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## MESSAGES OF CONGRATULATIONS



"On behalf of the New Zealand government and people, congratulations to all the 2020 Fulbright recipients. The Fulbright programme has helped foster the close relationship between New Zealand and the United States through over seventy years of academic excellence and enrichment.

We encourage you to make the most of this unique opportunity to gain deeper experience and understanding in your chosen fields, while building enduring connections. We wish you all the best."

### **Rt. Hon Winston Peters**

*Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, New Zealand  
Honorary Chairperson, Fulbright New Zealand*



"To all the 2020 Fulbright grantees, please accept my sincere congratulations. Receiving this award is a testament to years of hard work that have already resulted in substantial achievement. We deeply appreciate your commitment to excellence not only within your chosen disciplines, but also toward sustaining and building an enduring relationship between the United States and New Zealand. We look forward with great anticipation to seeing what will be accomplished as a result of your Fulbright exchange.

We acknowledge the support of friends, family and colleagues who have helped you to reach this place, as well as the ongoing partnership between our nations that makes this opportunity possible for each one of you. We trust that as a result of this award you will forge new bonds of friendship that will help to keep this relationship between our nations strong for many years to come. Congratulations!"

### **Scott P. Brown**

*US Ambassador to New Zealand  
Honorary Chairperson, Fulbright New Zealand*



"On behalf of the Board of Directors and staff of Fulbright New Zealand, I would like to congratulate this year's grantees. By receiving a Fulbright New Zealand award, you have shown that you were outstanding among the many applications received and that you each possess academic, personal and professional excellence. As an American who has made New Zealand my home, I have a deep affection for both of the countries that Fulbright New Zealand grantees will experience on their exchanges. I hope that you find your time abroad enriching, interesting and challenging. Embrace this opportunity to meet new friends, step outside your comfort zone and gain new knowledge. I hope that you will be as proud as I am to contribute to the deep connection between New Zealand and the United States. We warmly welcome you to the Fulbright whanau and wish you well on the journey ahead."

### **Harlene Hayne**

*Vice-Chancellor of the University of Otago  
Chairperson of the Board, Fulbright New Zealand*

## FULBRIGHT NEW ZEALAND

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## THE FULBRIGHT PROGRAMME

The Fulbright programme of international educational exchange was an initiative of US Senator J. William Fulbright from Arkansas, who in the aftermath of World War II believed that mutual understanding between different countries and cultures was crucial to ensure a peaceful future for the world.

The Fulbright Act, an ingenious piece of legislation passed by the United States Congress in 1946, directed proceeds from the sale of surplus war property, foreign loan repayments and reparations to fund the “promotion of international good will through the exchange of students in the fields of education, culture, and science.”

In Senator Fulbright’s own words, the Fulbright programme aims “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.”

New Zealand was the fifth country to sign up to the Fulbright programme by bilateral treaty with the United States of America, in 1948. Since then Fulbright New Zealand has granted more than 3,000 exchange awards, sending over 1,900 New Zealand graduate students, artists, academics, teachers and professionals on exchanges to the US and welcoming over 1,600 Americans on exchanges to New Zealand.

Fulbright New Zealand is jointly funded by the US and New Zealand governments with additional funding from award sponsors, private philanthropists and alumni donors. It is governed by a Board of Directors comprised of New Zealanders and Americans.

The Fulbright programme has been described as one of the largest and most significant movements of scholars across the face of the earth and now operates in 160 countries, funding around 8,000 exchanges per year for participants to study, research, teach or present their work in another country.

The more than 325,000 Fulbright alumni worldwide include heads of state, cabinet ministers, ambassadors, politicians, judges, heads of corporations, university presidents, journalists, artists, professors and teachers.

Esteemed alumni of the Fulbright programme include Dame Marie Clay, Sir Kenneth Keith, Sir Wallace Rowling, Dame Anne Salmond, David Cunliffe, Gareth Farr, Witi Ihimaera, Michael King, Alan MacDiarmid, Bill Manhire, Ron Paterson, Jan Wright and many other prominent New Zealanders.

Fulbright grantees make the most of their exchanges to get to know and understand a different country and culture, to advance themselves academically or professionally and to make lifelong friendships and professional relationships. Many look back on their Fulbright exchange as a life-changing experience and a defining moment of their career.

## FULBRIGHT GRADUATE PROGRAMME

Fulbright New Zealand offers a range of awards to New Zealand and American graduate students to study or research in each other’s countries. Grantees are selected on the basis of academic excellence, leadership potential and ambassadorial qualities. In addition to award payments towards study or research, all grantees receive return airfares, a health benefit plan, enrichment activities and programme support during their exchange.

