

## Distinguished Alumni

Fulbright international alumni include a distinguished list of Nobel and Pulitzer Prize winners, governors, senators, ambassadors, artists, prime ministers, heads of state, professors, scientists, Justices, and CEOs.

Australian alumni include:

**Dr Keith Boardman AO**, former Chief Executive, Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO).

**Father Frank Brennan AO**, Director of Uniya, Jesuit Social Justice Centre, Sydney

**Dr Harold Clough AO OBE**, former Chairman, Clough Ltd

**Dr Jill Ker Conway**, Author, Educator, Company Director

**The Rt Hon. Sir Zelman Cowen AK, GCMG, GCVO, QC**, former Governor-General of Australia, Patron of the Australian Fulbright Association

**Professor Allan Fels AO**, Dean, Australia and New Zealand School of Government

**Paul Fletcher**, Director of Corporate & Regulatory Affairs, Singtel Optus

**Professor Margaret Gardner AO**, Vice-Chancellor, RMIT

**Loretta Goldberg**, Concert Pianist

**The Hon. Nick Greiner AC**, former Premier of NSW

**The Hon. Greg Hunt MP**, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Foreign Affairs

**Robert McLean**, Chairman, Elders Australia Ltd

**Frank Moorhouse**, Author

**Dr Peter Shergold AC**, Secretary, Department of the Prime Minister & Cabinet

**Professor Terence Tao**, Fields Medallist, Professor of Mathematics, UCLA

**Dr Colin Thiele AC**, Author, Educator, Poet

**The Hon. Sir Ronald Wilson AC, KBE, CMG, QC**, former Justice of the High Court and President of the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission

## Fulbright Scholarships for Australians

Each year, the Fulbright Commission offers approximately 20–25 scholarships to Australian citizens to study, lecture or undertake research in the U.S. The core scholarships include;

**Fulbright Postgraduate Scholarships:** to undertake a U.S. postgraduate program or to undertake research towards an Australian PhD program for 8–12 months.

**Fulbright Postdoctoral Scholarships:** for researchers who have completed their PhD in the past 5 years to undertake postdoctoral research in the U.S. for 3–12 months.

**Fulbright Senior Scholarships:** for academics, generally at Associate Professor or Professor level, to undertake research or teaching at a U.S. institution for 4–6 months.

**Fulbright Professional Scholarships:** for mid-career professionals in the private, public and not for profit sector to undertake training or research programs in the U.S. for 3–4 months.

Other scholarships are also available including the Fulbright New Century Scholar and the Fulbright Scholar in Residence Program.

**Annual applications open on 1 June and close on 31 August. Further information and application forms are available at [www.fulbright.com.au](http://www.fulbright.com.au)**

*“The Fulbright experience ... gave me an international perspective on developments in my field and helped me to position my own work and be very confident about the approaches being used in my company.” Dr Patricia Gilliard*

## The Australian-American Fulbright Program

*Mutual understanding through educational exchange*

Visit the Australian-American Fulbright Commission website for information

**[www.fulbright.com.au](http://www.fulbright.com.au)**

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The aim of the Fulbright Program is “to bring a little more knowledge, a little more reason, and a little more compassion into world affairs and thereby to increase the chance that nations will learn at last to live in peace and friendship”.  
Senator J. William Fulbright (1905-1995)



## A unique History

The Fulbright Program was established in 1946 in the aftermath of WWII, as an initiative of U.S. Senator J. William Fulbright, who believed that a program of educational and cultural exchange between people of the United States and those of other nations could play an important role in building a lasting world peace.

J. William Fulbright, a graduate of University of Arkansas and a Rhodes Scholar, entered U.S. politics in 1942 where he was instrumental in the adoption of the Fulbright Resolution by the House of Representatives, which encouraged U.S. participation in what was to become the United Nations. He was elected to the U.S. Senate in November 1944 and served up to 1974, becoming one of the most influential and best-known members of the Senate. In 1945 Senator Fulbright introduced a bill in the U.S. Congress that called for the use of proceeds from the sale of surplus war property to fund the “promotion of international good will through the exchange of students”.

