THE FULBRIGHT PROGRAM

The Fulbright Program is the flagship foreign exchange scholarship program of the United States of America, aimed at increasing binational collaboration, cultural understanding, 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 370,000 students, academics, and professionals have received Fulbright Scholarships to study, teach, or conduct research, and promote bilateral collaboration and cultural empathy.

THE AUSTRALIAN-AMERICAN FULBRIGHT COMMISSION

The Fulbright Commission encourages binational collaboration and knowledge-exchange between Australia and the United States through a program of competitive, merit-based scholarships. The Australian program is unique, thanks to a diverse list of sponsors from the higher education, not-for-profit, government, and private sectors. This generous funding enables students, professionals, and academics of all disciplines to study, conduct research, and collaborate on projects of significant global import.

Since its inception in 1949, the Fulbright Commission has awarded over 5,000 scholarships to Australian and American candidates, promoting individual and institutional interconnectivity, fostering cultural empathy, and creating countless enduring bilateral linkages.

VISION

As the leading scholarship program between Australia and the United States, the Fulbright name is synonymous with academic excellence, thought leadership, and mutual understanding, and reflects the uniquely deep relationship between Australia and the United States.

- When people hear the term “Fulbright scholar”, they will associate it with academic and professional excellence.
- The term “Fulbright scholar” will be recognised as shorthand for thought leadership.
- The Fulbright Scholarship Program will invoke a strong and productive relationship between Australia and the United States.
- Future leaders will see Fulbright as a pathway to excellence and recognition, a conduit for cultural exchange, and an opportunity to make a lasting contribution to the Australian-American relationship.

GOALS

PROGRAM: Promote Academic and Professional Excellence
PROFILE: Advance Fulbright’s Influence and Impact
ADMINISTRATION: Cultivate Best Practice

“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.”

- J. William Fulbright
FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

It is with great pleasure that I present the Australian-American Fulbright Commission Annual Report for 2017. Senator Fulbright believed that the solutions to international unrest were within reach of all of us and required leadership, learning, and empathy between cultures. In establishing the Scholarship program his actions demonstrated a tangible commitment to his beliefs, leadership for the way forward and an inspiration for generations to come.

In 2017, I have enjoyed the opportunity to observe some fantastic and positive changes to Fulbright in Australia, making it easier for applicants to connect with the Commission, and simplifying our administrative processes. Our new website is running smoothly, and Commission staff have been busy reaching out to all universities to engage and recruit on-campus advisers as part of our new University Liaison program.

Congratulations are in order for our new Executive Director, Mr. Thomas Dougherty, who has spearheaded these new initiatives efficiently and effectively.

The 2017 Fulbright Scholar Gala Presentation Dinner was held in the Great Hall at Parliament House for the first time since 2010. With the event coinciding with International Women’s Day, it was a pleasure to have Ms. April Palmerlee deliver the keynote address and for our 2016/2017 Scholars to receive a congratulatory message, via video, from Fulbright alumnus Adele Millerd. Adele was awarded a scholarship to California Institute of Technology in 1950.

This year we welcomed several new Board Members, including Mr. Larry Lopez, Mr. Greg Wilcock, Mr. Christian Bennett, and Ms. Karen Sandercock. I would like to offer my personal thanks to the Commission staff and my fellow Board members for their hard work and dedication in the pursuit of Commissions objectives. I know they join me in celebrating the aspirations and achievements of all Fullbright Scholars.

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Peter de Cure
Chair, Australian-American Fulbright Commission
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In an increasingly polarized world, fostering mutual understanding through international exchange is essential in bringing people and cultures together, forging long-lasting bonds, and facilitating creative and innovative academic and professional collaboration and cooperation. The Commission’s new Strategic Plan reflects these objectives. The 2017 Annual Report highlights our efforts to strengthen core impact areas – increasing and enriching scholarship opportunities, engaging more deeply with our formidable alumni network, enhancing and expanding public outreach, and improving operational effectiveness. The Annual Report showcases Fulbright’s two greatest assets – our scholars and our sponsors.

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The ongoing financial support of the Governments of Australia and the United States has been critical, and it underscores the importance both countries give to nurturing people-to-people exchanges as a central component of a uniquely close bilateral relationship.

The Commission is fortunate to have a committed cadre of volunteers who serve as selection committee members and campus advisers, a strong and energetic team working to make the Fulbright program a success, and a Board of Directors whose dedication and support are unsurpassable. We are thankful to them all.

Thomas Dougherty
Executive Director
Australian-American Fulbright Commission

"Educational exchange can turn nations into people, contributing as no other form of communication can to the humanizing of international relations."
- J. William Fulbright
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What sets Fulbright apart from other exchange programs is our commitment to facilitating academic and professional exchanges that specifically address issues of bilateral impact and foster meaningful collaboration between Australia and the U.S.
2017 AT A GLANCE

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United States
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NEW AWARDS 2017

**Fulbright Distinguished Chair in Entrepreneurship and Innovation**
Sponsored by RMIT University
Research at RMIT aims to solve critical global problems and to create value from research which provides others outside the academic community pathways to deliver the ultimate positive economic, societal and environmental impacts. This award enables exceptional senior scholars and professionals from the U.S. to undertake research and/or practice of importance to RMIT in the area of entrepreneurship and innovation. This position aims to promote collaboration between Australia and the United States to stimulate interest and build capacity in innovation and entrepreneurship.