### FULBRIGHT SCIENCE AND INNOVATION GRADUATE AWARDS

These awards are for promising New Zealand graduate students to undertake postgraduate study or research at US institutions in fields targeted to support growth and innovation in New Zealand.

Ten awards were granted this year. These awards are sponsored by the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment.



#### ISOBEL CAMPBELL

Isobel Campbell from Auckland will complete a Masters of Environmental Management specialising in Business and the Environment, and Industrial Ecology and Green Chemistry at Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut.

Isobel graduated with a BSc Advanced – Global Challenges (Hons First Class) in Chemistry from Monash University in 2018.



#### RHYS COMPTON

Rhys Compton from Morrinsville will complete a Masters of Computer Science specialising in Healthcare Applications for Machine Learning at New York University in New York City, NY.

Rhys graduated with a BE (Hons First Class) in Software Engineering from the University of Waikato in 2019.



#### THOMAS DEVINE

Tom Devine from Whanganui will complete a Masters of Public Health specialising in Sociomedical Sciences and History, Ethics and Law at Columbia University in New York City, New York.

Tom graduated with a BSc in Microbiology (Hons First Class) from the University of Otago in 2018.



**NICOLE EDWARDS** NGĀI TAHU, NGĀTI KAHUNGU

Nicole Edwards from Auckland will research neurodevelopmental and neurodegenerative diseases at the Whitehead Institute for Biomedical Research / Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Nicole graduated with a BSc in Biomedical Science in 2014, and an MSc (Hons First Class) in Biomedical Science in 2017 from the University of Auckland.



**EMILY GORDON**

Emily Gordon from Dunedin will complete a PhD in Atmospheric Science at Colorado State University in Fort Collins, Colorado.

Emily graduated with a BSc in Physics and Electronics in 2017, and a BSc (Hons First Class) in Physics in 2018 from the University of Otago.



**ANEŽKA HOSKIN** TE AITANGA-A-HAUITI, NGATI POROU, NGATI KAHU

Anežka Hoskin from Gisborne will complete a PhD in Genetics at Stanford University in Palo Alto, California.

Anežka graduated with a BSc in Genetics (Hons First Class) from Massey University in 2017, and an MSc in Genetics from the University of Otago in 2020.



**ALICE MARSH**

Alice Marsh from Dunedin will complete a Master of Science in Strategic Design and Management at Parsons School of Design in New York City, New York.

Alice graduated with a BSc in Neuroscience, and an LLB from the University of Otago in 2015.



**ROBBIE MORRISON**

Robbie Morrison from Christchurch will complete a Master of Laws specializing in Law and Technology at Duke University in Durham, North Carolina.

Robbie graduated with an LLB (Hons First Class) in 2018, and a BCom in 2019 from the University of Canterbury.



**HAMISH PRINCE**

Hamish Prince from Dunedin will complete a PhD in Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, in Madison, Wisconsin.

Hamish graduated with a BSc (Hons First Class) in 2018 and an MSc in Physical Geography in 2020 from the University of Otago.



**DUEY XU**

Duey Xu from Auckland will complete a Master of Science in Data Science at New York University in New York City, New York.

Duey graduated with an LLB and a BCom in Economics from the University of Auckland in 2018.



Above: Fulbright Graduate Alice Marsh (left) and friend at the 2019 Social Enterprise World Forum in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Photo courtesy of Alice Marsh.

## FULBRIGHT-EQC AWARD IN NATURAL DISASTER RESEARCH

This award is for a promising New Zealand graduate student to undertake postgraduate study or research in the US in the area of natural disaster research.

One award was granted this year.



### JESSE KEARSE

Jesse Kearse from Haumoana, Hawkes Bay will research geoscience applications of satellite radar at the NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California, towards a PhD at Victoria University of Wellington.

Jesse graduated with a BSc in Geology in 2016, and an MSc in Geology (Hons First Class) in 2018 from Victoria University of Wellington.

## FULBRIGHT-NGĀ PAE O TE MĀRAMATANGA GRADUATE AWARD

These awards are for promising New Zealand graduate students to undertake postgraduate study or research in the US in the field of Indigenous development.

One award was granted this year.



### ERENA WIKAIRE NGĀPUHI, NGĀTI HINE, TE HIKUTU, TE KAPOTAI

Erena Wikaire from Northland will research traditional Indigenous healing systems at the University of Hawai'i in Oahu, Hawai'i, towards a PhD at the University of Auckland.

Erena graduated with a BHSc from AUT in 2005, a PGDipPH in Māori Health (Hons First Class) in 2014, and an MPH in Māori Health (Distinction) in 2016 from the University of Auckland.

