The Fulbright Arctic Initiative brings together professionals, practitioners, and researchers from the United States, Canada, the Kingdom of Denmark including Greenland and the Faroe Islands, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Russia, and Sweden for group seminars and an individual Fulbright exchange to address key research and policy questions related to fostering a secure and sustainable Arctic. Working within and across disciplines, Fulbright Arctic Scholars translate theory into practice to address public-policy research questions relevant to Arctic nations’ shared challenges and opportunities.

Program Activities
The Fulbright Arctic Initiative will provide a platform for scholars from across the Arctic region to engage in collaborative thinking, analysis, problem-solving and multi-disciplinary research in three main thematic areas:

- Arctic Security and Cooperation
- Arctic Infrastructure in a Changing Environment
- Community Dimensions of Health

Selected scholars will participate in an individual Fulbright exchange of a minimum of six weeks up to three months, as well as in-person seminars and ongoing virtual communication, all supporting the scholars’ collaborative research projects. Awards will begin in fall 2020 and run for 18 months, through spring 2022.

Two distinguished scholars with extensive experience in the Arctic will lead this round of the Fulbright Arctic Initiative. Dr. Greg Poelzer, a Professor in the School of Environment and Sustainability at the University of Saskatchewan, and Dr. Elizabeth Rink, Professor of Community Health in the Department of Health and Human Development at Montana State University, will serve as the Co-Lead Scholars, providing intellectual leadership throughout the Program.

Success, candidates will comprise of scholars at all career stages, to include applied researchers, professionals, and Indigenous and traditional knowledge experts active in the academic, public or private sectors.

Applicants must:
- Demonstrate outstanding qualifications and a record of experience and accomplishment in an area clearly related to one of the designated research themes
- Be actively engaged in an area of inquiry relevant to the program’s themes and objectives
- Be open to exploring and incorporating comparative, interdisciplinary approaches in their investigations
- Be interested in developing collaborative activities with other Fulbright Arctic Scholars

"The U.S. Department of State is committed to our partnership with fellow Arctic Council member nations. We are excited that the Fulbright Arctic Initiative will continue to support collaborative research and community engagement to help policymakers address critical issues in the Arctic."

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