**Fulbright Postdoctoral (Vice-Chancellors Fellow) Scholarship**
Sponsored by RMIT University
This award enables exceptional Australian postdoctoral candidates to undertake research in the U.S. on a topic aligning with one or more of RMIT’s Enabling Capability Platforms, including advanced manufacturing and fabrication, advanced materials, biomedical health and innovation, design and creative practice, and global business innovation. The linking of the RMIT University Fellowship to the Fulbright Scholarship is aimed at solidifying the relationship between RMIT University and the host U.S. Institution.

**Fulbright Postdoctoral Scholarship in Health**
Sponsored by The University of Newcastle
The development of research within UON’s areas of priority (known as Priority Research Centres) is important to the bilateral relationship between the United States and Australia. This award will provide U.S. scholars with an opportunity to contribute to this relationship and nominated research areas of priority at the University of Newcastle.

**Fulbright Distinguished Chair in Health**
Sponsored by The University of Newcastle
The development of research within UON’s areas of priority (known as Priority Research Centres) is important to the bilateral relationship between the United States and Australia. This award will enable an exceptional U.S. senior scholar to undertake research of shared importance and the U.S. at UON for up to six months.

**Fulbright Senior Scholarship in Resources and Energy**
Sponsored by Curtin University
The development of research areas is important to the bi-lateral relationship between the United States and Australia. This award will enable exceptional U.S. scholars to undertake research of importance to the bilateral relationship between Australia and the United States in the areas of resources and energy.

**Fulbright Senior Scholarship**
Sponsored by the University of Canberra
The development of research areas is important to the bi-lateral relationship between the United States and Australia. This award will enable exceptional U.S. scholars to undertake research in priority areas for the University of Canberra, including environment, governance, health, sport, education, and communication.

**Fulbright Senior Scholarship**
Sponsored by University of Technology Sydney
This award aims to provide scholars with an opportunity to contribute to the unique bilateral Australia-U.S. relationship, particularly in key research areas at UTS, including data science, sustainability, and health.

**Fulbright Postgraduate Scholarship**
Sponsored by Western Sydney University
The Fulbright Postgraduate Scholarship (Sponsored by Western Sydney University) will commence in 2017 and will enable exceptional postgraduate students from the U.S. to undertake research of importance to the bilateral relationship in particular areas of focus for Western Sydney University, including the environment, public health, and the creative and performing arts.

NEW AWARDS LAUNCHING IN 2018

**Fulbright Postdoctoral Scholarship**
Sponsored by Monash University
This scholarship will be awarded to the most outstanding applicants and projects which directly address the grand challenges of our age, regardless of disciplinary background. In addition to academic merit, the projects must help strengthen the Australian bilateral relationship with the U.S.

**Fulbright U.S. Postdoctoral Scholarship**
Sponsored by Deakin University
This award will enable exceptional U.S. awardees to develop projects which directly aim to make a difference to the community and industry through their research. Projects will be of high academic quality, align with Deakin’s strengths, and create potential for enduring bilateral links with the U.S.

**Fulbright Scholarship in Australia-U.S. Alliance Studies**
Sponsored by the Australian Government Department of Foreign Affairs and the U.S. State Department
This award was announced by Australian Government Minister for Foreign Affairs Julie Bishop and U.S. Secretary of State Rex Tillerson as part of the ‘First 100 years of Mateship campaign’, marking a century of the Australia-U.S. partnership.

**Fulbright Scholarship**
Sponsored by The Kinghorn Foundation
This award will enable exceptional Australians to develop projects which aim to make tangible impact to Australian society. The scholarships will cover living expenses, as well as U.S. tuition expenses.

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**Professor Bradford Worrall**, 2016 Fulbright Distinguished Chair in Health (University of Newcastle)
**Home:** University of Virginia **Sponsor/Host:** The University of Newcastle **Field:** Neurology
Brad is Harrison Distinguished Teaching Professor at the University of Virginia. During his research career, he has built cross-disciplinary and cross-institutional bridges focused on genetics to help understand risk and the underlying pathophysiology in stroke and other cerebrovascular diseases. As part of the diplomatic mission of the Fulbright program, he envisions continuing that role with scientists, clinician-investigators, and other researchers in Newcastle and Australia while learning through this academic and cultural exchange. During his tenure in Newcastle, Brad will work to refine and improve the tools to know ‘what kind of stroke’ for both research and clinical purposes.

