Fulbright Prize
for International Understanding

Dr. Kizzmekia Corbett & Dr. Anthony Fauci

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The Fulbright Prize was established in 1993 by the Fulbright Association to honor the world’s most respected exchange program as well as the internationalist career and spirit of its creator, the late Senator J. William Fulbright. The Prize recognizes and rewards outstanding contributions towards bringing peoples, cultures, or nations to greater understanding of others. Considered for the Prize are individuals, groups or teams of individuals, and organizations in any part of the world whose contributions to breaking through the barriers that divide humankind are of such significance as to be internationally recognized.

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2021 Bono, Lead Singer of U2, Activist, & Co-founder of ONE and (RED)

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Fulbright Prize Laureates

Dr. Kizzmekia Corbett

Dr. Corbett was a senior fellow and scientific lead at the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases’ Vaccine Research Center. A leading COVID-19 vaccine, mRNA-1273, was co-designed by Dr. Corbett’s National Institutes of Health team from viral sequence and rapidly deployed to industry partner, Moderna, Inc., for Phase 1 clinical trial, which unprecedentedly began only 66 days from viral sequence release. mRNA-1273 is a now used around the world to prevent COVID-19 disease. Alongside mRNA-1273, Dr. Corbett boasts a patent portfolio which also includes universal coronavirus and influenza vaccine concepts and novel therapeutic antibodies. She is now an assistant professor of immunology and infectious diseases at Harvard’s T.H. Chan School of Public Health.

Dr. Anthony Fauci

Anthony S. Fauci, M.D., served as director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases at the National Institutes of Health from 1984 to 2022. Dr. Fauci was a key advisor to seven Presidents on global HIV/AIDS issues, and on preparedness against emerging infectious disease threats. He also served as the Chief Medical Advisor to President Joe Biden. Dr. Fauci was one of the principal architects of the President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), which has helped save more than 25 million lives throughout the developing world.

Dr. Fauci is a member of the National Academy of Sciences, the National Academy of Medicine, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and many other professional societies. He has received numerous awards including the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the National Medal of Science, and the Mary Woodard Lasker Award for Public Service. He has been awarded 58 honorary doctoral degrees from universities in the United States and throughout the world, and is the author, coauthor, or editor of more than 1,400 scientific publications.
Hon. Cynthia Ackron Baldwin

The Honorable Cynthia A. Baldwin was the first African-American woman elected to the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas and the second African-American woman to serve on the 300-year-old Pennsylvania Supreme Court. Retiring from the Pennsylvania Supreme Court in 2008, she became a partner with Duane Morris and also served as the first Vice President and General Counsel for the Pennsylvania State University. A Fulbright Scholarship Lecturer on the Law Faculty of the University of Zimbabwe in 1994, Justice Baldwin was elected as Chair of the Fulbright Association Board in Washington, D.C., for 2022-2024. She has served on the corporate board of Koppers, Inc. and on the non-profit boards of Duquesne University, the Pennsylvania State University and the Association of Governing Boards of Colleges and Universities (AGB) chairing the latter two. She currently serves on the board of Vibrant Pittsburgh and the Advisory Board of the Pennsylvania Center for Women and Politics at Chatham University. A Distinguished Daughter of Pennsylvania, Justice Baldwin is extremely active in her church and the community. Among her many awards are the ATHENA Award, the Heinz History Center History Maker Award and the national History Makers Award. She is also the recipient of several honorary doctorates from prestigious universities. Recognized by the following Marquis’ publications: Who’s Who in America, Who’s Who in American Law, Who’s Who in American Politics, Who’s Who in the East, Who’s Who of American Women, and Who’s Who in Emerging Leaders in America, she is now featured on Marquis Who’s Who Lifetime Achievers website.

Dr. Francis Collins

Francis S. Collins, M.D., Ph.D., currently serves as the Special Advisor to President Biden for Special Projects. In this role, he is leading a bold program to help eliminate Hepatitis C in the United States. Dr. Collins also maintains his longstanding position as a Senior Investigator in the intramural program of the National Human Genome Research Institute, pursuing genomics research on type 2 diabetes and a rare disorder of premature aging called progeria.

