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## Grantees' Booklet

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# Messages of Congratulations



“On behalf of the New Zealand government and people, congratulations to all the 2019 Fulbright recipients. Since its inception over seventy years ago, the Fulbright programme has helped foster relationships between New Zealand and the United States through 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 Fulbright grantees receiving awards tonight, please accept my sincere congratulations. Your presence here is a testament to years of hard work that has already resulted in substantial achievement. We look forward with great anticipation to seeing what will be accomplished as a result of your Fulbright exchange. We celebrate with you as you embark on this journey of learning and sharing. We acknowledge the support of friends, family and colleagues who have helped you to reach this place, as well as the ongoing partnership between the United States and New Zealand 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 welcome this year’s grantees to the Fulbright New Zealand family of more than 3,600 esteemed alumni.

We warmly congratulate each of you on your achievement in joining the rich tradition of academic exchange between the United States of America and New Zealand. We encourage you to embrace this opportunity to meet new friends, step outside your comfort zone and gain new knowledge – and to contribute towards the Fulbright mission of mutual understanding, collaboration and global friendship.

Fulbright New Zealand’s Board and staff will work with you so that you can make your Fulbright exchanges a success in all regards. We wish you the very best for the journey ahead.”

**David Patterson**

*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 1,570 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 twelve member Board of Directors comprised of six New Zealanders and six 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 over 155 countries, funding around 8,000 exchanges per year for participants to study, research, teach or present their work in another country.

The more than 300,000 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.

Eight awards were granted this year. These awards are sponsored by the Minister of Research, Science and Innovation.



### Oliver Armstrong-Scott

Oliver Armstrong-Scott from Wellington will complete a Masters of Public Health specialising in Global Health at Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut.

Oliver graduated with an MBChB from the University of Otago in 2016.



### Mitchell Chandler

Mitchell Chandler from Nelson will complete a PhD in Physical Oceanography at Scripps Institute of Oceanography, University of California San Diego in San Diego, California.

Mitchell graduated with a BSc in Oceanography from the University of Otago in 2017 and a BSc (Hons) in Geophysics from the University of Auckland in 2018.



### Ribu Dhakal

Ribu Dhakal from Christchurch will research liquefaction of reclaimed soils at the University of California Berkeley, in Berkeley California, towards his PhD at the University of Canterbury.

Ribu graduated with a BE (Hons First Class) in Civil Engineering from the University of Canterbury in 2017.



### **Nicholas Goodson**

Nicholas Goodson from Wellington will complete a Masters of Science in Aeronautics and Astronautics at Stanford University in Palo Alto, California.

Nick graduated with a BE (Hons First Class) in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Canterbury in 2019.



### **Ema Hao'uli**

Ema Hao'uli from Auckland will complete a Masters of Public Administration specialising in Economic and Financial Policy at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York.

Ema graduated with an LLB (Hons) and a BA in History and Political Studies from the University of Auckland in 2014.



### **Injy Johnstone**

Injy Johnstone from Dunedin will complete a Masters of Laws specialising in Natural Resources, Energy and Environmental Law at the University of Colorado in Boulder, Colorado.

Injy graduated with a BSc in Physical Geography from the University of Otago in 2017 and an LLB (Hons First Class) from Victoria University of Wellington in 2018.



### **Nandini Nair**

Nandini Nair from Wellington will complete a Masters in Design for Interactions focusing on services and social innovation at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Nandini graduated with a BDes (Hons) in Visual Communication Design from Massey University in 2012.



### **Marise Stuart Ngāpuhi ki Taiamai, Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa**

Marise Stuart from Te Tai Tokerau will complete a Masters of Medical Science in Global Health Delivery at Harvard Medical School in Boston, Massachusetts.

Marise graduated with a MBChB in 2014, a BPhEd in 2009 and a BSc in 2006 from the University of Otago.

## Fulbright-EQC Award in Natural Disaster Research

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

One award was granted this year.



### Danielle Lindsay

Danielle Lindsay from Wellington will complete a PhD in Geophysics at the University of California Berkeley, in Berkeley, California.

Danielle graduated with a BSc (Hons First Class) in Geology in 2018 and an MSc in Geophysics in 2019 from Victoria University of Wellington. Danielle also received a Diploma in Dance Performance from the New Zealand School of Dance in 2010.



