Fellowships Program, 2016-2017

Fulbright Fellowships Applications and Results
Congratulations to the 37 Smith College 2016-17 candidates for the 2017-18 Fulbright Fellowship, for successfully completing your applications, and thank you to the some-200 Smith faculty and staff members who supported them in producing about 1,000 pages of application materials. It is this rallying around our applicants that helps keep Smith the strongest Fulbright program in the nation: https://www.smith.edu/fulbright/outstanding_ach.php. 27 of the 37 applicants were recognized as finalists (73%), with 14 applicants offered Fulbright Fellowships (38%) and 4 designated as alternates (11%).

The 2016-17 candidates applied to 29 countries, with our first application to Nigeria. Of the 37 Fulbright applicants, 17 (about 46 percent) self-identified as minority candidates. The ever-increasing number of countries targeted by Smithies shows how our adventurous and trailblazing students are eager to represent the United States across the globe.

The Fulbright cohort comprised 28 seniors, seven alumnae, one graduate student, and one research fellow. Among them, 18 applied to conduct research projects, five to pursue masters degrees, 13 to teach English as a second language, and one to pursue an art performance project (an alumna who uses a wheelchair, seeking to study mixed-ability dance in Uruguay).

Other Prestigious Fellowship Applications and Results
Congratulations to the students who made 18 applications for other prestigious awards. We are very proud of the individuals who received 10 award offers in competitions that included the Goldwater Scholarship, DAAD German Academic Exchange Service Study Scholarship, Gates Cambridge Scholarship, NSF Graduate Research Fellowship, and Pickering Fellowship.

It Takes a Community
Appreciation is also extended to faculty members who acted as mentors, letter writers, language evaluators, and consultants. Thanks, too, to staff members who supported this campus-wide collaboration from various quarters including the Clark Science, Wurtele, Jacobson, Lazarus, and Lewis centers, the Registrar's, Class Deans, Disability, and Student Financial Services offices, plus IRB and ITS.

FELLOWSHIPS RESULTS 2016-17

SUMMARY

25 FELLOWSHIP OFFERS

1 Critical Language Scholar
1 DAAD: German Academic Exchange Service
1 Fulbright Clinton Award in Public Policy
14 Fulbright Fellows
1 Gates Cambridge
1 Goldwater Scholar
1 Killam Fellow
1 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellow
1 Pickering Graduate Foreign Affairs Fellow
3 TAPIF (Teaching Assistant Program in France) Fellows
55 CANDIDATES

1 Critical Language Scholar
4 DAAD: German Academic Exchange Service
1 Gates Cambridge
4 Goldwater Scholarship Nominees
1 Killam Fellowship
1 Marshall Scholarship Nominee
1 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship
1 Pickering Graduate Foreign Affairs Fellowship
1 Rangel International Affairs Fellowship
3 Teaching Assistant Program in France
37 Fulbright Fellowship

25 FELLOWSHIP OFFERS

1 Critical Language Scholar

Madeline Undis 19J [back]

1 DAAD

Monica Wilson 17 (declined award to take Fulbright Fellowship)
Study scholarship in Biology
Mentor: Laura Katz [back]

1 Fulbright Clinton Award in Public Policy

Jennifer Daley 08 [back]

14 Fulbright Fellows

Joan Brunetta 17J
Norway: English Teaching Assistantship
University
Mentor: Thalia Pandiri
Recommenders: Jeffrey Ahlman, Craig Davis, Thalia Pandiri
Consultants: Jeffrey Ahlman, Craig Davis
Foreign Language Evaluator: Erika Espey-Sundt

Nancy Cai 17J
Thailand: English Teaching Assistantship
Public school
Mentor: David Palmer
Recommenders: Yalin Chen, Sara Eddy, David Palmer
Consultants: Yalin Chen, Sara Eddy
Foreign Language Evaluator: Amy Wordelman

Claudia Deeg 17
Tanzania: Biology
"Enabling Sustainable Use of Zanzibar Coral Reefs for Tourism and Fishing"
Mentor: L. David Smith
Recommenders: Jesse Bellemare, Jack Loveless, Sara Pruss
Consultants: Al Curran, Jesse Bellemare, Jack Loveless, Agnes Kimokoti, Paulette Peckol,
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Foreign Language Evaluator: Agnes Kimokoti

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Consultants: Robert Dorit, Sarah Hews
Foreign Language Evaluator: Lisa Haegele

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Mentor: Angie Hauser
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Consultants: Lila Dodge 09
Foreign Language Evaluator: Melissa Belmonte

Asriyanti Karma 16
Indonesia: English Teaching Assistantship
High School
Mentor: Michelle Joffroy
Recommenders: Reid Bertone-Johnson, Dana Leibsohn, James Middlebrook
Foreign Language Evaluator: Sonya Condro Lukitosari

