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EXCLUSIVE SCHOLARSHIPS

Huayu Scholarship

- Study Mandarin in Taiwan for free
 - **Deadline March 31st.**
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Taiwan MOE Scholarship

- Pursue your MA, MBA or MS in Taiwan for free.
 - Many graduate degrees in Taiwan are taught in English so Mandarin knowledge is not required.
 - **Deadline March 31st.**
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- **Applicable to both:** Tuition, monthly stipends and health insurance is provided.
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Interested? Contact: Dr. Patricia Schiaffini-Vedani, Office of International Collaborations.



IMPORTANT DATES

U.S. Fulbright Student Program for juniors who want to do research, take graduate classes or teach English abroad upon graduation. Find our more:

March 27, Thursday 12:30-1:30

- Award types and application process
 - This Fulbright program is only open to U.S. citizens.
 - Application will be for 2026-2027
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- Where: Online/Zoom
- **CLICK LINK BELOW**
<https://odu.zoom.us/j/5053315080>



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THE ADVENTUROUS FULBRIGHT PROFESSOR

optintoadventure WHAT IS RESEARCH? | WHAT DOES RESEARCH LOOK LIKE?

- it's visiting spaces
- it's hikes with locals
- it's sauna
- it's listening at restaurants
- it's immersive
- it's being aware of differences and similarities
- it's doing things like a local
- it's falling in holes
- it's a meeting over coffee, always coffee here
- it's reading
- it's observing
- it's being a parent
- it's waiting
- it's getting lost
- it's thinking on walks
- it's asking questions

Professor Hull (Department of STEM Education and Professional Studies) is in Finland on a Distinguished Teaching Award. We are following her on Instagram @optintoadventure to know more about her everyday life and explore the immersive side of her Fulbright experience.

USA > Finland > Paris

Professor Hull and her family have been living it up in Finland. For spring holiday they travelled to the "City of Lights." Paris! While in Paris they have embraced the tradition of Café Terraces (patio seating). One of the local cafes they visited was *Mademoiselle Angelina*. Of course they had to stop by *Notre Dame de Paris* and the famous *Eiffel Tower*.

Day in the Life: In Finland



Going to the library, attending presentations, and working on research plus a little coffee:)



Fulbright Monarchs For The Win!

Difference Between a Fulbright Specialist and Fulbright Scholar

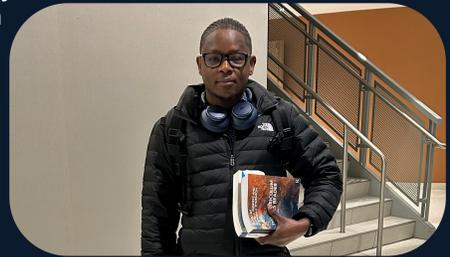
A Fulbright scholar receives an award for 3-12 months located in another country where the individual researches and/or teaches. A Fulbright Specialist travels to another country for 2-6 weeks to engage in a short-term project, curriculum development, and workshops.

Meet Steevenson Rosema, International Fulbright Scholar at ODU

Steevenson Rosema is originally from Chambellan, Grand-Anse, Haiti. In 2023, he was honored as one of the two recipients of the prestigious Fulbright Scholarship awarded by the U.S. Embassy in Haiti, enabling him to pursue a doctoral degree in the United States. He is currently a Ph.D. student at Old Dominion University, specializing in Science Education with a concentration in Curriculum and Instruction within the Department of Teaching and Learning. His research interests encompass Teacher Education, Teacher Professional Development, and Diversity and Inclusion in educational settings.

His passion stems from his extensive experience as a high school and college teacher. As well as a teacher trainer in "Didactic of Foreign Language Teaching and Competence-Based Approach in Teaching" in Haiti for over five years. He believes that, after earning his doctorate degree in education at Old Dominion University, he will be a valuable asset to the educational system of Haiti, which has been troubled by political misconduct and lack of governmental engagement.

Currently, Steevenson serves as a Graduate Research Assistant for MonarchTeach under the supervision of Dr. Demetrice Smith-Mutegi. This program provides scholarship opportunities to students aspiring to become STEM teachers in high-need middle and high schools in Virginia.



Dr. Tisha Paredes' Journey to Lesotho Alongside Fulbright

"Do it, don't hesitate" - is a motto that Tisha Paredes lives by. So, when Dr. Paredes heard about a short-term Fulbright opportunity from Professor Jay Walker, she dove headfirst into a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Dr. Paredes was awarded a six-week project in Lesotho, Africa, where she reviewed and assessed accreditation standards. This work is crucial because it ensures institutions uphold to the highest academic standards.

Traveling and immersing into diverse cultures is life-changing because it challenges us to use and develop skills that aren't emphasized in our everyday lives. Dr. Paredes found that adapting her communication style was necessary when arriving and working in Lesotho. Upon arriving in Lesotho, Dr. Paredes noticed she stood out amongst the crowd and had to make herself as welcoming and open as possible. Empathy was the key that bridged the gap between her and her peers. In her opinion, empathy helps us understand and relate to each other. Dr. Paredes believes that empathy is essential to working in a global network because it fosters trust and collaboration.

She thinks that an international experience is unmatched and will change the way we look at life and gaining a new perspective in life helps us better understand each other and ourselves. As Dr. Paredes said "There are not that many differences between us."

