sciences.

Since the mid-1990's the Endowment has been awarded annually to a Fulbright U.S. postgraduate student who is undertaking a program in Australia. In 2016 the Lois Roth Endowment Executive Committee took the unusual and exceptional step of awarding two extraordinary U.S. scholars, Matthew Lee (Fulbright 2015 Postgraduate Scholar) and Vincent Redhouse (Fulbright 2015 Anne Wexler Scholar).



**Matthew Lee**

As a recipient of a 2015 Fulbright Postgraduate Scholarship, Matthew is undertaking research at the Queensland University of Technology's Games Research and Interaction Design Lab, with support from the University of Queensland's School of Psychology. His project seeks ways to minimise online 'toxicity' through better game design, ultimately helping online communities foster a culture of tolerance and transparency while remaining true to their community's character and guiding principles.

Matthew will use his Lois Roth grant to attend the first ever Australian Psychological Society (APS) Congress. At this prestigious event, Matthew will be presenting a tutorial on how to use the language and concepts of psychology as a framework for interdisciplinary collaboration, particularly when it comes to the design of digital interventions for therapeutic and educational purposes, allowing teams to work together more effectively and understand each other's needs.

Matthew describes this as 'an unmatched opportunity to learn from the work of other researchers and practitioners, as well as to share my particular expertise with others in the community in a manner that may provide more tangible impact than simply publishing yet another academic paper'.



**Vincent Redhouse**

In 2015, Vince was the recipient of the prestigious 2015 Fulbright Anne Wexler Scholarship. He is currently undertaking a two-year Master of Philosophy program at the Australian National University. His research project is investigating political reconciliation between Indigenous peoples and the settler colonial states of Australia and the United States. He argues that Indigenous peoples having a right to secede from these states is a necessary condition for political reconciliation. His research also investigates the feasibility concerns related to secession.

The Lois Roth award will give Vince the opportunity to undertake fieldwork in the Aboriginal community of Utopia near Alice Springs. Vince notes that 'in order to learn more about what is needed in these communities for self-governance, I will need to spend time learning from them' and the Lois Roth grant provides Vince an unparalleled opportunity to further his research.

## Oz to Oz program



"I recently had the opportunity to undertake a four-day visit to Kansas State University as part of the Oz to Oz program. I had a full itinerary that incorporated visits and presentations to a number of different faculties and students. KSU has developed a strategic approach to support and manage diversity...this was very informative and I learnt about some of the strategies they engage with on campus to encourage participation".

**2015 Indigenous Scholar, Michelle Deshong**

### **The partnership between the Australian-American Fulbright Commission and Kansas State University provides unique enrichment opportunities to Australian scholars.**

From its inception in 2013, almost twenty Australian Fulbright scholars have made their way to Kansas State University (KSU) to share their knowledge and build strong partnerships with KSU faculty.

As well as two scholarships sponsored by KSU, the Distinguished Chair in Agriculture and Life Sciences and the Senior Scholarship in any discipline, KSU began an initiative that supports visits to the KSU campus by Australian Professional and Senior Fulbright Scholars on their Fulbright programs in the U.S. for educational exchange over short-term visits. While in residence, the Fulbright scholars work collaboratively with Kansas State faculty. This initiative has been named the Oz to Oz Program with obvious references to both Kansas (through the well-loved book and movie, 'The Wizard of Oz') and Australia.

The success of the Oz to Oz Program can be measured through the deep and collegial friendships formed, the enormous capacity for sharing knowledge and exchanging ideas at the levels of staff and students, and perhaps most of all, in the close ties between the committed staff at KSU and universities around Australia leading to expansive opportunities for professional development on both sides.

The Australian Fulbright Scholars who have come to KSU are from a wide variety of fields and disciplines including: Vocational Education and Training and Non-Profit sectors, Higher Education and Learning, Australian-American Alliance Studies, Water Resource Management, Climate Change and Clean Energy, Medicine (with a focus on Obstetrics), Medical and Health Professional Education, Agriculture, Life Sciences, Indigenous perspectives on leadership, and Playwriting.