**Professor Marcia A. Zug**, 2016 Fulbright Senior Scholar (University of Canberra)
**Home:** University of South Carolina **Sponsor/Host:** University of Canberra **Field:** Law
Marcia is Professor of Law at the University of South Carolina. She teaches Family Law, Immigration Law, and American Indian law. Her work focuses on the treatment of Native American families and the removal of Indian children. Her Fulbright scholarship will be a comparative project examining the different ways the United States and Australia have responded to the removal of indigenous children. Despite a very similar history, the two countries have a fairly different approach to addressing the break up of native families. Marcia hopes her research will help identify the most effective aspects of these different methods and suggest new ways of reducing indigenous child removals.

**Victor Lopez-Carmen**, 2016 Fulbright Postgraduate Student (Western Sydney University)
**Home:** Ithaca College **Sponsor/Host:** Western Sydney University **Field:** Indigenous Health
Victor Lopez-Carmen earned a B.S. degree in Health Sciences and Chemistry with honors from Ithaca College in May, 2017. As an enrolled member of the Crow Creek Sioux and Yaqui tribes, he has a strong will to utilize his background in health and science to serve Indigenous Peoples globally. Through his Fulbright award, Victor will work with Aboriginal health researchers at Western Sydney University to study and improve upon the effectiveness of initiatives that support Aboriginal sociocultural health in boarding schools. The results will be analyzed to help determine where current interventions can be enhanced to better address the mental health needs of Indigenous boarding school students at all levels.
The 2017 Fulbright Orientation Program took place from March 7-9 at Hotel Realm, Canberra. The program brought together the 2016 American and 2017 Australian scholars, who spent time learning about the fundamental aspects of the program and hearing tips on how to maximize their Fulbright experiences. The program gave scholars a chance to network with the Fulbright Board, U.S. State Department, Commission team and other scholars.

The trip enabled the scholarships team to engage with key figures in both the State Department and the Institute of International Education.

The Fulbright Scholarships team gave the scholars a chance to meet with colleagues from the U.S. State Department and the Institute of International Education.
"At a personal level I found the Fulbright experience very rewarding. Kansas State University, my hosts at K-State were very welcoming and made my stay very comfortable. The town of Manhattan, Kansas was a great place to spend my Fulbright program - the people there are the friendliest and most helpful. I have ever encountered in the U.S.

“My study leave away from the daily demands of my university position meant that I could concentrate solely on discussing and doing scientific research. The research team at K-State provided a stimulating environment for this and my hosts were also socially very hospitable making sure I was included in their activities and experienced the local sights."

“Both the institutional hosts and colleagues at MIT have been very engaged and welcoming. I have had so many opportunities to meet colleagues and other scholars from a variety of disciplines and see the broad array of research activities that are happening here at MIT. I have truly enjoyed every minute of my stay here and have treasured the opportunities to discuss and reflect on my research project with colleagues here. In summary, I have had a wonderful stay here at MIT and feel I have learned so much in such a short time.”

"In my travel log that I have been keeping since I have been here is a quote by Oliver Wendell Holmes that summarizes what this experience has meant to me: ‘A mind that is stretched by a new experience can never go back to its old dimensions.’ Under this quote I discussed in my log how much of Australia, especially Sydney, is very multicultural. I write, ‘I don’t think I will look at cultural differences the same way when I go home. I think we have to acknowledge differences, do our best to be inclusive, but it can’t be forced. Forcing the issue creates more barriers it seems.’ Coming from the U.S. where issues of immigration, race, gender, etc. are all hot-button issues, this experience could not have been timelier.”

"My Fulbright experience has had a profound impact on my life. In my Fulbright application, I stated that I am ‘passionate and optimistic about working towards a world in which DHH learners will have equitable access to education and their language and academic outcomes will be on par with those of their hearing peers. I look forward to a world where being Deaf is not a disability for DHH learners, but through Fulbright as well.

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"As a scholar, the Fulbright has shown the power of networking, and the variety of experiences and opportunities that can arise from simple conversations with colleagues. Not only have I received a great training in microbiology, but I have also had the opportunity to learn about other organizations and disciplines through the network that Fulbright has in place. It has awarded me a flexibility to explore new avenues without removing myself from my current one.”

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Field: Agriculture

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Home: The University of Queensland  
Host: University of Washington  
Field: Music Education

Professor Tim Carey  
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Host: Save the Children U.S.A  
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Field: Political Science

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Award: Fulbright Senior Scholarship  
Home: Monash University  
Host: Princeton University  
Field: Mathematics

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Award: Fulbright Professional Coral Sea Scholarship  
Home: Invasive Animals Ltd  
Host: United States Department of Agriculture  
Field: Agriculture

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Home: University of Tasmania  
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Sponsor: Australian Government, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade  
Home: Australian National University  
Host: Georgetown University  
Field: International Relations

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Home: Federal Circuit Court Australia  
Host: Federal Judicial Centre (FJC)  
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Dr Peter Stanwell
Award: Fulbright Professional Scholarship
Home: University of Newcastle
Host: Brigham and Women's Hospital
Field: Medical Sciences

Dr Louise Byrne
Award: Fulbright Postdoctoral [Vice Chancellor's Fellow] Scholarship
Home: Central Queensland University
Host: Yale University
Field: Public Health

