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MESSAGES OF CONGRATULATIONS



"On behalf of the New Zealand Government, I want to congratulate all the 2022 Fulbright scholarship recipients. The Fulbright programme represents the very best in international relationship building through educational exchange, and, as a recipient of this award, you will meet people and have experiences that will enrich and challenge you. Cherish each moment, embrace all the opportunities presented to you, and when you return to Aotearoa, translate that knowledge into a bright future for you, your whānau and your community. I wish you all the very best. Hāpaitia te ara tika pūmau ai te rangatiratanga mo ngā uri whakatipu."

Rt. Hon Nanaia Mahuta

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



"Kia ora and congratulations to the 2022 Fulbright grantees! The Fulbright Program is the world's flagship educational exchange program, synonymous with academic excellence and professional opportunities. Of equal importance is its mission to foster greater understanding between nations through the sharing of knowledge, culture, and experience. When Senator Fulbright established the Program in 1946 his goal for it was 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." Take this mission to heart as you embark on this fantastic journey. I wish you continued success and look forward to learning more about your adventures and achievements. Kia kaha!"

Tom Udall

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



"Tēnā koutou. On behalf of Fulbright New Zealand's Board of Directors and staff, my warmest congratulations to the 2022 Fulbright grantees. The Fulbright Programme of educational and cultural exchange has been offering enriching and life-changing scholarships for over 75 years. A great number of the world's foremost leaders and thinkers have been the recipient of a Fulbright award at some point in their career. You are now a part of this whānau and I encourage you to make the most of this fantastic opportunity while you are on award. We hope that you will continue to share your stories and successes with us and remain engaged not just while you are in the US but well into the future. We wish you all the very best on this next part of your life's journey. Ngā manaakitanga."

Wendy Larner

*Provost Victoria University of Wellington
Chairperson of the Board, 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 partners, 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 165 countries, funding around 8,000 exchanges per year for participants to study, research, teach or present their work in another country.

The more than 400,000 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.

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Congratulations to the 2022 Fulbright New Zealand cohort. I am delighted to welcome you to the Fulbright whānau and to celebrate this tremendous success with you.

The Fulbright Programme has been operating for over 75 years, and, as such, has witnessed many major global events. We are currently living through just such an event with the Covid 19 pandemic. For Fulbright New Zealand, as for international cultural exchange and education in general, we have had to focus on ways to keep our programmes operating where possible, flexing and adapting to the strictures of the pandemic and border closures while looking forward to future times of open travel.

This has meant that for the second year in a row we have not been able to have our American Fulbrighters come to New Zealand to take up their awards. I’d like to take this opportunity to acknowledge our US Fulbright grantees from 2021 and 2022 who haven’t yet been able to travel to New Zealand. Thank you for your resilience and patience. With New Zealand’s borders now open, and the resumption of international travel, we look forward to welcoming you all to these shores next year. We are delighted that we will be welcoming not one but three cohorts of US grantees to New Zealand in 2023, many of whom who have been waiting patiently for nearly three years. Next year Fulbright New Zealand celebrates our own 75th anniversary so it will be a very special year indeed and a wonderful time to be in Aotearoa.

We are thrilled that this year we are able to recognise and honour a full cohort of New Zealand Fulbright grantees who will be taking up their awards in the US soon.

It is wonderful to again be in a position to celebrate and recalibrate the opportunities for enrichment, achievement, friendship, compassion and mutual understanding. These attributes are at the heart of the Fulbright programme and are best achieved by in-person educational and cultural exchange.

Penelope Borland

Executive Director, Fulbright New Zealand

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 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.

ANNA CLARK

Anna Clark from Hurunui will research potential outcomes of genetic pest control at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York towards a PhD at the University of Otago.

Anna graduated with a BSc in Genetics in 2017, and an MSc in Genetics in 2021 from the University of Otago.



MELODY KIM

Melody Yunjeong Kim from Auckland will research childhood trauma and youth mental health at the University of Harvard in Cambridge, Massachusetts towards a PhD at the University of Auckland.

Melody graduated with a BSc in Psychology in 2020, and a BSc (Hons First Class) in 2021 from the University of Auckland.



FULBRIGHT SCIENCE AND INNOVATION GRADUATE AWARDS *(continued)*



ALEHANDREA RAIHA MANUEL
NGĀTI PŌROU

Alehandrea Raiha Manuel will research equity and telehealth in Indigenous ear and hearing healthcare at the University of Arizona in Tucson Arizona, and the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences in Little Rock, Arkansas towards a PhD at the University of Auckland.

