Fulbright-Cottrell Award 2022

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION - Background (continued)

Fulbright Germany - which annually offers hundreds of scholarships in a variety of different grant programs for academic and professional exchange between Germany and the U.S. – has since 2016 added a wider intercultural scope to the RCSA’s successful approach for both Northern American and German scholars with its Fulbright-Cottrell Award. Fulbright-Cottrell Scholars thus gain access to like-minded and established networks on both sides of the Atlantic, helping them to develop current and future projects, and pave careers as international scientists.

Since 2017, the award has been complemented by an initiative from scholars on each side of the Atlantic: an annual workshop organized by engaged award scholars and alumni:ae, offering professional development in the German academic landscape and further encouraging the growing network and transatlantic reach of our “teacher-scholars.” The workshop offers training for junior faculty/group leaders on how to best implement evidence-based pedagogies, integrate research and teaching, use new strategies for communicating science to the public (past workshops have even included public science slams as part of the program), and develop skills in time management, leadership, mentoring students, and networking. The most recent - and this time virtual - workshop, which included both German and U.S. faculty experts and peers of Fulbright-Cottrell scholars, took place on October 14, 2021.

This 2019 cover story publication in Angewandte Chemie on a Fulbright-Cottrell scholar’s research – which marked the first scientific collaboration between one of our Germany-based scholars and one of the U.S.-based Cottrell Scholars - shows how these “science diplomats” are building intercultural teaching and research bridges to their home institutions and beyond.