Dr Gwilym Croucher
Award: Fulbright Victoria Postdoctoral Scholarship
Home: University of Melbourne
Host: University of California, Berkeley
Field: Neuroscience

Dr Flavia Di Pietro
Award: Fulbright New South Wales Postdoctoral Scholarship
Home: The University of Sydney
Host: Cincinnati Children’s Hospital
Field: Environmental Sciences

POSTDOCTORAL SCHOLARS

Pearse Buchanan
Award: Fulbright Postgraduate Scholarship
Home: University of Tasmania
Host: Princeton University
Field: Oceanography

Grace Chipperfield
Award: Fulbright Postgraduate Scholarship
Home: Flinders University
Host: The University of Texas at Austin
Field: Literature, Creative Writing

Jody Fisher
Award: Fulbright South Australia Postgraduate Scholarship
Home: Flinders University
Host: Northeastern University
Field: Applied Mathematics

Simon Jankowski
Award: Fulbright Western Australia Postgraduate Scholarship
Home: The University of Western Australia
Host: U.S. Geological Survey
Field: Environmental Sciences

Marryum Kahloon
Award: Fulbright Postgraduate Scholarship
Home: Bond University
Host: Emory University
Field: Environmental Sciences

Victoria Reynolds
Award: Fulbright Postgraduate Scholarship
Home: The University of Queensland
Host: Harvard University
Field: Law

Jessa Rogers
Award: Fulbright Australian Capital Territory Postgraduate Scholarship
Home: Australian National University
Host: Harvard University
Field: Cultural Anthropology

Michelle Rourke
Award: Fulbright Queensland Postgraduate Scholarship
Home: Griffith University
Host: Georgetown University
Field: Law

Dr Simon O’Rourke
Award: Fulbright Western Australia Postdoctoral Scholarship
Home: The University of Sydney
Host: Harvard University
Field: Public Administration

Dr Andrew Pomeroy
Award: Fulbright Postdoctoral Scholarship
Home: U.S. Geological Survey
Host: The Rockefeller University
Field: Medical Sciences

Eddy Thientosapol
Award: Fulbright Postgraduate Scholarship
Home: The University of Sydney
Host: The Rockefeller University
Field: Medical Sciences

Alison Whittaker
Award: Fulbright Anne Wexler Scholarship in Public Policy
Home: University of Technology Sydney
Host: University of Technology Sydney
Field: STEM Education

POSTGRADUATE STUDENTS

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Dr Claire Higgins
Award: Fulbright Postdoctoral Scholarship
Home: The University of New South Wales
Host: Georgetown University
Field: History

Dr Stephanie Gilbert
Award: Fulbright Indigenous Postdoctoral Scholarship
Home: The University of Newcastle
Host: University of California Santa Cruz
Field: History

Dr Pierre Thérèse
Award: Fulbright Postdoctoral Scholarship
Home: University of Western Australia
Host: Western Australia Police
Field: Public Administration

Dr James Riggall
Award: Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence Scholarship
Home: Bellevue College
Host: Bitlink
Field: STEM Education

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Arjun Bisen
Award: Fulbright Anne Wexler Scholarship in Public Policy
Home: University of Technology Sydney
Host: University of Technology Sydney
Field: STEM Education
Distinguished Chair

Professor Moeness Amin
Award: Fulbright Distinguished Chair in Advanced Science & Technology
Host: Villanova University
Home: DST Group
Field: Electrical Engineering

Professor Ross Andel
Award: Fulbright Distinguished Chair in Arts Humanities & Social Sciences
Host: The Australian National University (ANU)
Field: Gerontology

Professor Jean Chin
Award: Fulbright Distinguished Chair in Cultural Competence
Home: Adelphi University
Host: NCCC
Field: Psychology

Professor Allison MacFarlane
Award: Fulbright U.S. Distinguished Chair in Applied Public Policy
Home: George Washington University
Host: Flinders/CMUA
Field: Nuclear Waste Disposal

Professor Armin Moczek
Award: Fulbright Distinguished Chair in Evolutionary Biology
Host: CSIRO
Home: ANU
Field: Evolutionary Biology

Professor Johan Wiiklund
Award: Fulbright Distinguished Chair in Entrepreneurship & Innovation
Home: RMIT University
Host: Skidmore College
Field: Management

Professor Bradford Worrall
Award: Fulbright Distinguished Chair in Health
Home: University of Virginia
Host: The University of Newcastle
Field: Neurology

Professor Kimberley Frederick
Award: Fulbright Postgraduate Scholarship
Home: Fordham University
Host: James Cook University/CSIRO
Field: Psychology

Turner Black
Award: Fulbright Postgraduate Scholarship
Home: Rice University
Host: James Cook University/CSIRO
Field: Physics

Rachel Buissarth
Award: Fulbright Postgraduate Scholarship
Home: University of Wisconsin-Madison
Host: University of New South Wales
Field: Physics

Noah Johnson
Award: Fulbright Postgraduate Scholarship
Home: University of Wisconsin-Madison
Host: University of New South Wales
Field: Physics