Alehandrea graduated with a BHSc and PGDipPH (Distinction) in 2012 from the University of Auckland, and an MAudSt in 2014 from the University of Queensland.



AYA MORRIS

Aya Morris from Kaitia will research sustainable development and resilience in coastal communities at Columbia University in New York City, New York toward a Master of Sustainable Development Goals at Massey University.

Aya graduated with a BA in Psychology in 2013 and a PgDip Ed (Ed Psych) in 2016 from Massey University, and a Diploma in Te Aupikitanga ki Te Reo Kairangi in 2018 from Te Wānanga o Aotearoa.

SOPHIE OLIFF

Sophie Oliff from Wellington will complete a Masters of Science in Clinical Service Operations at Harvard University in Boston, Massachusetts.

Sophie graduated with a BHSc (Hons) in Population Health in 2013 from the University of Auckland, and a BPharm in 2016 from the University of Otago.



BRIANA STEVEN

Briana Steven from Christchurch will complete a Master of Engineering in Bioengineering at the University of California in Berkeley, California.

Briana graduated with a BE (Hons First Class) in Mechanical Engineering in 2021 from the University of Canterbury.



FULBRIGHT SCIENCE AND INNOVATION GRADUATE AWARDS *(continued)*



GEORGIA THIRD

Georgia Third from Auckland will complete a PhD in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at the University of California in Santa Cruz, California.

Georgia graduated with a BSc in Marine Science and Environmental Science in 2020, a PgDipSci in Marine Science in 2021, and an MSc in Marine Science in 2022 from the University of Auckland.



MATTIAS TOLHURST

Mattias Tolhurst from Wellington will complete a PhD in Molecular Engineering at the University of Washington in Seattle, Washington.

Mattias graduated with a BSc in Mathematics and Biotechnology and a BBMedSc in Pharmacology & Medicinal Chemistry in 2020, and a BSc in Biotechnology (Hons First Class) in 2021 from Te Herenga Waka Victoria University of Wellington.

REBEKAH WHITE

Rebekah White from Auckland will complete a Master of Arts with a Science Concentration at Columbia Journalism School in New York, New York.

Rebekah graduated with a BA in English and Comparative Literature in 2009 from the University of Auckland, and a Postgraduate Diploma in Journalism from Auckland University of Technology in 2010.



RACHAEL YIELDER

Rachael Yelder from Auckland will research people's mindsets towards illness and medication and how they influence health outcomes at Stanford University in Palo Alto, California towards a PhD at the University of Auckland.

Rachael graduated with a BA in Psychology and Sociology in 2013, from the University of Auckland, a BA (Hons First Class) in Music Business from the University of Sussex at BIMM Manchester in 2017, and a Master of Health Psychology (First Class) from the University of Auckland in 2022.



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.

Twelve awards were granted this year.



ISABELLA GREGORY

Isabella Gregory from Christchurch will complete a Master of Music in Flute Performance at Rice University in Houston, Texas.

Isabella graduated with a BMus (Hons First Class) in Classical Performance and a BA in Religious Studies in 2021 from Te Herenga Waka Victoria University of Wellington.



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.

JORDAN HAMEL

Jordan Hamel from Timaru will complete a Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Jordan graduated with a BA/LLB in 2015 from the University of Otago.



JACK HARRÉ

Jack Harré from Christchurch will complete a Master of Music in Jazz Performance at New York University in New York City.

Jack graduated with a BMus (Hons First Class) in Jazz Performance from Te Kōki School of Music at Te Herenga Waka Victoria University of Wellington in 2021.



FULBRIGHT NEW ZEALAND GENERAL GRADUATE AWARDS (continued)



ZOË HENRY NGĀPUHI, NGĀTI KAHU,
MAKEFU – NIUE

Zoë Henry from Auckland will research Indigenous conceptions of punishment at the University of California in Los Angeles towards a PhD at the University of Auckland.

Zoë graduated with a BA in 2014, BA (Hons Second Class) in History in 2016, and an MA (First Class) in History in 2018 from the University of Auckland.



BRONTE HERON

Bronte Heron from Taranaki will complete a Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing at the New School in New York City.

