

# 'Turning nations into people' \*

## MISSION

The German-American Fulbright Commission (Fulbright Germany) facilitates cross-border international understanding through academic exchange.

As the only binational exchange organization in Germany with a US focus, we award around 700 scholarships annually for study, research, teaching and continuing education in the USA and Germany, thereby actively promoting transatlantic dialogue and creating opportunities and space for experiences through various types of encounters.

**We bring people together.**

## GUIDING PRINCIPLES

### Our roots – What shapes us

We are shaped by the founding spirit of US Senator J. William Fulbright and the experiences of the Second World War, in which humanity was sacrificed to ideology. Since Fulbright Germany was founded in 1952, we have supported over 46,000 scholarship holders.

### Our values – What guides us

Our actions are grounded in the humanistic attitude that propelled Fulbright in building the organization that is as relevant today as it was 65 years ago.

**Trust · Openness · Freedom · Empathy · Diversity · Curiosity · Continuity**

Our grantees and alumni meet freely, learn to appreciate cultural differences and to discover similarities. We promote encounters between people - regardless of gender, nationality, ethnic origin, religion, sexual orientation or worldview.

Unity and national diversity: We are supported by the conviction of European proponents of the Enlightenment that the acquisition of knowledge, the development of the individual personality and the joint search for answers do not stop at geographical or social borders. This sentiment and the importance of immediate, authentic experience remain important in times of boundless virtual connectivity.

### Our work – What we do

We live our values and support students, scientists and teachers at schools and universities. We facilitate the transatlantic mobility of multipliers, experts from other professions and socially underrepresented groups.

We know that, against the background of global interdependence, bilateral understanding between the USA and Germany must increasingly be conceived in the transnational sphere.

We choose our grantees on the basis of their professional excellence and curiosity, talent and energy as well as their willingness to make an impact in their respective communities through personality and attitude.

Our scholarship programs offer the opportunity to experience the diversity of a different culture, beyond the elite locations, urban centers and popular hotspots.

We ensure that our grantees feel part of the German-American and worldwide Fulbright community during and after their scholarship period and share their experiences as ambassadors in this community through their own engagement. In this way, we promote intergenerational exchange.

*We take the right to informational self-determination seriously, work transparently and process only the most necessary data of our grantees, employees and partners.*

\* "Educational exchange can turn nations into people, contributing as no other form of communication can to the humanizing of international relations."  
J. William Fulbright, 1983: Speech to the Council on International Educational Exchange.