Sydney Keen 17
Taiwan: English Teaching Assistantship
Middle School
Mentor: William Oram
Recommenders: Jill de Villiers, William Oram, Lourdes Ortega
Consultants: Nalini Bhushan, Yalin Chen, Jill de Villiers, William Oram
Foreign Language Evaluator: Yalin Chen

Julia Kim 14J
South Korea: Political Science
"Growth of Democracy Through Sex Workers' Rights Debate"
Mentor: Dennis Yasutomo
Recommenders: Brent Durbin, Jina Kim, Dennis Yasutomo
Foreign Language Evaluator: Suk Massey

Zoe Kohler-Boland 17
Peru: Biology
"Effects of Pollutants on Lake Titicaca's Threatened Killifish and Fishing Communities"
Mentor: Lisa Mangiamele
Recommenders: Donald Baumer, Ibtissam Bouacherine, Lisa Mangiamele
Foreign Language Evaluator: Maria Estela Harretche
Quinn Lavigne 17
Malaysia: English Teaching Assistantship
Middle/High School
Mentor: Peter De Villiers
Recommenders: Peter de Villiers, Susan Etheredge, Katie Moore

Candy Lee 11
Taiwan: English Teaching Assistantship
Elementary School
Mentor: Samuel Intrator
Recommenders: Samuel Intrator, Victor Tam, Sujane Wu
Consultants: Debra Carney, Marisa Cheng 13, Julie Goshe 07, Lucy Mule, Kimberly Probolus 11, Alan Rudnitsky, Carmen Say 11, Sujane Wu
Foreign Language Evaluator: Sujane Wu

Sage Lillaheart 17
Brazil: Film Studies
"Brazilian Horror Film: Popular Genre Expanding Brazil's Film Industry"
Mentor: Marguerite Harrison
Recommenders: Craig Davis, Alexandra Keller, Bernadine Mellis
Consultants: Andrew Dausch, Craig Davis, Alexandra Keller, Bernadine Mellis, Malcolm McNee, William Oram, Andy Rotman, Alex Seggerman, Mihoko Suzuki, Joel Westerdale
Foreign Language Evaluator: Malcolm McNee

Monica Wilson 17
Germany: Biology
"Biodiversity of Bacterian Symbionts in Protists"
Mentor: Laura Katz
Recommenders: Laura Katz, Joseph McVeigh, Joel Westerdale
Consultants: Marisa Cheng 13, Andy Rotman, Alex Seggerman, Joel Westerdale
Foreign Language Evaluator: Joseph McVeigh

Sarah Yan 17
Vietnam: English Teaching Assistantship
High School/University
Mentor: Brent Durbin
Recommenders: Marc Lendler, Brent Durbin, Yuh-Line Niou
Foreign Language Evaluator: Quynh Anh Giang [back]

1 Gates Cambridge

Jamie Cyr 16
Mentors: Rob Dorit, Stacie Hagenbaugh [back]

1 Goldwater Scholar

Morgan Schwartz 18
Mentors: Michael Barresi, Laura Katz [back]

1 Killam Fellow

Dorothea Miller 19 [back]
1 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellow
Isabella Casini 17 (declined to accept award at University of Tübingen, Germany)
Mentor: Denise McKahn

1 Pickering Graduate Foreign Affairs Fellow
Marichuy Gomez 14

3 TAPIF (Teaching Assistant Program in France) Fellows
Katie Paglierani 17
Molly Kover 17
Monica Swartz 17

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1 Critical Language Scholar
Madeline Undis 19J

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Isabella Casini 17
Study scholarship in Process Engineering
Mentor: Denise McKahn
Nicole DelRosso, Graduate Research Fellow
Research grant in Biotechnology
Mentor: Nathan Derr
Julia Whiting 15
Study scholarship in Public Policy
Mentor: Stacie Hagenbaugh
Monica Wilson 17 (declined award to take Fulbright Fellowship)
Study scholarship in Biology
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Jamie Cyr 16
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4 Goldwater Scholar Nominees
Katrina Anderson 18
Mentors: Michael Barresi, Rob Dorit
Suroor Gandhi 18
Mentors: Gary Felder, Joyce Palmer Fortune, Nalini Easwar
Peyton Higgins 18
Mentors: Kate Queeney, Kevin Shea, Becci Thomas
Morgan Schwartz 18
Mentors: Michael Barresi, Laura Katz
1 **Killam Fellow**

Dorothea Miller 19 [back]