Maureen Kessler
Award: Fulbright Postgraduate Scholarship
Home: Western Sydney University
Host: Montana State University
Field: Ecology

Senior Scholars

Professor Amy Hessl
Award: Fulbright Senior Scholarship
Home: West Virginia University
Host: University of Tasmania
Field: Paleoclimates

Professor Stefan Paula
Award: Fulbright Senior Scholarship
Home: North Dakota State University
Host: University of Technology Sydney
Field: Chemistry

Professor Seth Rasmussen
Award: Fulbright Senior Scholarship
Home: University of Technology Sydney
Field: History

Professor Jaime Schultz
Award: Fulbright Postgraduate Scholarship
Home: Pennsylvania State University
Host: University of Technology Sydney
Field: Public Health

Victor Lopez-Carmen
Award: Fulbright Anne Wexler Scholarship in Public Policy
Home: Harvard University
Host: University of New South Wales
Field: Engineering

Caroline Park
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Home: Stanford University
Host: University of New South Wales
Field: Engineering

Michael Raitor
Award: Fulbright Postgraduate Scholarship
Home: Ithaca College
Host: Harvard University
Field: Entomology

Jessa Thurman
Award: Fulbright Postgraduate Scholarship
Home: James Cook University
Host: University of New South Wales
Field: Entomology
The Fulbright Gala Presentation Dinner took place on March 8th, 2017 at Parliament House, Canberra. The event, which coincided with International Women’s Day, began with a thought-provoking Welcome to Country by Michelle Deshong, 2015 Fulbright Professional Indigenous Scholar, and featured a compelling keynote speech from April Palmerlee, Director of Events and Partnerships at the University of Sydney’s United States Studies Centre. Over 400 guests attended the event, including U.S. Charge d’Affaires Mr James Carosou, and Chief Defence Scientist, Defence Science and Technology Group, Dr Alex Zelinsky AO who formally introduced our 2016 American and 2017 Australian Fulbright scholars. The event was sponsored by Macquarie University, University of Queensland, James Cook University, the University of Newcastle, ANU, the University of Canberra, the University of Melbourne, Charles Sturt University, Perpetual, University of Technology Sydney and the University of Tasmania.

Reflecting the Fulbright exchange program, TEDxFulbright seeks to facilitate an experience that embodies the continued power of progress through international, cross-cultural, and interdisciplinary connection and community action. In 2017, TEDxFulbright events were held in Melbourne (April 24), Canberra (July 6), and Sydney (19 October). The Melbourne event saw an intriguing array of perspectives with speakers from the health and medical sciences fields taking on the theme A Certain Optimism: Changing the Nature of the Game. Canberra’s event gathered a diverse roster of speakers, who wove their experiences, research, thoughts, and reflections on Fulbright’s fundamental ethos of Empathy and Transformation. For the Sydney event, speakers discussed their research within the context of the theme Knowledge, Reason and Compassion.

Fulbright Scholars are, by definition, thought leaders and cultural ambassadors. In order to advance Fulbright’s influence and impact, we must cultivate strong partnerships with our alumni, universities, current and potential sponsors, think-tanks and like-minded institutions, the media, and the public. We must highlight and address issues of importance to Australia, the United States, and to our uniquely close bilateral relationship.
The Oz to Oz Program is a unique enrichment opportunity offered to all current Australian Fulbright Scholars by Kansas State University. Scholars are invited to submit proposals for collaboration with any relevant faculty at Kansas State University during their stay in the U.S., with all travel and accommodation expenses taken care of by the University. In 2017, nine Fulbrighters travelled to Kansas State University via the Oz to Oz Program.

Scholarship Enrichment

Oz To Oz Program

Scholar | Affiliations | Oz to Oz Host | Project
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Margaret Barrett | - University of Queensland | Early Childhood Development Program, School of Family Studies | The Rhythms and Modes of Musical Childhoods: An International Investigation of Young Children’s Creative Music Practices
Tim Carey | - Flinders University | Department of Diagnostic Medicine and Pathobiology | Improving the Health and Well Being of Remote Communities
Matthew Clarke | - Deakin University | Department of Geography | Improving Regional Leadership of Humanitarian Emergency Responses: Strengthening University Leadership Programs for NGOs
Stephan Frühling | - Australian National University | Department of Political Science | Alliance Institutions and the Management of the Australian-American Alliance
Paul Howard | - Federal Circuit Court of Aust. | Pre-Law Program | Improving access to justice in the Aust. Federal Trial Courts by reforming the process of funding for the Judicial Branch of Government, Australia
Menna Jones | - University of Tasmania | Division of Biology | Harnessing native predators to conserve wildlife at landscape-scale
Timothy Mehigan | - University of Queensland | Department of English | J.M. Coetzee in Chicago
Belinda Russon | - Traralgon National Indigenous | Mary H. Tolok, School of Leadership Studies | Evaluating benefits of U.S. College student leadership & mentoring programs to engage Indigenous learners across the Aust. VET sector
Peter Stanwell | - University of Newcastle | Athletic Training Program | Mild traumatic brain injury (mTBI), not as mild as we think?

