



Norwegian Fulbright Program: Flagship facilitating Transatlantic Mobility over 60 years



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60 years of collaboration and mutual understanding



- **Flagship program in USA**
- **Binational - with the purpose of increasing mutual understanding between Norwegians and the United States by means of educational and cultural exchange**
- **Norway joined the Fulbright Program in 1949 with bi-national Board of Directors**
- **Honorary Chairs are U.S. Ambassador and Norwegian Minister of Foreign Affairs.**

Science Week needs Fulbright's presence; Fulbright needs Science Week



2005-06 U.S. Fulbrighters

- Science Week provides arena for key scientists about key issues
- We can assist with collaboration towards partner institutions
- Fulbrighters are a mark of excellence and they reflect excellence at your universities

Minister Aasland's increase in funding in 2008 has had direct consequences



Reception for the 2008-09 Norwegian Fulbright grantees to the U.S.

- Tora Aasland, Minister of Education and Research, announced NOK 1m increase in October 2007 at Science Week
- U.S. State Dept. Followed with 77% increase in funding
- Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs 20% increase in funding

...resulting in significant increase in grants to Norwegians and American students and scholars in all fields



Board and staff, May 2008

- *Before increase –*
- Norwegian Program budget NOK 3 470 000
- U.S. Program budget NOK 2 880 000

- *After increase –*
- Norwegian increased to NOK 4 190 000 (10 additional grants)
- U.S. Program increased to NOK 3 950 000 (7 additional grants)

Summer Institute for Norwegian Undergraduates in Science 2009

- 12 Norwegian science students spent 6- weeks at U of Minnesota – all expenses covered by State Dept.
- All Norwegian universities represented
- Field work included Boundary Waters, Itasca Science Park and visit to Will Steger Foundation
- Reunion at IPY Conference in June 2010 together with 7-person delegation from Univ. of Minnesota



Research on Svalbard. Allison Bailey, 2007-08 US Grantee.

Fulbright Arctic Chair – launched in 2009



- **U.S. Distinguished Professor to UNIS on Svalbard for 3 months**
- **Norwegian Distinguished Professor to any U.S. Institution**
- **4-year project culminating with Chairs presenting at Science Week**

Challenges to Norwegian Universities

- Fulbrighters reflect excellence – do recognize them on campus
- Make the most of their presence - post details on university home page
- Brainstorm with them during their stay and upon their return
- As they self select, they are best ambassadors for your institution



Bård A. Berg, 2006-07

How to attract more Fulbrighters to your campus



Erlend G. Krogstad, 2005-06

- **University faculty are your champions**
- **Collaborate with your U.S. partners to find the right fit**
- **Successful transatlantic collaborative project e.g. Centennial Chair between UMB and UMN**
- **Excellent faculty attract excellent students**

Financial challenges? Cost share with Fulbright for an American scholar at your institute

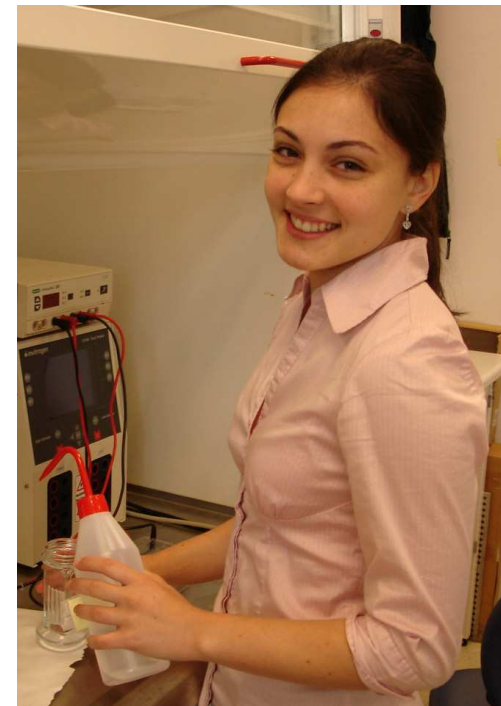


Eileen Wheeler spent the 2006-07 academic year at UMB.