Since then over 250,000 talented people worldwide have been awarded Fulbright Scholarships. It is now the largest, and one of the most prestigious, educational scholarship programs in the world and operates between the U.S. and more than 150 countries.

*J. William Fulbright: The Man, The Mission & The Message* - A DVD provides a wonderful insight into Senator Fulbright's life and the context for the Fulbright Program. A copy of the DVD is available in all Australian university libraries.

## A unique Program

The Australian-American Fulbright Commission and Program was established in 1949 through the first treaty ever signed between Australia and the U.S. and is funded by both governments and a select group of sponsors.

The Prime Minister of Australia and the U.S. Ambassador to Australia serve as the Honorary Co-Chairs of the Commission. It is overseen by a bi-national board made up of five Australian and five locally-based American members and administered by the Commission in Canberra.

The mission of the Fulbright Commission is to promote mutual understanding between Australia and the U.S. through a program of educational and cultural exchange.

Each year, over 20–25 Fulbright Scholarships are awarded to Australian postgraduate students, postdoctoral researchers, academics and professionals to undertake study or research in the U.S. Unique to the Australian program is a range of sponsored and endowed Scholarships, which include State specific Scholarships, where the Scholar focuses on an issue of importance to that State. A similar number of Americans are annually awarded Fulbright Scholarships to pursue study or research in Australia.

The Commission also annually supports a Fulbright Symposium on a topic of bi-national relevance, as well as a wide range of networking activities with the Fulbright community.

*“The Fulbright and my year at the University of Chicago have expanded my horizons unimaginably ... I feel extremely privileged to be recognised as a Fulbright Scholar and ready, by example, to serve the aspirations of the late Senator Fulbright in bringing a little more understanding to the world.”* Ranjana Srivastava

## A unique Scholarship

Fulbright scholarships are unique because they:

**are open to people of all ages**  
including postgraduate, mid-career professionals, and academics

**are multi-disciplinary**  
being open to applicants from all disciplines and professional fields

**are a two-way exchange**  
with scholarships provided to Scholars from both Australia and the U.S.

**provide an opportunity for enrichment**  
with networking and cultural activities an integral part of every scholarship

**consider the wider potential of applicants**  
with Scholars selected not just on their academic and professional achievement, but the relevance and potential of their proposed study

**offer flexibility**  
giving Scholars the opportunity to choose their host institution, with a 12 month period in which to begin their study

**have well developed support structures in Australia and the U.S.**  
to help Scholars with administrative tasks such as visas, health insurance, media and host institutions

**open the door to an established international network**  
with over 250,000 distinguished international alumni from 150 countries who have been recognised as Fulbright Scholars during the past 60 years

## A unique Opportunity

A Fulbright Scholarship changes people's lives. It gives Fulbright Scholars the time, financial support and the prestige to work with leading people within their chosen field, in any university or organisation. It also gives Fulbright Scholars the opportunity to meet an amazing network of people, the Fulbright community, to build international connections and friendships that will last a lifetime.

Fulbright Scholars are effectively ambassadors for their country, state, university and professional field. To achieve the aims of the Fulbright Program of cultural exchange and mutual understanding, Fulbright Scholars are expected to engage with their professional field and the wider community to share their stories and exchange information, knowledge and experiences.

To help Fulbright Scholars gain more from their scholarship and also to fulfil this ambassadorial role, the Program provides them with a wide range of opportunities as part of their Fulbright experience. For Australian Scholars this includes:

- an orientation program and a national Presentation Dinner in Australia;
- an ‘enrichment’ seminar in the U.S. to network with international Fulbright scholars;
- access to travel grants within the U.S. and
- links into the broader Fulbright network.

*“The journey that I began as a Fulbright Scholar four years ago has been life-changing. I have come to truly understand that the Fulbright is a unique and precious gift, whose value has unlimited and ongoing potential.”* Kirsty Guster