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 award 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.

2017’s Lois Roth Endowment was awarded to Travis Franks, Fulbright Postgraduate Scholar from Arizona State University. Travis’ work is designed around immersive comparative study of narratives of belonging in the U.S. and Australia. He is particularly interested in how settler populations in both countries have used cultural productions like a national literary tradition to imagine a collective identity that is specifically tied to place. The Lois Roth Endowment allowed Travis to attend the ‘Race, Whiteness and Indigenous: An International Conference’ as well as a weekend-long event hosted by the Texas Heritage Centre, which brought together visitors and families from the region. This opportunity provided Travis with the crucial opportunity to interview participants and record their anecdotes, which lent significant insight to his work.

Institutional Engagement

Fulbright Specialist Program (FSP)

The Fulbright Specialist Program was established in 2001 by the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. The program is a field-driven initiative in which foreign host institutions conceptualise and design projects of interest within an eligible discipline that represent a priority for their respective organisations. These projects are then paired with a highly qualified U.S. academic or professional, who shares their expertise and assists with strengthening linkages between U.S. and foreign host institutions.

Applicant Institution | Host Institution Representative | Fulbright Specialist | Main Affiliation | Field
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The Alfred Hospital, Monash University | Charles Pilgrim | Clark Gamblin | Medical College of Wisconsin | Public/Global Health
Commonwealth Scientific & Industrial Research Organization | Bryan Lessard | Norm Woodley | Smithsonian Institution | Biology Education
Queensland University of Technology | Molly Dragiewicz | Mark Wynn | Mary Wynn Consulting | Social Work
East Asian Bureau of Economic Research | Peter Drysdale | Derek Scissors | American Enterprise Institute | Economics
Australian Institute of Health Innovation, Macquarie University | Jeffrey Braithwaite | Stephen Muething | Cincinnati Children’s Hospital | Public/Global Health
University of Notre Dame | Sandra Lynch | Candace Vogler | University of Chicago | Ethics and Education

Featured Specialist: Dr Norman Woodley

The FSP grant enabled early career researcher Dr Bryan Lessard to invite Fulbright Specialist Dr Norman Woodley to Australia to collaborate with him on the classification of Antissa notha (‘Soldier flies’) at CSIRO’s Australian National Insect Collection. Dr Woodley is the world authority of soldier fly taxonomy from the Smithsonian Institution’s Museum of Natural History in Washington DC. During his visit, Dr Woodley was able to pass on his extensive knowledge and more than 40 years experience to provide training to Dr Lessard, with the collaboration also leading to the discovery of more than 150 species new to science.

Dr Woodley was also able to provide essential training to PhD students studying at the Australian National Insect Collection on how to identify, classify and preserve Australian fly species, create classification keys used for identification, and prepare this information in the form of a series of collaborative research publications.

We doubled the size of the Australian fauna by discovering so many new species that were already sitting in Australian entomology collections.

- Dr Bryan Lessard, CSIRO
William Cassidy (1952, University of Pittsburgh to Australian Land Surveying Office) has had both an Antarctic glacier (Cassidy Glacier) and a mineral (Cassidyite) named in his honour. Among his many achievements, William planned the first U.S.-Japanese Antarctic expedition, and mapped the Wolf Creek Crater, where Cassidyite was first discovered.

Adam Lockyer (2015, Macquarie University to Georgetown University) published a new book, Australia’s Defence Strategy: Evaluating Alternatives for a Contested Asia in April 2017. It has received high praise, referred to as a “tour de force on strategic thinking” by The Australian newspaper.

Michelle Evans (2013, Melbourne Business School to University of Hawaii, Manoa) launched the Walan Mayinygu Indigenous Entrepreneurship Pop-Up Hub Program at Charles Sturt University, April 5, bringing business masterclasses, practical workshops and networking opportunities to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and businesses across New South Wales.

Ariel Marcy (2014, Stanford University to University of Queensland) won an Advance Queensland Engaging Science Grant to create a free online game design platform, catalysing student engagement with Queensland’s Great Barrier Reef, iconic wildlife, and Riversleigh fossils. Users will design versions of Go Extinct!, Ariel’s award-winning evolutionary biology-based board game.


Samia Elfekih (2008, University of Tunis to University of Hawaii, Manoa) has launched a project to assess the distribution of dengue fever across Africa and the Middle East. At the forefront of adapting novel genomic techniques to entomological systems, Elfekih will include 15 sub-Saharan countries and 10 countries in the MENA region in her upcoming study.

Yogesan Kanagasigam (2010, CSIRO to Stanford University) debuted a world-first AI-controlled eye scan technology, potentially enabling GPs to screen patients for debilitating conditions such as diabetic retinopathy.

Robert Cummings (2014, University of Mississippi to University of Sydney) returned to the University of Sydney to present a talk, Open Educational Practices, or, Vygotsky in the Commons, focussing on how network knowledge is reshaping higher education and redefining the cultural value of rhetoric.