Above: Ema Hao'uli (*page 6*) at the World Intellectual Property Organisation's 2016 Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore in Geneva, Switzerland. Image CC: World Intellectual Property Organisation.



## 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.



### Carrie Clifford Waitaha, Kāti Māmoe, Kāi Tahu

Carrie Clifford from Gore will research indigenous conceptualisations of child development, mental health, and treatment at the University of Colorado in Denver, Colorado and John Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland, towards her PhD at the University of Otago.

Carrie graduated with a BSc in Psychology in 2015 and a BSc (Hons First Class) in 2016, from the University of Otago.

## 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.

Eleven awards were granted this year.



### Sarah Alawi

Sarah Alawi from Auckland will complete a Masters of Laws specialising in Dispute Resolution at Harvard Law School in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Sarah graduated with a BA and LLB (Hons) from the University of Auckland in 2015.



### Hitaua Arahanganga-Doyle Ngāi Tahu, Te Atihaunui a Pāpārangi

Hitaua Arahanganga-Doyle from Christchurch will research positive educational outcomes through use of brief social psychology interventions at Stanford University in Palo Alto, California and Northwestern University in Chicago, Illinois, towards his PhD at the University of Otago.

Hitaua graduated with a BA (Hons First Class) in Psychology and a BCom in Marketing Management from the University of Otago in 2015.



### **Fuimaono Dylan Asafo Salani, Satalo, Siumu, Moata'a, Leufisa**

Fuimaono Dylan Asafo from Auckland will complete a Masters of Laws specialising in Critical Race Theory and Minority Rights at Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Dylan graduated with an LLB/BHSc conjoint in 2017 from the University of Auckland and an LLM (First Class Hons) from the University of Auckland in 2019.



### **Henry Benson-Pope**

Henry Benson-Pope from Dunedin will complete a Masters of Laws specialising in Criminal Law and Human Rights at New York University in New York City, New York.

Henry graduated with an LLB (Hons) and a BA in Politics from the University of Otago in 2014.



### **Jack Davies**

Jack Davies from Auckland will complete a Masters of Laws specialising in International Business Regulation, Litigation and Arbitration at New York University, New York City, New York.

Jack graduated with an LLB (Hons) and a BA in Political Studies and International Relations from the University of Auckland in 2017.



### **Grace Francis**

Grace Francis from Cambridge will complete a Masters of Music in Collaborative Piano at the Julliard School in New York City, New York.

Grace graduated with a BMus (Hons First Class) in Classical Performance from the University of Auckland in 2014.



### **Emma McIntyre**

Emma McIntyre from Auckland will complete a Masters of Fine Arts specialising in Contemporary Painting at ArtCenter College of Design in Los Angeles, California.

Emma graduated with a BVA in Painting from Auckland University of Technology in 2011 and an MFA from the University of Auckland in 2016.



### **Abbas Nazari**

Abbas Nazari from Christchurch will complete a Masters of International Affairs at Columbia University in New York City, New York.

Abbas graduated with a BA (Hons First Class) in International Relations and Diplomacy from the University of Canterbury in 2016.



### **Melanie Puka Tokelau, Samoa**

Melanie Puka from Wellington will complete a PhD in Geography at the University of Hawai'i in Manoa, Hawai'i.

Melanie graduated with a BA/LLB conjoint in Development Studies in 2017 and a MDevStud in 2019 from Victoria University of Wellington.



### **Robert Schultz**

Robert Schultz from Auckland will complete a Masters of Laws specialising in Dispute Resolution at Columbia University in New York City, New York.

Robert graduated with a BA and an LLB (Hons) from the University of Auckland in 2014.



### **Jessica Stubbing Te Rarawa, Ngāti Awa, Ngāi Takoto**

Jessica Stubbing from Auckland will research adolescent suicide at Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts, towards a PhD at the University of Auckland.

Jessica graduated with a BA in Psychology and Drama (Hons First Class) from the University of Auckland in 2018.

## 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.

Seven awards were granted this year.



### Hannah Dougherty

Hannah Dougherty from Paris, Illinois will complete a Graduate Diploma in Environmental Science focusing on denitrifying bioreactors at the University of Waikato.

Hannah graduated with a BS in Crop Sciences and Agricultural and Consumer Economics, and an MS in Crop Sciences at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 2018.



