Fulbright-Cottrell Award 2023

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: a workshop in Germany organized by engaged award scholars and
alumni:ae, offering professional development in the German academic landscape and
further enhancing 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.