

Tulane is a top producer of US Fulbright students

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Kelsey Lacourrege was one of 11 Tulane students to receive a Fulbright award for 2016-17 (photo courtesy of Kelsey Lacourrege).

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With 11 students receiving Fulbright awards for 2016-17, Tulane University has been recognized by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs as a top producer of Fulbright winners.

The Fulbright Program is the U.S. government's flagship international educational exchange program. Top-producing institutions are highlighted annually in *The Chronicle of Higher Education*.

The Fulbright competition is administered at Tulane by Charlotte Maheu Vail, Tulane's Fulbright program adviser. Thirteen Tulane students received grant recognition, but two students were forced to terminate their grants due to the suspension of the Turkey program. Tulane was also recognized as a top Fulbright producer in 2013-14.

"The Tulane Honors Program believes that advising for nationally competitive scholarships is an opportunity for students to have a richer and more nuanced academic career," Maheu Vail said. "Their curriculum, professors, time abroad and service, in coordination with scholarship advising, provide an enhanced academic experience, one where we as an academic community promote students' intellectual autonomy and individual passion."

Since its inception in 1946, the Fulbright Program has provided more than 370,000 participants — chosen for their academic merit and leadership potential — with the opportunity to exchange ideas and contribute to finding solutions to shared international concerns.

Over 1,900 U.S. students, artists and young professionals in more than 100 different fields of study are offered Fulbright Program grants annually. The Fulbright U.S. Student Program operates in over 140 countries throughout the world.

Tulane Fulbright grantees for the 2016-17 academic year:

1. Jennie Barker, SLA, English Teaching Assistant Program — Germany
2. Nathan Benjamin, SLA and Business, Binational Internship — Mexico
3. Samuel Fishman, SLA, English Teaching Assistant Program — Paraguay
4. Leah Fox, SLA, English Teaching Assistant Program — Spain
5. Taylor Geiger, Business, English Teaching Assistant Program — Slovak Republic
6. Abigail Goodman, SLA, English Teaching Assistant Program — Taiwan
7. *Louise Gretschel, SLA, English Teaching Assistant Program — Turkey
8. Kelly Jensen, MD/MPH, Research Grant - Peru
9. Allison Koh, SLA, English Teaching Assistant Program — Malaysia
10. Kelsey Lacourrege, SSE, Community-based Grant — Austria
11. Brady Page, MD/MPH, Research Grant - Brazil

12. *Peyton Smith, SLA, English Teaching Assistant Program — Turkey

13. Bria Trosclair, SLA, English Teaching Assistant Program — Bulgaria

**The Turkey Program was suspended for 2016-17.*

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