Dr. Collins previously served as the 16th Director of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), appointed by President Barack Obama and confirmed by the Senate in 2009. In 2017, President Donald Trump asked Dr. Collins to continue to serve as the NIH Director. President Joe Biden did the same in 2021. For those 12 years, serving an unprecedented three administrations, Dr. Collins oversaw the work of the largest supporter of biomedical research in the world, spanning the spectrum from basic to clinical research. Dr. Collins stepped down as Director on December 19, 2021.

Dr. Collins is a physician-geneticist noted for his landmark discoveries of disease genes and his previous leadership of the international Human Genome Project, which culminated in April 2003 with the completion of a finished sequence of the human DNA instruction book. He served as director of the National Human Genome Research Institute at NIH from 1993-2008. Dr. Collins is an elected member of both the National Academy of Medicine and the National Academy of Sciences, was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in November 2007, and received the National Medal of Science in 2009. In 2020, he was elected as a Foreign Member of the Royal Society (UK) and was also named the 50th winner of the Templeton Prize, which celebrates scientific and spiritual curiosity.

Renée Fleming

Renée Fleming is one of the most acclaimed singers of our time, performing on the stages of the world’s greatest opera houses and concert halls. Honored with five Grammy® awards and the US National Medal of Arts, she has sung for momentous occasions from the Nobel Peace Prize ceremony to the Super Bowl.

In November, she starred in the world premiere staging of The Hours, a new opera based on the prize-winning novel and film, at the Metropolitan Opera. Renée won the 2023 Grammy Award for Best Classical Vocal Solo Album for Voice of Nature: the Anthropocene.

A leading advocate for research at the intersection of arts and health, as Artistic Advisor to the Kennedy Center, Renée helped launch the first ongoing collaboration between that institution and the NIH.

Dr. Quynh Nguyen

Award-winning Vietnamese-American pianist Quynh Nguyen was selected as one of the “19 young stars of tomorrow” by Musical America. Quynh has performed extensively throughout the United States, Europe, and Vietnam including Hungary, Germany, Switzerland, Austria, and France, in notable concert venues such as Carnegie Recital Hall, Alice Tully Hall, Lincoln Center, McEvoy Auditorium, the Freer Gallery at the Smithsonian in Washington D.C., the Kaye Playhouse in New York, the Berlin Konzerthaus, and the Opera House in Hanoi, Vietnam.

Dr. Nguyen is a graduate of The Juilliard School and Manncs College of Music and received her Doctor of Musical Arts degree from the Graduate Center of City University of New York. Additionally, she is the recipient of several highly prestigious scholarships and awards, including the United States Presidential Academic Excellence Award, the American Prize, and the Fulbright Fellowship to study music with the late Yvonne Loriod Messiaen in Paris, France in 2004-2005.

Alyea Pierce

National Geographic Explorer and Fulbright alumna Alyea Pierce uses poetry, spoken word performance, audio, and photography to examine oral storytelling and folklore traditions across the African diaspora. She is a spoken word poet and researcher who recently contributed to National Geographic’s podcast series Into the Depths and has performed internationally from the United Kingdom to South Africa, as well as at numerous TEDx events. Her poetry has been published online and in print, including the Guardian, New York Daily News, Obsidian, and the Caribbean Writer, to name a few, and she is an adjunct instructor for the English department at Rutgers University.
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- **Chapter Activities**: Chapters offer an extraordinary range of educational and social programming that engage local alumni and visiting Fulbrighters from 165 countries
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- **Mentoring**: Supporting early career alumni is a priority, so the Association pairs them with experienced Fulbrighters in a new and expanding mentoring program.

Prize Sculpture Artist

In 2012, Gretta L. Bader contributed to the Fulbright Association a sculptural portrait of Senator J. William Fulbright that is reproduced for each Prize recipient. The bust was on display at the Kennedy Center, and then moved to the National Portrait Gallery in Washington, DC. Gretta’s husband, William Bader, was in the first class of Fulbright grantees to Germany in 1953. Their son, John Bader, is the Executive Director of the Fulbright Association.
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