## FULBRIGHT NEW ZEALAND GENERAL GRADUATE AWARDS

These awards are for promising New Zealand graduate students to undertake postgraduate study or research at US institutions in any field.

Eight awards were granted this year.



### NGARANGI HAEREWA TE-WHANAU-Ā-APANUI

Ngarangi Haerewa from Whangaparāoa will complete a Master of Public Policy specialising in Development at the University of California, in Berkeley, California.

Ngarangi graduated with a BA in Communications (Hons First Class) from the University of Otago in 2015.



### ANA LENARD

Ana Lenard from Auckland will complete a Master of Laws specialising in Legal Theory and Systems, Dispute Resolution and Social Justice at Columbia University in New York City, New York.

Ana graduated with an LLB (Hons) and BSc in Psychology and Geography from the University of Auckland in 2017.



### LAURA MACKAY

Laura MacKay from Wellington will complete a Master of Laws specialising in Child Law at Columbia University in New York City, New York.

Laura graduated with an LLB (Hons First Class) and a BA in Politics from the University of Otago in 2015.



### GULED MIRE

Guled Mire from Hamilton will complete a Masters of Public Administration specialising in Human Rights and Social Justice at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York.

Guled graduated with a BA in Criminology and International Studies from Auckland University of Technology in 2014.



**RIZWANGUL NURMUHAMMED UYGHUR**

Rizwangul NurMuhammed from Auckland will complete a Master of Public Administration specialising in Social Policy at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York.

Rizwangul graduated with a BA in Communication from the University of China in 2010, and an MIC (Second Class Hons) from Unitec Institute of Technology in 2014.



**MILENA PETROVIC**

Milena Petrovic from Christchurch will complete a PhD in Political Development specialising in Comparative Political Economy at Tulane University in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Milena graduated with a BA (Hons First Class) in International Relations and Diplomacy from the University of Canterbury in 2016, and an MPPE from Victoria University of Wellington in 2019.



**ELYJANA ROACH**

Elyjana Roach from Porirua will complete a Master in Architecture in Urban Design at Harvard Graduate School of Design in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Elyjana graduated with a BArch in 2015 and an MArch (prof) with Merit in Architecture from Victoria University of Wellington in 2017.



**BLAINE WESTERN**

Blaine Western from Te Whangarei-a-Tara/Wellington will complete a Master in Design Studies in Urbanism, Landscape, Ecology at Harvard Graduate School of Design, Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Blaine graduated with an MFA (Hons First Class) from Elam School of Fine Arts in 2013.

**FULBRIGHT US GRADUATE AWARDS**

These awards are for promising US graduate students to undertake postgraduate study or research at New Zealand institutions in any field.

Eight awards were granted this year.



**AMANDA COLEMAN**

Amanda Coleman from Canoga Park, California researched the impact of performing arts programmes in New Zealand prisons at the University of Otago.

Amanda graduated with a BA in English from the University of California, Los Angeles in 2013, and an MSW from California State University, Northridge in 2017.



**NOAH COLLINS WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE, CHEROKEE NATION**

Noah Collins from Claremore, Oklahoma researched the genetics of type 2 diabetes and gout at the University of Otago.

Noah graduated with a BA/MA in Medical Anthropology with Distinction, Honors, magna cum laude from the University of Oklahoma in 2019.



**CARMEN HOFFBECK**

Carmen Hoffbeck from Portland, Oregon researched microbiology at the University of Auckland.

Carmen graduated with a BS in Biology and Mathematics in 2019 from Linfield College, and will complete an MS in Biology from California State University, Northridge in 2022.



**MARINA KOMAROVSKY**

Marina Komarovskiy from Vernon Hills, Illinois conducted research relating to Māori women's antenatal health at Massey University.

Marina graduated with a BA in Sociology and Anthropology from Carleton College in 2008, an MS in Nutritional Epidemiology and an MPH in Health Communication from Tufts University in 2011.



### TAYLOR LEE

Taylor Lee from San Diego, California researched the brain health of rugby athletes at Auckland University of Technology, towards a PhD in Mechanical Engineering at Purdue University.

Taylor graduated with a BSc (Highest Hons) in Bioengineering from the University of California, Berkeley in 2016, and an MSc in Mechanical Engineering from Purdue University in 2019.



### ANNA LEHNER

Anna Lehner from Madison, Wisconsin researched seismic activity as an interdisciplinary artist in art and science at Victoria University of Wellington and GNS Science.

Anna graduated with a BFA in Sculpture and Art History (Hons) from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point in 2016, and an MFA/MA in Art from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 2019.



