

Eleven New American Colleges and Universities Sending Students Overseas on Fulbright Grants

Nineteen students from members of the New American Colleges and Universities, an organization known for its strong emphasis on global studies, will travel to 13 different countries as part of the prestigious Fulbright Program which emphasizes academic and professional excellence.

Students from the following New American Colleges and Universities have been awarded Fulbright grants: Drake University, Drury University, Elon University, Hamline University, Ithaca College, North Central College, Pacific Lutheran University, The University of Scranton, University of Evansville, University of Redlands, and Valparaiso University.

The following students have been award Fulbright grants:

Four members of **The University of Scranton's** Class of 2010 have been awarded Fulbright scholarships. Mary Elise Lynch will conduct research at the Kenya Medical Research Institute in Kisumu, Kenya, and Mackenzie Jean Lind will conduct research at Helsinki's Institute of Biomedicine in Helsinki, Finland. Mary Claire Martin received a Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship to Indonesia, and Janine Maria Grosso received a Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship to South Korea. [Read more.](#)



Three graduates from **Pacific Lutheran University** have earned Fulbright grants. Eric Buley will work as an English teaching assistant in Venezuela. Nicolette Paso will conduct research in Germany on the early Reformation church ordinances that created the first state-sponsored systems of social welfare. Kelly Ryan will conduct research in grassroots reconciliation with the Nansen Dialogue Network in Skopje, Macedonia. [Read more.](#)

2010 graduate Andrew Fry and alumnus Sujin Kim of **Ithaca College** have won Fulbright grants. Fry will travel to Germany to teach and conduct research on teaching in German high schools. He will also do research on “die Mauer im Kopf” (the wall in the head), a term that describes the social and mental divisions that continue to divide those Germans who lived in the former West Germany from those who lived in the Communist East. Sujin Kim will travel to the Czech Republic to teach and conduct research on teaching in Czech high schools. [Read more.](#)

Courtney Kersten and Bryce Mitchell, both 2010 graduates from the **University of Evansville**, have earned Fulbright grants. Kersten will work on theatre projects as an apprentice at the New Riga Theatre in Latvia. Mitchell will teach English to high school students in South Korea. [Read more.](#)

James Strasburg, a 2010 graduate of **Valparaiso University**, will examine the crucial role played by a Leipzig church in sparking demonstrations across East Germany in 1989, which eventually led to the fall of the Berlin Wall and the reunification of Germany. Also, a 2007 alumna, Coree Schmitz,

received a Fulbright to attend the IMBA program at the Instituto de Empresa in Madrid with a focus on becoming a leader in the energy industry in the area of renewable and sustainable energy.

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Marina Yakhnis, a 2009 **Drake University** graduate, will head back to her home country of Ukraine to research an ethnic group exiled from the Crimean peninsula. [Read more.](#)



Drury University graduate Brett Marler has received a Fulbright Fellowship to study in Turkey. Brett graduated this May (2010) with majors in International Political Studies and Philosophy and a minor in Middle East Studies.

Molly McKnight Costigan, an **Elon University** 2010 graduate, has been named the recipient of a 2010 Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship, which will fund one year in Spain teaching in an elementary school while conducting an independent project.



Hamline University 2010 graduate Amanda Dutcher will teach English to middle school children in Germany. [Read more.](#)

Parker Gadbois, a 2009 graduate of **North Central College**, will teach English in Taiwan. [Read more.](#)

University of Redlands graduate Brett Aho was awarded a teaching Fulbright in Germany.

Sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, Congress established the Fulbright Program in 1946 to “enable the government of the United States to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries.” The program is administered in cooperation with more than 140 countries around the world.