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Arctic Initiative



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# Fulbright Arctic Initiative: Program Overview for Applicants

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## Mission

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- In partnership with 160 countries worldwide, Fulbright offers passionate and accomplished faculty, administrator, artists, journalists, lawyers, and other professionals from all backgrounds an unparalleled opportunity to study, teach, or conduct research.
- Our mission is to foster mutual understanding between nations, advance knowledge across communities, and improve lives around the world.

## A Brief History

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- Established in 1946 by Congress, Fulbright is the United States government's flagship international educational and cultural exchange program.
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Opportunities are open to people regardless of their race, color, national origin, sex, age, religion, geographic location, socioeconomic status, disability, sexual orientation or gender identity.



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# Fulbright by the Numbers

## The Fulbright Program funds over 8,000 awards annually:

- 2,200 U.S. Students
- 4,000 foreign students
- 800 U.S. scholars and administrators
- 900 visiting scholars
- 400+ language teaching assistants

Approximately 390,000 “Fulbrighters” have participated in the program since its inception in 1946, among them 33 Fulbright Arctic Scholars



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# The Arctic Initiative: A Different Fulbright Model

- Multi-lateral
- Multi-disciplinary
- Interactive and responsive
- Applied
- Policy relevant
- Community involvement
- Public outreach



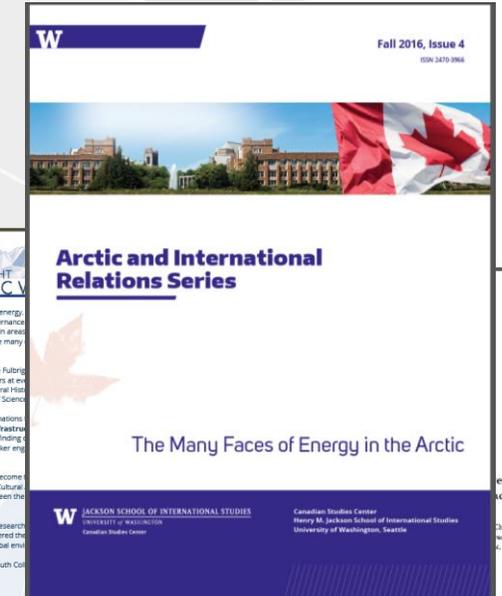
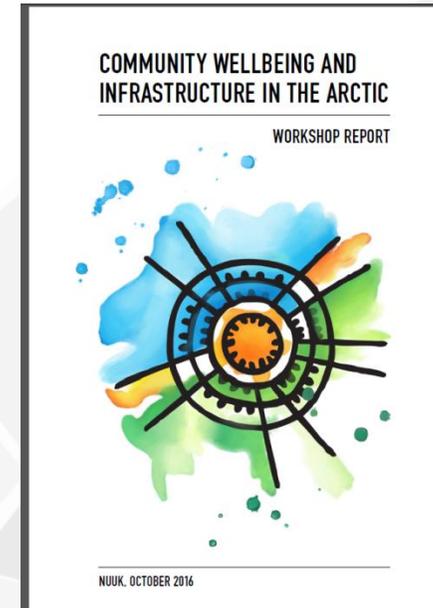
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# Fulbright Arctic: Products and Outcomes

- Original research
- Policy recommendations
- Conferences and workshops
- Leveraged funding
- Community engagement
- Post-program collaborations



**Introduction**

Arctic peoples are experiencing profound environmental, social, and economic change caused by climate change, resource development, and globalization. The Arctic is confronted with national policy challenges on issues of community health and well-being, energy resources, environmental protection, sustainability of the Arctic Coast, indigenous rights, and regional governance. The eight nations of the Arctic have an established history of peaceful cooperation, especially around scientific research, but this cooperation is increasingly tested as the Arctic becomes more prominent in the global geopolitical landscape.

The Arctic nations are joined together as dialog through the Arctic Council. Founded in 1996 as a high-level international forum, the Arctic Council serves to promote cooperation and coordination among the Arctic states. Its working groups provide important assessments on issues such as

The Fulbright Arctic Initiative is a new interdisciplinary, multidisciplinary research program designed around specific applied research challenges in the areas of water, energy, health and infrastructure. The Initiative is designed to have an immediate impact on the understanding of these Arctic issues within the boundaries of the U.S. Classroom of the Arctic Council (2013-2017). The Fulbright Arctic Initiative brings together leading scholars, policy makers, government officials, indigenous peoples and other stakeholders to identify critical Arctic issues, conduct policy-oriented research, and verify these findings and recommendations.



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# Fulbright Arctic Initiative III

- Will engage a network of scholars to stimulate international collaboration on Arctic issues
- Multidisciplinary and multinational research teams will address public-policy research questions relevant to Arctic nations' shared challenges and opportunities.