### MOLLY MAGID

Molly Magid from Denver, Colorado researched the genomics of the New Zealand Fairy Tern/tara-iti at the University of Canterbury to improve the conservation of this species.

Molly graduated with a BA in Biology (Hons), and a BA in Science, Technology, and Society from Brown University in 2019.



### NAOMI WASSERMAN

Naomi Wasserman from Lafayette, California researched the geochemistry of antimony, a toxic metalloid, in New Zealand waters at the University of Otago.

Naomi graduated with a BA in Environmental Science from Barnard College in 2013. She is currently a PhD candidate in the Department of Geology at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

## FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR PROGRAMME

Fulbright New Zealand offers a range of awards to New Zealand and American academics, artists and professionals to research, teach, present their work and gain practical experience in each other's countries.

Awards range from small contributions towards short term visits to fully-funded exchanges of up to one academic year, including airfares, a health benefit plan and programme support.

### FULBRIGHT NEW ZEALAND SCHOLAR AWARDS

These awards are for New Zealand academics, artists or professionals to lecture and/or conduct research in the US for three to five months.

Seven awards were granted this year.



### KAREN BARBOUR

Karen Barbour from Waikato will investigate somatic dance practices and action competence in responding to environmental change at the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

Karen is an Associate Professor in the School of Arts at the University of Waikato.



### HUIA JAHNKE NGĀTI KAHUNGUNU, NGĀTI TOA RANGATIRA, NGAI TAHU, NGĀTI HINE

Huia Jahnke from Palmerston North will research the nature of Indigenous community/higher education partnerships and resultant strategic initiatives at the University of California Los Angeles, in Los Angeles, California, and the Salish-Kootenai Tribal College in Pablo, Montana.

Huia Jahnke is a Professor of Maori and Indigenous Education at Massey University, Palmerston North.



### TYRON LOVE TE ATIWA

Tyron Love from Christchurch will examine the exclusion and exploitation of Indigenous academics in universities at the University of California Los Angeles, in Los Angeles, California, and the University of Arizona in Tucson, Arizona.

Tyron is a Senior Lecturer in Organisation Studies at the University of Canterbury.





### SHONA MUNRO

Shona Munro from Wellington will research supporting justice reform through Police learning and development at the University of North Carolina in Greensboro, North Carolina.

Shona is a Teaching and Learning Advisor at the Royal New Zealand Police College in Porirua.



### ASHLEY SHEARER

Ashley Shearer from Wellington will research in the emerging field of young adult justice at Columbia University in New York City, New York.

Ashley is Principal Advisor - Youth Strategy at New Zealand's Department of Corrections in Wellington.



### DIANNE SIKA-PAOTONU

Dianne Sika-Paotonu from Wellington will research rheumatic fever and rheumatic heart disease at Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and the University of Oklahoma in Norman, Oklahoma.

Dianne is Associate Dean (Pacific) and a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Pathology & Molecular Medicine at the University of Otago Wellington.



### STUART YOUNG

Stuart Young from Dunedin will conduct research at the Verbatim Performance Lab at New York University (Steinhardt) in New York City, New York.

Stuart is Professor of Theatre Studies in the School of Performing Arts at the University of Otago.

## FULBRIGHT-NGĀ PAE O TE MĀRAMATANGA SCHOLAR AWARD

This award is for a New Zealand academic, artist or professional to conduct research and/or lecture in the US for three to five months in the field of indigenous development.

One award was granted this year.



### HAKI TUAUPIKI (WAIKATO, NGĀTI TUWHARETOA)

Haki Tupaiki from Waikato will research the traditional Māori and Hawaiian navigation and voyaging record embedded in the oral arts and literature.

Haki is a Senior Lecturer in Māori Studies at the Faculty of Māori and Indigenous Studies at the University of Waikato.

## FULBRIGHT DISTINGUISHED AWARDS IN TEACHING PROGRAMME FOR NEW ZEALAND TEACHERS

These awards are for highly accomplished New Zealand teachers in primary or secondary schooling to participate in an intensive professional development programme in the US for four months at a US University.

Two awards were granted this year.



### MAIKEN CALKOEN

Maiken Calkoen from Hastings will research approaches to designing learning programmes which value, develop and support creative thinking and creative practice.

Maiken has a Bachelor of Architectural Studies (Hons) and a Postgraduate Teaching Diploma from Victoria University of Wellington.



### JOY KITT

Joy Kitt from Palmerston North will explore non-traditional ways of creating opportunities to ensure her students have authentic and relevant learning experiences.

Joy has a Bachelor of Arts from Massey University and a Graduate Diploma in Primary Teaching from Massey University College of Education in Palmerston North.