Bronte graduated with a BFA (Hons First Class) in 2016 from Elam School of Fine Arts, and an MA in Creative Writing in 2021 from the International Institute of Modern Letters at Te Herenga Waka Victoria University of Wellington.

RAYHAN LANGDANA

Rayhan Langdana from Wellington will complete a Master of Laws in electoral law at the University of California in Berkeley, California.

Rayhan graduated with an LLB (Hons) and a BA in History and Politics in 2018 from the University of Auckland.



PETE MCKENZIE

Pete McKenzie from Wellington will complete a Master of Arts in Journalism at Columbia University in New York City, New York.

Pete graduated with an LLB (Hons First Class) and BA in Political Science and Mandarin in 2022 from Te Herenga Waka Victoria University of Wellington.



FULBRIGHT NEW ZEALAND GENERAL GRADUATE AWARDS (continued)



LEOLA MEYNELL

Leola Meynell from Palmerston North will research how climate change is affecting women's reproductive decisions at the University of California in Riverside, California towards a PhD in Psychology at Massey University.

Leola graduated with a BA (Hons First Class) in Psychology in 2017, and an MA in Psychology in 2020 from Massey University.



DEXTER STANLEY-TAUVAO VAILOA FALEATA, TĀGA I SAVAI'I

Dexter Stanley-Tauvao from Wellington will complete a Master of Music in Jazz Studies at the Aaron Copland School of Music, Queens College in New York City.

Dexter graduated with a BMus (Hons First Class) in Jazz Performance in 2018, and a BA in German from Te Herenga Waka Victoria University of Wellington.

LIAM WOODING NGĀTI HINEARO, NGĀTI TUERA/ TE ATI HAUNUI-A-PĀPĀRANGI

Liam Wooding from Whanganui will research music performance at the University of California in San Diego, California towards a DMA at the University of Waikato.

Liam graduated with a BMus in Classical Performance from the University of Auckland in 2013, an MMus (Hons First Class) from the University of Waikato in 2017, and completed the Professional Performance Program at the Australian National Academy of Music in 2019.



JOSEPH XULUÉ SILOAM - NEW CALEDONIA, LUFU LUFU, FAGAMALO - SAMOA

Joseph Xulué from Auckland will complete a Master of Laws in criminal justice reform and Indigenous peoples' rights at Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Joseph graduated with a BCom and LLB in 2016 from the University of Auckland.



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.



NIKKI BARRETT (NEE HAEREROA), NGĀTI HAUĀ, NGĀTI POROU

Nikki Barrett from Kirikiriroa will research the revitalisation of traditional Indigenous birthing knowledge and practices towards a PhD at the University of Waikato.

Nikki graduated with a BSpLS in 2009, and a Master of Sport and Leisure Studies in 2016 from Te Whare Wānanga o Waikato - University of Waikato.

“The most critical lesson that I learnt on my Fulbright journey is that it is people that matter the most. He tangata, he tangata, he tangata.”

- **TE PŪOHO KATENE** (Ngāti Toarangatira, Ngāti Tama, Ngāti Whātua)
Fulbright-NPM Graduate, 2017



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.

Three awards were granted this year.

APO APOROSA

Apo Aporosa from Kirikiriroa will investigate both the hepatotoxicity linked to kava consumption, and culturally informed therapeutic interventions to reducing post-traumatic stress disorder amongst post-combat soldiers at various institutions in Hawai'i.

Apo is a lecturer and researcher at Te Huataki Waiora School of Health and Te Kura Whatu Oho Mauri School of Psychology at Te Whare Wānanga o Waikato - University of Waikato.

TAGO MHARAPARA

Tago Mharapara from Auckland will study the integration of research evidence into health policymaking process at Brown University's Policy Lab in Providence, Rhode Island.

Tago is a Research Lecturer at Auckland University of Technology.



FULBRIGHT NEW ZEALAND SCHOLAR AWARDS (continued)



RACHEL SIMON-KUMAR

Rachel Simon-Kumar from Auckland will research a feminist political science project called the 'Ethnic Minority Women in New Zealand Politics Project' at Georgetown University in Washington DC.

Rachel is an Associate Professor at the University of Auckland.

“We must try to expand the boundaries of human wisdom, empathy and perception, and there is no way of doing that except through education.”

– SENATOR J. WILLIAM FULBRIGHT

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.