### Joshua Ferrer

Joshua Ferrer from Champaign, Illinois will complete a Masters in Politics investigating the effects of proportional representation on election lawmaking in New Zealand at the University of Otago.

Joshua graduated with a BA in Political Science and Music from Amherst College in 2018.



### Octavius Jones

Octavius Jones from San Bernardino County, California will research digital storytelling with Māori women on marine conservation projects at Victoria University of Wellington.

Octavius graduated with a BS in from University of Wisconsin-Madison in 2009, and an MA in Ethnic Studies with a Certificate in Women and Gender Studies from Colorado State University in 2017.



### Molly Riley Knoedler

Riley Knoedler from Sheboygan, Wisconsin will complete a Masters of Science in Applied Mathematics at the University of Auckland.

Riley graduated with a BA (Hons) in Mathematics from Williams College in 2018.



### **Ingabirano Nintunze**

Ingabirano Nintunze from Austin, Texas will complete a Research Masters in Drama at the University of Auckland.

Ingabirano graduated with a BA in English Literature and Telecommunication Media Studies from Texas A&M University in 2015, and an MFA in Creative Writing from the University of Notre Dame in 2018.



### **Rowena Schenck**

Rowena Schenck from Gloucester, Massachusetts will complete a Masters of Science in Marine Science at the University of Otago.

Rowena graduated with a BA in Biochemistry & Biophysics from Amherst College in 2018.



### **Rory Taylor Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma**

Rory Taylor from Los Angeles, California will complete a Postgraduate Diploma in Māori Studies from the University of Auckland.

Rory graduated with a BA in International Relations from Pomona College in 2018.



Above: Artist Emma McIntyre (*page 9*) in her studio. Emma, a fourth-generation artist, has exhibited regularly since 2015. Image CC: Emma McIntyre.

# 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.

Six awards were granted this year.



### Fiona Amundsen

Fiona Amundsen from Auckland will research relationships between documentary photographic and video artworks and the socio-political realities of military capitalism at California Institute of the Arts (CalArts), in Santa Clarita, California.

Fiona is Senior Lecturer at the School of Art and Design at Auckland University of Technology.



### Nicola Daly

Nicola Daly from Hamilton will teach and research multilingualism in children's literature at the University of Arizona in Tuscon, Arizona.

Nicola is Senior Lecturer at the University of Waikato.



### Julia Horsfield

Julia Horsfield from Dunedin will use single-cell sequencing to research how cell fate decisions are controlled in the Zebrafish animal model at the University of California, Davis in Davis, California and the University of California, Irvine in Irvine, California.

Julia is Associate Professor and Director of Genetics Otago at the University of Otago.



**Rangimarie Mahuika** Ngāti Rangiwehehi, Ngāti Whakaue, Ngāti Ranginui, Te Rarawa

Rangimarie Mahuika from Awahou, Rotorua will research the connections and contrasts between traditional Māori and Native American legal and political concepts at the University of Colorado in Denver, Colorado.

Rangimarie recently completed a PhD on Indigenous Governance at the University of Waikato.



**Annette Palliser**

Annette Palliser from Invercargill will research urban food security and food sovereignty at Johnson and Wales University in Providence, Rhode Island.

Annette is a Lecturer in Environmental Management at the Southern Institute of Technology.



**Susan Schenk**

Susan Schenk from Wellington will develop a Zebrafish model of drug addiction and determine brain changes that accompany repeated exposure to drugs of abuse using this vertebrate model at the University of Utah in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Susan is Professor of Psychology at Victoria University of Wellington.

## 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.



**Jason Mika** Tūhoe, Ngāti Awa, Whakatōhea, Ngāti Kahungunu

Jason Mika from Palmerston North will research the design of effective enterprise assistance for indigenous entrepreneurs at Stanford University in San Francisco, California and University of Arizona in Tuscon, Arizona.

Jason is co-director of Te Au Rangahau, the Māori Business & Leadership Research Centre at Massey Business School, and Senior Lecturer in the School of Management at Massey University.



## 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.



### Michelle Ballard

Michelle Ballard from Tauranga will research the creation of a senior project-based course using a design thinking framework where students build future focused capabilities alongside their NCEA record of achievement.

Michelle is Deputy Principal at Mount Maunganui College.



### Susan Peoples

Dr. Sue Peoples from Te Anau will research how to develop and implement school based environmental programmes of learning.