## FULBRIGHT-WALLACE ARTS TRUST AWARD

This award is for an outstanding mid-career or senior New Zealand visual artist to undertake a ten week residency at Headlands Center for the Arts in Sausalito, California.

One residency was granted this year.



### CAMPBELL PATTERSON

Campbell Patterson from Waitati is an artist investigating ideas surrounding housing and home and will complete a ten week residency focusing on film and performance at Headlands Centre for the Arts in Sausalito, California.

Campbell Graduated with a BFA from Elam School of Fine Arts in 2007.

## FULBRIGHT US SCHOLAR AWARDS

These awards are for US academics, artists or professionals to lecture and/or conduct research in New Zealand for three to five months.

Three awards were granted this year.



### KEITH CAMACHO

Keith Camacho from Los Angeles, California researched the transnational histories of Samoan gangs in Auckland and Los Angeles at the University of Auckland.

Keith is an Associate Professor in the Asian American Studies Department at the University of California, Los Angeles.



### ANDREA DUTTON

Andrea Dutton from Madison, Wisconsin researched ice sheet collapse and sea-level rise at the Antarctic Research Centre at Victoria University of Wellington.

Andrea is a Professor in the Department of Geoscience at the University of Wisconsin in Madison, Wisconsin.



### DAVID SCHMALE III

David Schmale III from Blacksburg, Virginia developed new remote-sensing capabilities to sense and respond to harmful algal blooms (HABs) at the University of Waikato.

David is a Professor in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Virginia Tech University in Blacksburg, Virginia.

## FULBRIGHT DISTINGUISHED AWARDS IN TEACHING PROGRAMME FOR US TEACHERS

These awards are for highly accomplished US teachers in primary or secondary schooling to participate in an intensive professional development programme in New Zealand for three to five months with the Faculty of Education at Victoria University of Wellington.

Three awards were granted this year.



### STEPHANIE GRAHAM

Stephanie Graham from Great Barrington, Massachusetts researched inquiry learning approaches in rural schools at Victoria University of Wellington.

Stephanie has a BSc, a BSc in Visual Arts Education, and a Masters in Professional Studies in Humanistic/Multicultural Education from State University of New York at New Paltz.



### BRYNN JOHNSON

Brynn Johnson from New Orleans, Louisiana researched collaborative problem solving and positive math mindsets at Victoria University of Wellington.

Brynn has a Bachelors in Anthropology and a Masters in Education from the University of Notre Dame, Indiana.



### SERVENA NARINE

Servena Narine from New York City, New York researched how digital technologies for teaching and learning are used to promote global competency.

Servena has a Master of Arts in Early Childhood and Elementary Education from New York University, New York.

## OTHER AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Fulbright New Zealand administers other awards and fellowships for exchange between New Zealand and the US on behalf of various partner organisations.

### IAN AXFORD (NEW ZEALAND) FELLOWSHIPS IN PUBLIC POLICY

These fellowships, offered by the Ian Axford (New Zealand) Fellowships Board and funded by various New Zealand government agencies, are for outstanding mid-career US professionals to research and gain first-hand experience of public policy in New Zealand for six months.

Two fellowships were granted this year.



#### MELISSA FAVREULT

Melissa Favreault from Washington, DC researched a specific group of New Zealanders' health needs, service use, and barriers to accessing health services at the Ministry of Social Development.

Melissa is a Senior Fellow in the Income and Benefits and Policy Center at the Urban Institute, Washington, DC.



#### RACHEL GALANTER

Rachel Galanter from Durham, North Carolina researched current early intervention efforts to address early signs of need and improve child wellbeing at the Oranga Tamariki Evidence Centre.

Rachel is the Executive Director of Exchange Family Center in Durham, North Carolina.

## NEW ZEALAND HARKNESS FELLOWSHIP

New Zealand Harkness Fellowships are for emerging New Zealand leaders in any field of study or vocation (excluding health care policy and practice) to study or research in the US for between eight and twelve weeks. One award is offered annually to a person who is currently employed in a public sector organisation in New Zealand.

One fellowship was granted this year.



#### JESS BIRDSALL-DAY

Jess Birdsall-Day from Wellington will spend three months at the Urban Institute in Washington, DC, researching approaches to affordable housing for low-income families.

Jess is a Senior Analyst in the Child Poverty Unit at the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet in Wellington.



Above: Fulbright Graduate Tom Devine at the 2019 Falling Walls Lab competition at the Royal Society Te Apārangi. Photo courtesy of Tom Devine.



Above: Fulbright US Scholar, Andrea Dutton. Photo courtesy of John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation - used with permission.

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