This capacity for sharing expertise is clearly demonstrated by Professor Richard Eccleston who on his return from KSU spoke of the hospitality of the Political Science Department and the opportunity he had to meet with staff and to present academic seminars – something he greatly enjoyed. Discussions were a particular highlight of his visit and included academic leadership, the state of political science as a discipline in Australia and the U.S., as well as trends in graduate training.

Professor Peter Kell, from Charles Darwin University in the Northern Territory, was struck by the great similarities between Charles Darwin University and KSU in terms of commitment to equity and non-traditional learning, as well as the mission of servicing regional communities. He was very impressed by the fact that both institutions are seeking to expand and broaden their internationalisation of research and their teaching and education using online systems.

Our Fulbright scholars have fully immersed themselves in the friendly and inviting atmosphere of KSU. They have come as guest lecturers and have given numerous seminars, presentations, lectures, talks, and demonstrations to staff and students. They have come as colleagues and attended meetings, had coffee mornings, dinners, and receptions with senior faculty staff to discuss research and the work that is taking place in these various fields of study. These visits have led to a range of outputs including joint papers, books, and ongoing exchanges between Australian universities and KSU.



**Hichem Demortier**  
2016 Fulbright Professional  
Scholar in Non-Profit  
Leadership

## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2016

## DIRECTOR'S REPORT

**Your Board members submit the financial report of Australian-American Fulbright Commission for the financial year ended 30 September 2016.**

### Board Members

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

- » Professor Don DeBats (Chair)
- » Mr Peter de Cure (Deputy Chair)
- » Ms Bettina Malone (Treasurer)
- » Ms Laura Anderson
- » Dr Varuni Kulasekera
- » Professor Barney Glover
- » Professor Russell Trood
- » Ms Frankie Reed  
(appointed 2 June 2016)
- » Ms Jessie Borthwick  
(appointed 5 May 2016)
- » Ms Lucienne Manton  
(appointed 19 October 2016)
- » Ms Anne Baly  
(resigned 29 February 2016)
- » Ms Cynthia Griffin  
(resigned 20 July 2016)
- » Ms Andrea Faulkner  
(resigned 10 May 2016)

### 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.

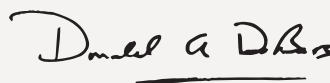
### Significant Changes

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

### Operating Result

The surplus for the 2016 financial year amounted to \$529,243 (2015: \$8,951).

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



**Professor Don DeBats**  
Chair



**Ms Bettina Malone**  
Treasurer

DATED THIS DAY OF 1 DECEMBER 2016

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.



## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE 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 2016, 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 entity'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 2016 and its financial performance for the year 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.



Shane Bellchambers, FCA  
Registered Company Auditor  
BellchambersBarrett

Canberra, ACT  
Dated this 1<sup>st</sup> day of December 2016

**STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2016

	Note	2016 \$	2015 \$
Revenue	2	3,924,168	3,146,966
<b>Expenses</b>			
Australian Fulbright scholar expenses		(1,067,547)	(1,068,470)
United States Fulbright scholar expenses		(656,610)	(542,250)
Wexler scholar expenses		(280,000)	(280,000)
Additional awards		(140,403)	(25,000)
Program returns		215,489	191,260
Program expenses		(287,108)	(247,189)
Project expenses		(195,724)	(30,124)
Employee expenses		(745,043)	(768,384)
Administration		(194,082)	(184,810)
ANU Scholarship		-	(176,080)
Investment fees & expenses		(2,358)	(1,325)
Foreign exchange (losses)		(41,539)	(5,643)
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>(3,394,925)</b>	<b>(3,138,015)</b>
Surplus from operations		529,243	8,951
Other comprehensive income		-	-
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>		<b>529,243</b>	<b>8,951</b>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**  
AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2016