David Hobbs (2008, Flinders University to Shriners Hospital for Children in Philadelphia) received a Flinders University Distinguished Alumni Award for his work on developing a range of assistive technologies for children with disabilities.

Matthew England (1991, The University of Sydney to Princeton University) was awarded the prestigious 2017 Tinker-Muse Prize in recognition of his outstanding research, leadership and advocacy for Antarctic science.

Harris Eyre (2014, James Cook University to University of California Los Angeles) received the Outstanding Alumni Award from the James Cook University the College of Medicine and Dentistry.

Lisa-Ann Gershwin (1998, University of California, Berkeley to University of Tasmania) teamed up with two Tasmanian entrepreneurs to develop a world-first phone app that educates people about jellyfish, including safety and treatment advice. The Jellyfish App is GPS-based, and lists over 280 species.

Steven Lapidge (2010, University of South Australia to U.S. Department of Agriculture) completed a research project for the Great Australian Bight Research Program. His underwater glider was sent on a 74-day journey through the waters of the Great Australian Bight, returning loaded with new data.

Gretta Pec! (2009, University of Tasmania to University of Alaska) published her research in the March 2017 Edition of Science. She, and colleagues, found that climate change-induced distributional shifts of flora and fauna are leading to new ecosystems and ecological communities - shifts that will affect human society.

Thomas Newsome (2013, Snowy Mountains Engineering Corporation to Oregon State University) published his research in the April 2017 edition of BioScience. Using large predators as case studies to explore the effects of human-provided foods, Newsome and his colleagues found numerous instances of species’ changing their social structures, movements, and behaviour when these resources are available.

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FULBRIGHT ALUMNI INITIATIVE GRANT

The Fulbright Alumni Initiative Grant enables Australian and American Fulbright alumni to continue the institutional collaboration initiated during their scholarship tenure through the funding and facilitation of short-term visits to their former host institutions. Awardees can propose a program of between 2-6 weeks designed to further deepen the bilateral connections they formed during their original Fulbright research project. The 2017 recipients were Iain Butterworth and Elizabeth Berry.

Iain Butterworth (2003 Australian Professional Scholar to University of California, Berkeley) aims to build a dynamic partnership between the UN Global Compact Cities Programme (led globally by RMIT University) and the University of California at Berkeley.

Elizabeth Berry (2009 U.S. Postgraduate Student to the University of Queensland) plans to carry out a joint collaboration between the University of Queensland Centre for Research Excellence for the Study of Naevi and Emory University Department of Dermatology. They propose to investigate whether placing imaging technology in the hands of patients can improve early detection of melanoma.

FULBRIGHT MINDS & HEARTS

Minds & Hearts is the flagship publication of the Australian-American Fulbright Commission, featuring news and announcements, as well as stories, articles, and creative works from Fulbright Scholars and Alumni. It was launched in March 2017 as a vehicle for promoting the program and engaging with the wider community through articles focussed on scholar and alumni research, and cultural exchange experiences. The publication will be released three times annually, in March, July, and November.

NEW PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS

To complement our new promotional strategy of in-depth storytelling, a suite of new promotional materials was developed in house and distributed via Fulbright events and the new University Liaison Program. The flyers were designed to reflect the diversity of Fulbright Scholars in gender, age, discipline and ethnicity.

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UNIVERSITY LIAISON PROGRAM

The University Liaison Program is a strategic initiative designed to activate ongoing engagement between designated Commission staff members and university representatives at the administrative/middle management level through regular contact, including annual face-to-face meetings, throughout the year. The program, which replaced the annual Roadshow builds on partner engagement and connects with representatives at varying levels of university administration in order to bolster recognition of, and applications to, the Fulbright Scholarship Program. Further, the program establishes relationships and builds partnerships with traditionally under-engaged institutions more broadly.

Commission team members are assigned a group of institutions across the country, grouped mainly by state, for which they serve as the primary and ongoing liaison. They also engage with alumni representatives across these institutions.

FULBRIGHT WEBSITE REDEVELOPMENT

The Fulbright website underwent a complete redevelopment to improve accessibility to the online application portal; to enhance efforts to showcase scholars, scholarship opportunities, and sponsors, and to complement the Commission’s transition to a refreshed palette of branding colours. The Fulbright domain name was also reregistered as ‘org.au’ to highlight our not-for-profit status.

FULBRIGHT SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION PROCESS

Australian scholarship selection committee membership has been revised to better ensure diversity of gender and field of expertise. New selection committee guidelines were developed to clarify processes, refresh interview questions and confirm timelines of the cycle at large. These guidelines provide clear and accurate information to ensure all selection committees are consistent in interview procedure and equitable practice.