- University of Bergen has cost shared over several years for teaching/research position
- The Centre for Ecological & Evolutionary Synthesis (CEES) cost shared with Fulbright
- 50% cost sharing equals about NOK 14,000 -16,000 a month
- Host gets a lot of expertise and competency

Fulbright Specialist Program

- Short term – 4 to 6 weeks
- Excellent way to get U.S. Specialist for teaching, mentoring students, program development, workshops, curriculum development, etc.
- Almost no cost to host institution



*Victoria Heimer-Torres,
2006-07 US Grantee.*

Inter-Country Lecturing Program



*Marilyn Fogel, 2006. Host:
AMASE and Hans
Amundsen.*

- Invite U.S. Fulbrighters from 18 European countries to lecture
- Wide range of topics as Fulbright includes all academic fields
- Assist with workshops, conferences, teaching, mentoring
- Host commission pays travel
- Host institution provides housing and meal ticket

Fulbright in Norway cares about the U.S. grantees



- Practical help before and during stay
- Orientation meeting
- Grantee Seminar and Ski weekend
- Participate in Nobel Peace Prize, Berlin Seminar, EU/NATO Seminar, 17th of May

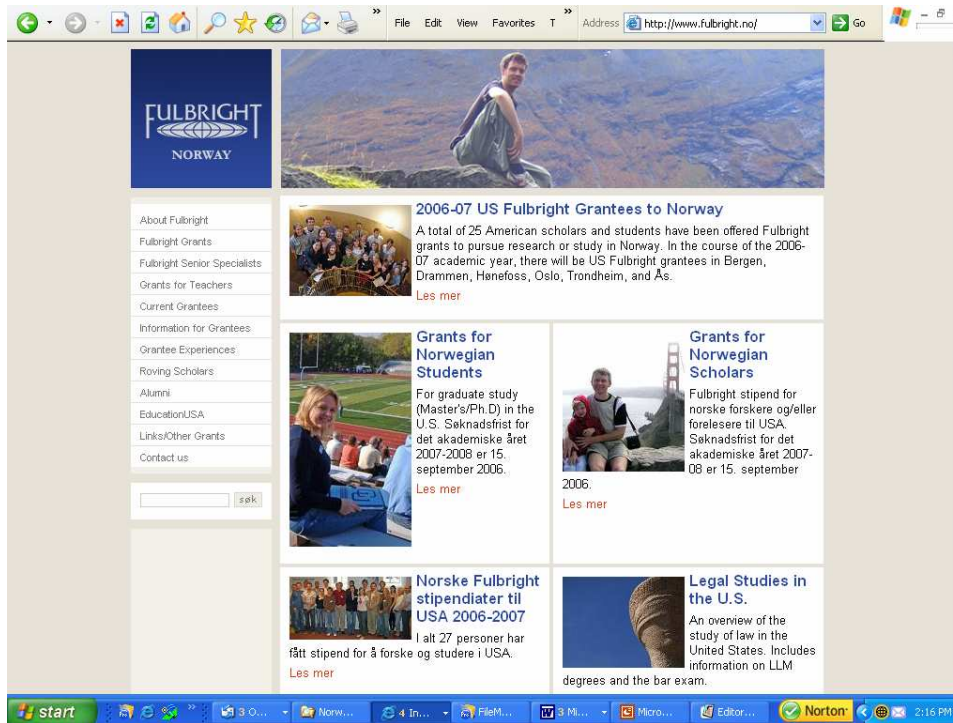
Fulbright – a Success Story



Shale Rosen, 2008-09 US Grantee.

- Norwegian grantees given red carpet treatment in U.S.
- They are really cared for by U.S. universities and Fulbright's partners
- Norwegians are key ambassadors for Norway to the U.S.
- Recognition of Fulbrighters in audience

Thank you



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