Sue is Head of Social Sciences at Fiordland College in Te Anau.



Above: Marise Stuart (*page 6*) at Hack Aotearoa (Artificial Intelligence in Healthcare Conference) January 2019, with Mataroria Lyndon (left) a 2016 Fulbright NZ Graduate and Ross Ihaka (center).



## Fulbright-Creative New Zealand Pacific Writer's Residency

This award is for a New Zealand writer of Pacific heritage to carry out work on an approved creative writing project exploring Pacific identity, culture or history at the University of Hawai'i, Manoa for three months.

One residency was granted this year.



### Oscar Kightley

Oscar Kightley from New Zealand by way of Samoa will undertake a Fulbright-Creative New Zealand Pacific Writer's residency in Hawai'i.

While there he will network with the local creative community through writing and lectures, undertake research within the Samoan community in Hawai'i, and work on a new screenplay.

## 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.



### Emma Fitts

Emma Fitts from Christchurch is an artist whose work draws on research into the complexities of touch and tactility and offers new ways in which texture, emotion and feeling can be used as research methodologies towards a new kind of archive.

Emma is Lecturer in Sculpture at the University of Canterbury.

## 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.

Four awards were granted this year.



### Dustin Ballard

Dustin Ballard from Marin County, California will research pediatric head injury at the University of Auckland and Starship Child Health.

Dustin is the co-chair of the Kaiser Permanente CREST Network and the Medical Director for Emergency Medical Services in Marin County, California.



### Yvonne Vadeboncoeur

Yvonne Vadeboncoeur from Los Altos, California will conduct research at the Cawthron Institute in Nelson to explore how aquatic food webs are impacted by proliferations of toxic algae in lakes and rivers.

Yvonne is Professor of Biological Sciences at Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio.



### David Wells

David Wells, from Austin, Texas, will conduct research based at NIWA on the ocean basin connectivity of Pacific Bluefin Tuna throughout the Pacific Ocean.

David is Associate Professor at Texas A&M University at Galveston in Galveston, Texas.



### Peter Zazzali

Peter Zazzali from Lawrence, Kansas is based at Toi Whakaari where he will teach and conduct research towards a sociocultural analysis of professional actor training in Anglophone countries.

Peter is Associate Professor of Theatre at the University of Kansas in Lawrence, Kansas.

## 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.

Eight awards were granted this year.



### Courtnee Bennett

Courtnee Bennett from Albuquerque, New Mexico will research cultural competence and multicultural perspectives in secondary visual arts.

Courtnee graduated with a BA in Geology from Washington University in St. Louis in 1998, and an MFA in 2D Design and MAAE from the University of Cincinnati in 2009.



### Emily Crum

Emily Crum from Portland, Oregon will research the professional development and whole-school implementation of restorative practices in New Zealand schools.

Emily graduated with a BA from the University of Oregon in 2005 and an MA from Portland State University in 2008.



### Bryan Dickinson

Bryan Dickinson from Albuquerque, New Mexico will research extracurricular math opportunities that allow students to experience fields often ignored by the standard K-12 curriculum in the USA.

Bryan graduated with a BA from Western New England University in 2012 and an MA from the University of New Mexico in 2015.



### Tiffany Gross

Tiffany Gross from Brooklyn, New York will research the use of restorative justice practices and culturally responsive teaching to increase student agency and academic achievement.

Tiffany graduated with a BA from Long Island University in 2001 and an MA from Hunter College in 2006.



### **Leslie Hannam**

Leslie Hannam from Anchorage, Alaska will research culturally relevant practices in the 21st century school library.

Leslie graduated with a BA from George Washington University in 1992 and an MLS from the University of Oklahoma in 1998.



### **Margaret Kelley**

Maggie Kelley from Springfield, Virginia will research special education inclusion.

Maggie graduated with a BA in English from the College of William and Mary in 2010 and an MAEd from George Mason University in 2014.



### **Patrick Maples**

Patrick Maples from Austin, Texas will research non-traditional library approaches to support and collaborate with teachers.

Patrick graduated with a BA from Texas State in 2000, and an MS from the University of Texas School of Information in 2014.



### **Susannah Remillard**

Susannah Remillard from Dennis, Massachusetts will research nationalised mythology, standardisation, and the teaching of indigenous history.

Susannah graduated with a BA in English from Colby College in 1987 and an MA in Linguistic Anthropology from the University of South Carolina in 1997.