1 **Marshall Scholar Nominee**

Joan Brunetta 17J
Master of Arts in Medieval Studies
University of York
and
Master of Arts in Medieval and Renaissance Studies
University College London
Mentor: Craig Davis
Recommenders: Jeffrey Ahlman, Craig Davis, Thalia Pandiri
Endorsement: President McCartney, Tom Bernard, Kate Queeney [back]

1 **National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Applicant**

Isabella Casini 17 (declined to accept award at University of Tübingen, Germany)
Mentor: Denise McKahn [back]

1 **Pickering Graduate Foreign Affairs Fellowship Applicant**

Marichuy Gomez 14 [back]

1 **Rangel International Affairs Fellowship Applicant**

Marichuy Gomez 14
Interview Preparation: Stacie Hagenbaugh [back]

3 **TAPIF (Teaching Assistant Program in France) Fellowship Applicants**

Katie Paglierani 17
Molly Kover 17
Monica Swartz 17 [back]

37 **Fulbright Fellowships Candidates**

Aisha Amin 17
Netherlands: Film Studies
"The Potential for Documentary Film Utilizing Neurocinema to Create Social Change"
Mentor: Ellen Kaplan
Recommenders: Len Berkman, Mary Harrington, Ellen Kaplan
Consultants: Peter Sapiro, Alex Seggerman

Catherine Bradley 17
Spain: English Teaching Assistantship
Middle/High School
Mentor: Alan Rudnitsky
Recommenders: Carol Berner, Elizabeth Pryor, Alan Rudnitsky
Consultants: Carol Berner, Marisa Cheng 13, Daniel Gardner
Foreign Language Evaluator: Reyes Lázaro
Joan Brunetta 17J  
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Mentor: Thalia Pandiri  
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Consultants: Jeffrey Ahlman, Craig Davis  
Foreign Language Evaluator: Erika Espey-Sundt

Jackie Byun 16  
South Korea: Computer Science  
"Connecting a Growing Population of Senior Citizens in South Korea to the Digital Age"  
Mentor: Dominique Thiebaut  
Recommenders: Tracy Hammond, Danielle Santos, Dominique Thiebaut  
Consultants: Marisa Cheng 13, Suzanne Gottschang, Rocco Piccinino, Alex Seggerman  
Foreign Language Evaluator: Hyunsook Shin

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Mentor: David Palmer  
Recommenders: Yalin Chen, Sara Eddy, David Palmer  
Consultants: Yalin Chen, Sara Eddy  
Foreign Language Evaluator: Amy Wordelman

Elizabeth Carper 17  
Singapore: Environmental Science  
"Singapore as a Model for Potable and Freshwater Resiliency Strategies"  
Mentor: Susan Sayre  
Recommenders: Elliot Fratkin, Suk Massey, Dennis Yasutomo  
Consultants: Marnie Anderson, Elliot Fratkin, Suk Massey, Greg White, Dennis Yasutomo

Isabella Casini 17  
Germany: Engineering  
"Improvement of Biogas Production from Anaerobic Digestion"  
Mentor: Denise McKahn  
Recommenders: Giovanna Bellesia, Niveen Ismail, Denise McKahn  
Consultants: Niveen Ismail, Naila Moreira  
Foreign Language Evaluator: Judith Keyler-Mayer

Mandy Castro 17  
Indonesia: Biology  
"Ecological Analysis for the Preservation of Vital Coral Reefs"  
Mentor: L. David Smith  
Recommenders: Laura Katz, Kate Queeney, L. David Smith  
Consultants: Al Curran, Laura Katz, Kate Queeney, L. David Smith  
Foreign Language Evaluator: Amy Wordelman

Marina Cheng 17  
Japan: Computer Science  
"Societal and Cultural Investigation of Computational Biology Research"
Mentor: Sara Mathieson  
Recommenders: Nathan Derr, Nicholas R. Howe, Sara Mathieson  
Consultants: Nancy Whittier, Dennis Yasutomo  
Foreign Language Evaluator: Yuri Kumagai

Haley Crockett 15  
Jamaica: Agriculture  
"High Honey-Yielding Top-Bar Hives to Promote Affordable Beekeeping"  
Mentor: Paul Wetzel  
Recommenders: Zoe Burgess, Frazer Ward, Paul Wetzel  
Consultants: Sara Pruss, Greg White

Eliza Cummings 17 [designated Fulbright Alternate]  
Uganda: Economic Development  
"Impact of Specialty Coffee Certifications on Agricultural Development"  
Mentor: Kim Dionne  
Recommenders: Kim Dionne, Howard Gold, Greg White  
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Sarah Emigh-Doyle 16 [designated Fulbright Alternate]  
Bulgaria: English Teaching Assistantship  
High School  
Mentor: Fernando Armstrong-Fumero  
Recommenders: Olla Al-Shalchi, Fernando Armstrong-Fumero, Judith Bradshaw Brown  
Consultants: Olla Al-Shalchi, Grant Moss, Alex Seggerman  
Foreign Language Evaluator: Elena Atanascheva