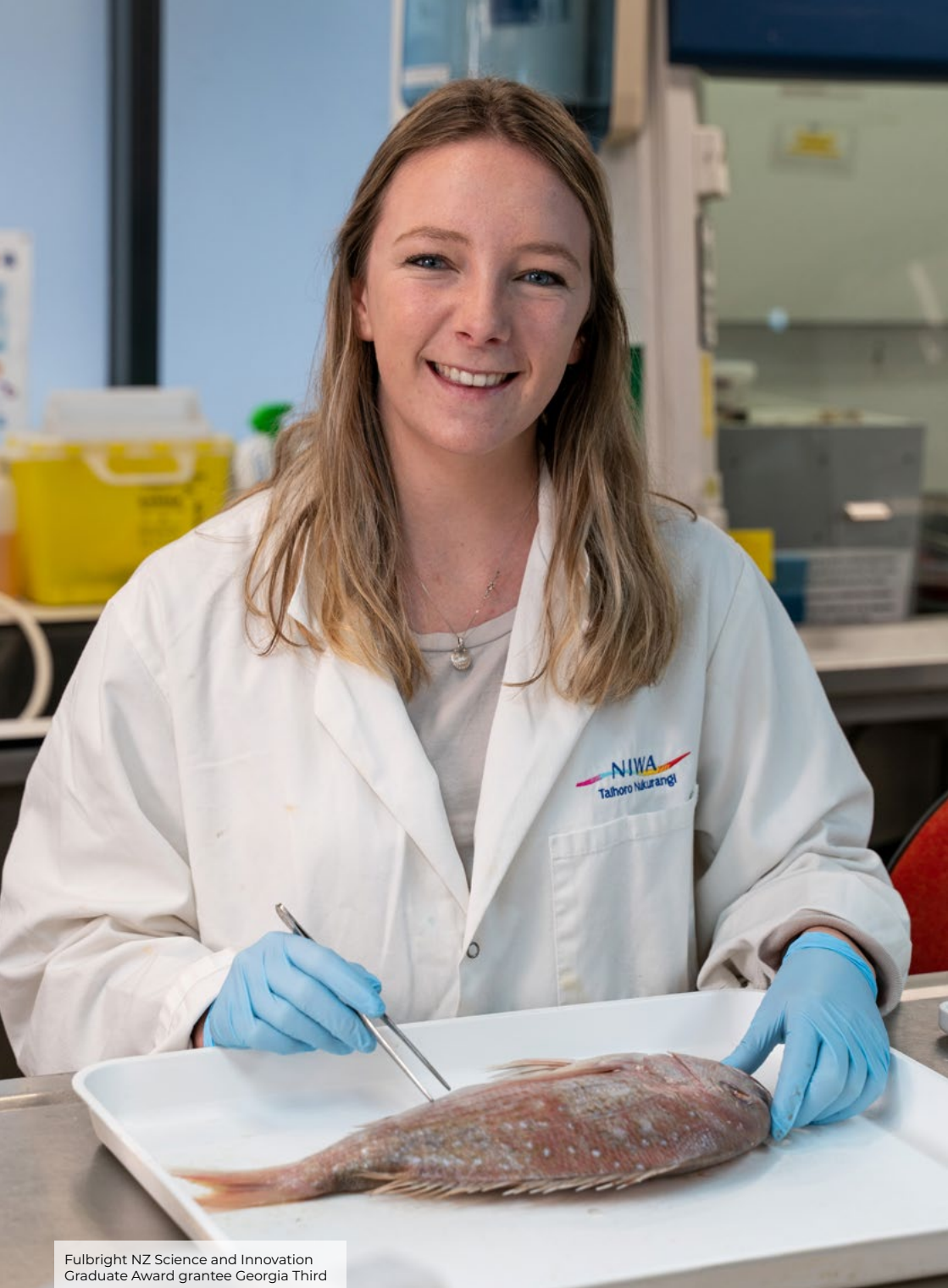
One award was granted this year.

WILL FLAVELL NGĀ PUHI, NGĀTI WHATUA, TAINUI, NGĀTI MANIAPOTO

Will Flavell from Te Atatū South, Tāmaki Makaurau will research how language, culture, and identity feature in the schooling experiences of Native American Youth in Massachusetts.

Will is the Kaihautū Māori at Te Hononga Akoranga COMET Auckland and elected to the Henderson-Massey Local Board.





Fulbright NZ Science and Innovation
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