# Awards for Institutions

The Fulbright programme offers a range of awards to New Zealand and American institutions to host visiting academics, artists and professionals for lectures, seminars, workshops, conferences or symposiums, to help initiate international programmes and to contribute to curriculum development at the host institution.

## Fulbright Specialist Awards

These awards are for New Zealand academic institutions to host US academics, artists or professionals for two to six week programmes of lectures, seminars, workshops, conferences or symposiums.

Six awards were granted this year.



### Christopher Bellitto

The University of Canterbury hosts Christopher Bellitto from New Jersey to lecture, workshop and develop capability in the practice of humanities.

Chris is Professor of History at Kean University in New Jersey.



### Carrie Earthman

The University of Auckland hosts Carrie Earthman from Minnesota to provide expert clinical nutrition training and professional education for practicing dietitians.

Carrie is Adjunct Professor in the Department of Food Science and Nutrition at the University of Minnesota.



### Robert Field

Auckland University of Technology hosts Robert Field from Philadelphia to assist in developing a postgraduate major in non-communicable disease.

Robert is Professor of Law and of Health Management and Policy at Drexel University.



### Dianne Finch

Auckland University of Technology's Journalism Department hosts Dianne Finch from Massachusetts to focus on upskilling students and academics on the use of data and storytelling with data.

Dianne is a Data Visualisation Specialist with affiliations to Boston University, Elon University, Kent State University and Salem State University.



### Donna Riley

The University of Waikato hosts Donna Riley from Indiana as keynote speaker on Diversity in Engineering at the Australasian Association for Engineering Education Conference, December 2018.

Donna is Kamyar Haghighi Head of the School of Engineering Education at Purdue University.



### David Sedlak

The University of Auckland hosts David Sedlak from California to present lectures, seminars and workshops on prospects for New Zealand's 'three waters' issue: drinking water, storm water and waste water.

David is Plato Malozemoff Professor of Environmental Engineering at the University of California, Berkeley.



Above: The 2019 Axford Fellows in New Zealand. Left to right: Nathan Swinton (*page 23*), Alexa Daniels-Shpall, Paul Phifer, Laura Berntsen (*all page 22*).

## 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.

Four fellowships were granted this year.



#### Laura Berntsen

Laura Berntsen from Washington DC will research issues related to non-standard work arrangements and protections and supports for workers. Laura will be based at the Treasury, in coordination with the Ministry of Social Development and Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment.

Laura is Domestic Policy Advisor for the United States Senate Committee on Finance.



#### Alexa Daniels-Shpall

Alexa Daniels-Shpall from Los Angeles, California is researching strategies for building trust between police and communities with New Zealand Police and the Independent Police Conduct Authority.

Alexa is a Police Special Investigator at the Los Angeles Police Department's Office of the Inspector General in Los Angeles, California.



#### Paul Phifer

Paul Phifer from Hadley, Massachusetts will research climate change adaptation strategies for New Zealand's natural and historic heritage with the Department of Conservation.

Paul is Assistant Regional Director for Ecological Services at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Northeast Region in Hadley, Massachusetts.





### **Nathan Swinton**

Nathan Swinton from Washington DC will develop an in depth study on firearms' regulation in New Zealand with New Zealand Police and Ministry of Justice.

Nate is Senior Trial Counsel at US Department of Justice and an Adjunct Professor of Law with Georgetown University Law Center.

## **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.

Two fellowships were granted this year.



### **Douglas Jones Rongowhakaata, Ngāti Kahungunu**

Douglas Jones, from Gisborne and Wellington will be based at Massachusetts Institute of Technology exploring the environmental trade-offs and costs that need to be considered when introducing new technologies (such as gene editing) to protect native species.

Doug is Manahautū/General Manager of the Māori Policy and Operations Team at the Environmental Protection Authority in Wellington.



### **Donna Provoost**

Donna Provoost from Wellington will undertake research at the University of Oregon and Harvard University exploring how neuroscience, psychology and related disciplines can better inform policies to improve the well-being and resilience of children.

Donna is Director of the Strategy, Rights and Advice team at the office of the Children's Commissioner in Wellington.





Above: Abbas Nazari (*page 10*) hiking in Aotearoa. Abbas, from Christchurch, will complete a Masters of International Affairs at Columbia University in New York City, New York.

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