Ana Garcia 17  
Chile: Chemistry  
"Toward the Development of a Snail Slime-Polymer Biomaterial for Bone Tissue Regeneration"  
Mentor: Cristina Suarez
Recommenders: Maren Buck, Travis Norsen, Cristina Suarez
Consultants: Maren Buck, Betsie Jamieson
Foreign Language Evaluator: Alejandra Osorio

Anna George 17
France: Biology
"Preparing for Climate Change through Mapping Horticultural Plant Escape"
Mentor: Jesse Bellemare
Recommenders: Jesse Bellemare, Sharyn Goldstien, Virginia Hayssen
Consultants: Marisa Cheng 13, Virginia Hayssen, Leslie King, Hélène Visentin
Foreign Language Evaluator: Hélène Visentin

Dariana Guerrero 17
South Korea: English Teaching Assistantship
Middle/High School
Mentor: Lucy Mule
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Natalie Kolber 17  
Poland: Biology  
"Novel Biomarkers to Accurately Diagnose Diabetic Complications Sooner"  
Mentor: Stylianos Scordilis  
Recommenders: Lou Ann Bierwert, Robert Merritt, Stylianos Scordilis  
Foreign Language Evaluator: Malgorzata Zielinska-Pfabe  

Susanna Lam 15 [designated Fulbright Alternate]  
Iceland: Language and Literature  
"Grasping the Cultural Context of Icelandic Language for Effective Translations"  
Mentor: Craig Davis  
Recommenders: Anna Andersen, Craig Davis, Marguerite Harrison  
Consultant: Marguerite Harrison  
Foreign Language Evaluator: Craig Davis  

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Malaysia: English Teaching Assistantship  
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"Brazilian Horror Film: Popular Genre Expanding Brazil's Film Industry"  
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Foreign Language Evaluator: Malcolm McNee  

Maya McCann 17  
Ecuador: Interdisciplinary Studies  
"Girls in Soccer: Developing an Effective and Accessible Positive Youth Development Model"  
Mentor: Alice Hearst
Esosa Osayamen 17
Nigeria: History
"The Benin Empire's Relationship to the Atlantic Slave Trade from a Local Perspective"
Mentor: Louis Wilson
Recommenders: Barbara Kellum, Albert Mosley, Louis Wilson
Consultants: Jerry Ahlman, Kevin Quashie, Andy Rotman

Samantha Page 17
Spain: English Teaching Assistantship
High School
Mentor: Kevin Rozario
Recommenders: Rosetta Cohen, Jessica Nicoll, Adam Rizzo
Consultants: Marisa Cheng 13, Christen Mucher, Jessica Nicoll, Frazer Ward
Foreign Language Evaluator: Ibtissam Bouachrine

Ayla Staelin-Lefsky 15
Jordan: English Teaching Assistantship
Secondary School
Mentor: Ernest Benz
Recommenders: Amanda Belden, Ernest Benz, Caitlin Turner
Consultants: Amanda Belden 07, Sergey Glebov
Foreign Language Evaluator: Mohamed Hassan

Sarah Tully 17 [designated Fulbright Alternate]
Slovakia: English Teaching Assistantship
Middle/High School
Mentor: Gillian Kendall
Recommenders: Peter de Villiers, Gillian Kendall, Barry Moser

Marta Vivanco 17
Denmark: International Relations
"Rainbow Politics: How Progressive LGBTQ Policies Benefit the National Economy"
Mentor: Carrie Baker
Recommenders: Keith Gumery, Maria Estela Harretche, Greg White
Foreign Language Evaluator: Rikke Mamsen

Megan Wancura 17
Singapore: Chemistry
"Developing Methods to Use the Peels of Local Fruits to Purify Scarce Water for Reuse"
Mentor: Kevin Shea
Recommenders: Maren Buck, Laura Katz, Kevin Shea
Consultants: Maren Buck, Betsie Jamieson

Cheryl Watts 17
Nepal: Geology
"The Effects of the 2015 Gorkha Earthquake on Groundwater Springs in Central Nepal"
Mentor: Greg White
Recommenders: Constance Kassor, Robert Newton, Beth Pratt-Sitaula
Foreign Language Evaluator: Aditi Aryal

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Germany: Biology
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Foreign Language Evaluator: Joseph McVeigh

Sarah Yan 17
Vietnam: English Teaching Assistantship
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Recommenders: Marc Lendler, Brent Durbin, Yuh-Line Niou
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