	Note	2016 \$	2015 \$
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	3	<b>1,043,007</b>	611,600
Financial assets	4	<b>14,049,215</b>	13,326,138
Trade and other receivables	5	<b>81,072</b>	361,360
Other current assets	6	<b>76,623</b>	51,116
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>15,249,917</b>	14,350,214
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>15,249,917</b>	14,350,214
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Trade and other payables	7	<b>917,954</b>	743,567
Provisions	8	<b>1,734,450</b>	1,535,529
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<b>2,652,404</b>	2,279,096
<b>NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Provisions	8	<b>20,702</b>	23,550
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<b>20,702</b>	23,550
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<b>2,673,106</b>	2,302,646
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>12,576,811</b>	12,047,568
<b>EQUITY</b>			
Reserves	9	<b>12,083,215</b>	11,235,775
Retained surplus		<b>493,596</b>	811,793
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>		<b>12,576,811</b>	12,047,568

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY**  
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2016

	Scholarship Endowments	Fulbright Commission Scholar Funds	Relocation Reserve	Retained Earnings	Total
	\$	\$		\$	\$
Balance at 1 October 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
Profit attributable to members	-	-	-	529,243	529,243
Transfers to/(from) reserves	858,111	39,329	(50,000)	(847,440)	-
Balance at 30 September 2016	11,551,355	531,860	-	493,596	12,576,811

**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**  
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2016

	Note	2016 \$	2015 \$
<b>CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Scholarship funding from sponsors and governments		<b>3,156,951</b>	2,875,030
Interest received		<b>2,243</b>	2,348
Payments to suppliers and employees and scholars		<b>(3,023,698)</b>	(3,070,148)
<b>Net cash generated</b>		<b>135,496</b>	(192,770)
<b>CASH FLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Net proceeds from investments		<b>432,832</b>	292,106
Transfer of Australian-American Fulbright Alumni investments		<b>(95,382)</b>	-
<b>Net cash provided</b>		<b>337,450</b>	292,106
Net increase in cash held		<b>472,946</b>	99,336
Cash at the beginning of the financial year		<b>611,600</b>	517,907
Effects of exchange rate changes on cash		<b>(41,539)</b>	(5,643)
Cash at the end of the financial year	3	<b>1,043,007</b>	<b>611,600</b>

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. 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. Provision for Unpaid Program Costs**

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.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2016

	2016 \$	2015 \$
<b>NOTE 2: REVENUE</b>		
Australian Government funding	<b>946,472</b>	933,994
United States Government funding	<b>975,530</b>	888,374
EAP Regional Travel Program	<b>112,835</b>	-
Income from investments	<b>1,060,527</b>	481,089
Private sector sponsorship	<b>63,855</b>	67,436
University sponsorship	<b>374,771</b>	401,258
Government sponsorship	<b>246,677</b>	252,192
Presentation sponsorship	<b>34,000</b>	51,000
Donations	<b>800</b>	3,350
Interest earned	<b>2,243</b>	2,348
Administration fee on sponsorship	<b>82,820</b>	43,397
Other income	<b>23,638</b>	22,528
	<b>3,924,168</b>	<b>3,146,966</b>

<b>NOTE 3: CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</b>		
Operating cheque account	<b>234,766</b>	346,435
At call bank account	<b>652,087</b>	249,961
Fund bank account	<b>6</b>	6
Treasury account	<b>155,815</b>	14,866
USD account	<b>33</b>	32
<b>Total cash at bank</b>	<b>1,042,707</b>	611,300