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# Lead Scholars

Lead Scholars will provide Fulbright Arctic Initiative Scholars:

- Intellectual leadership
- Mentoring
- Facilitate discussion and collaboration



## Dr. Gregory Poelzer

Professor in the School of Environment and Sustainability (SENS) at the University of Saskatchewan, Fulbright Arctic Alumnus



## Dr. Elizabeth Rink

Professor of Community Health in the Department of Health and Human Development at Montana State University, Fulbright Arctic Alumna



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# Fulbright Arctic Initiative III: Program Details

- 18 months: Spring 2021-Fall 2022
- Three in-person seminar meetings
- Individual Fulbright research exchange visit (1.5 – 3 months)
- Ongoing virtual and in-person collaboration
- Research Themes:
  - ❖ **Arctic Security & Cooperation**
  - ❖ **Arctic Infrastructure in a Changing Environment**
  - ❖ **Community Dimensions of Health**



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# Research Themes

- Collaborative research will be built around three overlapping and inter-related themes:
  - **Arctic Security & Cooperation**
  - **Arctic Infrastructure in a Changing Environment**
  - **Community Dimensions of Health**
- Applicants will select a theme and explain how their research fits into these overarching areas of inquiry
- In addition to choosing a primary thematic area for their research and group work, applicants should identify a secondary thematic area with relevance to their work



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# Program Activities

During the award period of Spring 2021-Fall 2022, grantees will:

- Participate in three group seminars
- Complete a research exchange visit (minimum of 6-weeks up to 3 months)
- Collaborate virtually via regularly scheduled online meetings under the guidance of the lead scholars
- Produce policy recommendations, at least one group project product and a document about their exchange experience
- Share results of individual and collaborative research





# Individual Exchange Visit

- Minimum of 6-weeks up to 3 months
- U.S. grantees will complete exchange visit in one of the 7 other Arctic countries.
- Non-U.S. grantees will complete exchange visit in the U.S.
- Letter of invitation recommended but not required





# Fulbright Arctic Initiative III: Eligibility

- Open to scholars at all career stages, to include applied researchers, professionals, and Indigenous and traditional knowledge experts active in the academic, public or private sectors.
- At least four of the scholars will be selected from the United States; at least one scholar will be selected from each of the other Arctic Council member states.



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# Eligibility (cont.)

- Applications accepted from Arctic Council nations: United States, Canada, the Kingdom of Denmark including Greenland and the Faroe Islands, Iceland, Finland, Norway, Sweden or Russia.
- Non-U.S. applicants must be citizens of the country from which they are applying and residing in that country at the time of application
- U.S. citizenship and permanent residency in the United States is required for U.S. applicants
- Preference will be given to early or mid-career academics, applied researchers and/or professionals with research experience in the public, non-profit, or private sector
- A Ph.D. or equivalent professional/terminal degree is preferred. For professionals and practitioners outside academe, recognized professional standing and substantial professional accomplishments are required.
- Non-U.S. Scholars must demonstrate a proficiency in English



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# Financial Support and Benefits

- **\$40,000 (USD) grant award per grantee**
  - Supports travel to group program meetings, travel and maintenance for the exchange visit, research materials, and assistance
- **Accommodations and meals for full group seminar meetings are provided independent of the grant award**
- **Limited accident and sickness benefit while on exchange or participating in program activities**



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# Application Deadlines

- U.S. Applicants:  
**TUESDAY, September 15, 2020**
  - U.S. applicants submit applications to IIE
- Non-U.S. Applicants:
  - International applicants should contact the Fulbright Commission in their home country



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# Timeline

- Notification of Selection: December 2020
- Opening Group Meeting (Canada): March 2021
- Mid-year Group Meeting (Norway TBC): Winter 2021-22
- Individual Research Exchange Visits: Complete by August 2022
- Final Group Meeting (United States): Spring Fall 2022



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# Required Application Materials

- Online application form
- Project statement
- References (2)
- Language proficiency (non-U.S. applicants)
- Curriculum vitae or resume
- Bibliography
- Letter of invitation (optional)



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# Project Statement

The project statement is your opportunity to explain your specific strengths as a candidate to reviewers and potential hosts. It must be persuasive and compelling.

Some key points the project statement should address:

- How your proposed research is connected to one of the program themes
- Your ability to perform collaborative research in a multi-disciplinary, team-based setting
- The public policy impact and practical significance of your research
- How you will integrate public outreach into your individual and team research agenda





# Project Statement (cont.)

Additional points to address:

- How your personal and professional experience has prepared you for this type of program
- Why your research is important – what significance does it hold for your discipline?
- Why your research project needs to be carried out in the country you've selected
- How will your results be disseminated?

**Please refer to the application instructions for detailed guidelines**



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