



# FULBRIGHT Arctic Initiative

Building on the scholarship of three cohorts of the Fulbright Arctic Initiative, Fulbright Arctic IV will bring together a network of professionals, practitioners and researchers from the United States, Canada, the Kingdom of Denmark (including Greenland and the Faroe Islands), Finland, Iceland, Norway, Russia and Sweden for monthly webinars, thematic group collaboration, three in-person meetings and an individual exchange experience. Fulbright Arctic Initiative (FAI) IV will address key research and policy questions related to promoting Arctic Security through a diverse, multi-dimensional, cooperative interdisciplinary framework.

## Program Activities

The Fulbright Arctic Initiative will provide a platform for scholars from across the Arctic region to engage in collaborative thinking, analysis, problem-solving and multi-disciplinary research in three main thematic areas:

- Climate Change and Arctic Resources
- Arctic Security and Governance
- Mental Health and Well-Being

Selected scholars will participate in an individual Fulbright exchange of a minimum of six weeks up to three months, as well as in-person seminars and ongoing virtual communication, all supporting the scholars' collaborative research projects. Awards will begin in September 2024 and run for 18 months, through spring 2026.



Two distinguished scholars with extensive experience in the Arctic will lead this round of the Fulbright Arctic Initiative. Dr. Elizabeth Rink, Professor of Community Health in the Department of Health and Human Development at Montana State University and Dr. Lill Rasted Bjoerst, Associate Professor at Aalborg University and Ph.D. in Greenlandic and Arctic Studies from University of Copenhagen, will serve as the Co-Lead Scholars, providing intellectual leadership throughout the Program.

▶ "The future of the Arctic as a peaceful, stable, sustainable, and prosperous region depends in part on the valuable research and cross connections facilitated by the Fulbright Arctic Initiative," said **U.S. Senior Arctic Official Eric Carlson**. "My team and I place great value in the efforts of the Fulbright Arctic Initiative scholars – their research and recommendations directly advance work addressing critical issues in the region"

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## ELIGIBILITY

Successful candidates will comprise of scholars at all career stages, to include applied researchers, professionals, and Indigenous and traditional knowledge experts active in the academic, public or private sectors.

Applicants must:

- Demonstrate outstanding qualifications and a record of experience and accomplishment in an area clearly related to one of the designated research themes
- Be actively engaged in an area of inquiry relevant to the program's themes and objectives
- Be open to exploring and incorporating comparative, interdisciplinary approaches in their investigations
- Be interested in developing collaborative activities with other Fulbright Arctic Scholars

## APPLICATION DEADLINE

Application Deadline: **March 1, 2024**

Full eligibility criteria and application details are available on the Fulbright Arctic Initiative website:

[fulbrightscholars.org/arctic](https://fulbrightscholars.org/arctic)



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