ADMINISTRATION:

CULTIVATE BEST PRACTICE

The Fulbright Program can continue to thrive only if we leverage minimum resources to maximum effect. Operational and administrative procedures must be continually reviewed and refined, and our programs must be effectively monitored and managed. We must ensure that we have effective scholar selection and staff recruitment processes, that professional development be a priority, and that we are appropriately funded to achieve our core goals.
OFFICE ADMINISTRATION
NEW COMMISSION TEAM MEMBERS

Karen Coleman, Office Manager and Executive Assistant
Karen joined the Australian-American Fulbright Commission in April 2017 and coordinates the office and the Executive Director, as well as providing administrative support to the Commission Team. Karen came to the organisation with a strong administration background having worked in various positions for over 11 years, and in the not-for-profit sector for the past four years. Karen likes to travel with friends and enjoys following the netball.

Lauren Bullman, Scholarships Officer
Lauren is the American scholarships officer and manages the U.S. scholars during their programs in Australia. Having lived and worked overseas Lauren has a true passion for travel and understands the importance of people’s desire to challenge themselves. After obtaining degrees in Design at The University of Canberra and Canberra Institute of Technology, Lauren has found her passion in project management, promotion and event specialisation. Having worked in the Tourism industry for 8 years Lauren is inspired to apply this knowledge to promote a motivating, exiting and team collaborative environment with the Fulbright Commission.

Rebecca Combs-Sullivan, Scholarships Assistant
Rebecca is the Scholarships Assistant, providing administrative support to the Fulbright team. Rebecca is very passionate about supporting people to reach their full potential and achieving great outcomes. Rebecca has worked in the Education sector for 5 years. In this area, she has worked for a registered training organisation as well as a high school for disadvantaged and disengaged students. Rebecca holds Certificate IV in Business Administration, Training & Assessment as well as a Diploma in Management.

Mark Hardy, Business Manager
Mark joined the AAFC in Nov 2017 as Business Manager. He is a dynamic business manager, leader and team player, who has developed a unique blend of management skills and experience in helping proactive businesses and organisations improve their efficiency, systems and profitability. He has over 30 years experience in marketing and business management positions with multi-nationals and SME’s in Australia and has worked in various industries including the petroleum/oil, IT, occupational health and accounting industries. Mark is a versatile, resourceful and dedicated person who is motivated by new challenges and enjoys being part of a progressive team.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

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 2017, 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 these 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 2017 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
Dated this 30th day of November 2017
Canberra, ACT
## CONSOLIDATED SUMMARY STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE REVENUE AND EXPENSE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2017

### REVENUE

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<tr>
<th>Source</th>
<th>FY 2017</th>
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<td>United States Government base grant</td>
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<td>$975,530</td>
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<td>Australian Government base grant</td>
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<td>Government Sponsorship</td>
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<td>Private Sector Sponsorships</td>
<td>$2,118,100</td>
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<td>University Sponsorships</td>
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<td>Presentation Event Sponsorship</td>
<td>$68,000</td>
<td>$34,000</td>
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<td>Investment Income</td>
<td>$930,477</td>
<td>$1,060,527</td>
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<td>Donations / Other</td>
<td>$240,858</td>
<td>$169,501</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL REVENUE from non exchange transactions</strong></td>
<td><strong>$6,956,646</strong></td>
<td><strong>$3,924,168</strong></td>
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### EXPENSES

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<tr>
<td>Scholarship Program Direct Expenses</td>
<td>$2,276,279</td>
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<td>Scholarship Program Support Expenses</td>
<td>$405,090</td>
<td>$527,644</td>
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<tr>
<td>Office Operating Expenses</td>
<td>$1,024,928</td>
<td>$894,313</td>
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<tr>
<td>Financial and Other</td>
<td>$23,334</td>
<td>$43,896</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL EXPENSES</strong></td>
<td><strong>$3,729,631</strong></td>
<td><strong>$3,394,925</strong></td>
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**Excess of Revenue over Expenses**

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<td>$3,227,015</td>
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### CONSOLIDATED SUMMARY STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE REVENUE AND EXPENSE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2017

### ASSETS

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<td><strong>Current Assets</strong></td>
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<td>Cash and cash equivalents</td>
<td>$950,906</td>
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<td>Financial Investments</td>
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<td>Receivables</td>
<td>$291,012</td>
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<td>Other current assets</td>
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<td>$18,340,805</td>
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### LIABILITIES

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<tr>
<td>Payables</td>
<td>$613,115</td>
<td>$917,954</td>
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<td>Provisions – program related</td>
<td>$1,881,326</td>
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<td>Provisions – non-program related</td>
<td>$29,793</td>
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<td><strong>Total Current Liabilities</strong></td>
<td><strong>$2,524,234</strong></td>
<td><strong>$2,652,404</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Non-Current Liabilities</strong></td>
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<td>Provisions – non-program related</td>
<td>$14,745</td>
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<td><strong>Total Non-Current Liabilities</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Total Liabilities</strong></td>
<td><strong>$2,538,979</strong></td>
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### NET ASSETS

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<td>$15,801,826</td>
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### EQUITY

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<td>Reserves</td>
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<td>$12,083,215</td>
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<td>Retained Surplus</td>
<td>$3,462,747</td>
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<td><strong>Total Equity</strong></td>
<td><strong>$15,801,826</strong></td>
<td><strong>$12,576,811</strong></td>
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**Funding Sources FY 2018**

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