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Utah State University was named one of the top ten Fulbright U.S. Scholars producing research institutions by the U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

Seven scholars from USU were awarded Fulbright grants for the 2017-2018 academic year, more than any other university in the state and the second largest producer of Fulbright scholars in the western states.

“Research has always been top priority at USU and our faculty continue to press the envelope on innovating and discovering within their fields,” said USU President Noelle Cockett. “The Fulbright grants have empowered us to do research with lasting impact on communities and nations worldwide.”

Fulbright scholars are awarded grants to conduct research, lecture, and/or consult with other international scholars and institutions through the Fulbright and other international programs.

“My Fulbright experience was richly rewarding, both professionally and personally, and has revived my commitment to teaching and opened up new possibilities for research and collaboration,” said Alan Blackstock, Fulbright scholar and professor of English at USU-Utah Basin. “I encourage all USU faculty members to explore Fulbright grant opportunities in their disciplines.”

The USU Fulbright Scholars 2017-2018 Academic Year

• Alan Blackstock – literature in Ecuador at the University of Cuenca.
• Daniel Holland – entrepreneurship in Japan at the Kyoto University of Foreign Studies.
• Nancy Hyde – international education in South Korea at the Korean-American Educational Commission.
• Randal Martin – environmental engineering in West Bank at An-Najah National University.
• Michael McFarland – water pollution and environmental sciences in the Dominican Republic at Ibero-American University.
• Ann Roemer – teaching English in Tanzania at University of Dodoma.
• Gilberto Urroz – hydraulic engineering in Mexico at University of Sonora.

USU has a rich history of research and scholars, with 22 Fulbright scholars from 2010 to 2017.

The university has received 24 Fulbright student awards since 1951. Shelly Ortiz, USU’s Fulbright program advisor and campus liaison in the Office of Global Engagement, along with other Fulbright campus advisors, offers workshops and provides advising for Fulbright scholars and students. Faculty and students interested in the Fulbright program can contact the campus Fulbright advisers and visit online for more information.

The Fulbright Program also awards grants to U.S. students to conduct research and teach overseas. In addition, some 4,000 Fulbright foreign students and visiting scholars come to the United States annually to study, lecture, conduct research and teach foreign languages.

For more information about the Fulbright Program, visit the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.