Cash on hand	<b>300</b>	300
	<b>1,043,007</b>	<b>611,600</b>

	2016 \$	2015 \$
<b>NOTE 4: FINANCIAL ASSETS</b>		
Wexler Scholarship Fund	<b>6,107,990</b>	5,653,882
WA Fund	<b>1,094,563</b>	1,013,254
Fulbright Reserve Fund	<b>845,817</b>	784,209
VIC Fund	<b>698,867</b>	647,062
NSW Fund	<b>654,886</b>	606,358
SA Fund	<b>615,548</b>	570,040
QLD Fund	<b>519,063</b>	480,531
Coral Sea Fund	<b>399,642</b>	369,965
Australian Alumni (WG Walker) Fund	<b>397,338</b>	367,262
ANU Fund	<b>456,496</b>	420,933
AFAA Fund	-	95,382
US Alumni Fund	<b>31,489</b>	29,437
Saver Account	<b>663,687</b>	839,838
Fulbright Professional Fund	<b>531,860</b>	492,531
Indigenous Endowment	<b>1,031,969</b>	955,454
	<b>14,049,215</b>	<b>13,326,138</b>

It should be noted that \$23,718 (2015: \$23,584) 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.

<b>NOTE 5: TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES</b>		
Trade Debtors	<b>5,000</b>	286,733
Other Debtors	<b>76,072</b>	74,627
	<b>81,072</b>	<b>361,360</b>

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2016

	2016 \$	2015 \$
<b>NOTE 6: OTHER CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
GST Receivable from ATO	31,611	6,670
Prepayments	45,012	44,446
	<b>76,623</b>	<b>51,116</b>

<b>NOTE 7: TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES</b>		
Trade payables	111,902	11,158
Funds held on behalf of Australian Fulbright Alumni Assoc.	-	95,382
Funding received in advance	690,525	603,080
EAP Fulbright travel program	102,197	12,684
Accrued expenses	13,200	12,600
St George credit card	130	8,663
	<b>917,954</b>	<b>743,567</b>

<b>NOTE 8: PROVISION FOR UNPAID PROGRAM COSTS</b>		
<b>CURRENT</b>		
Annual leave provision	40,382	60,089
Provision for unpaid program costs	1,694,068	1,475,440
	<b>1,734,450</b>	<b>1,535,529</b>
<b>NON CURRENT</b>		
Long service leave provision	20,702	23,550
	<b>1,755,152</b>	<b>1,559,079</b>

<b>ANALYSIS OF TOTAL PROVISIONS</b>			
Annual leave \$	Long service leave \$	Unpaid program costs \$	Total \$
<b>Opening Balance</b>			
<b>60,089</b>	<b>23,550</b>	<b>1,475,440</b>	<b>1,559,079</b>
<b>Net Amounts Raised / Used</b>			
<b>(19,707)</b>	<b>(2,848)</b>	<b>218,628</b>	<b>196,073</b>
<b>Closing Balance</b>			
<b>40,382</b>	<b>20,702</b>	<b>1,694,068</b>	<b>1,755,152</b>

## 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.



	2016 \$	2015 \$
<b>NOTE 9: RESERVES AND ACCUMULATED FUNDS</b>		
<i>Scholarship Endowments Reserve</i>		
Balance at beginning of the year	10,693,244	9,925,923
Transferred from Retained Earnings	858,111	767,321
Balance at end of the year	11,551,355	10,693,244
<i>Fulbright Scholar Funds Reserve</i>		
Balance at beginning of the year	492,531	498,668
Transferred (to)/from Retained Earnings	39,329	(6,137)
Balance at end of the year	531,860	492,531
<i>Relocation Reserve</i>		
Balance at beginning of the year	50,000	50,000
Transferred (to) Retained Earnings	(50,000)	-
Balance at end of the year	-	50,000
<b>Total Reserves</b>	<b>12,083,215</b>	<b>11,235,775</b>

**NOTE 10: EVENTS AFTER THE REPORTING PERIOD**

There were no events subsequent to 30 September 2016 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**

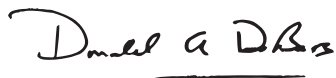
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## **CERTIFICATE BY MEMBERS OF THE BOARD**

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 2016.

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



**Professor Don DeBats**  
Chair



**Ms Bettina Malone**  
Treasurer

Canberra  
Dated this day of 1 December 2016



