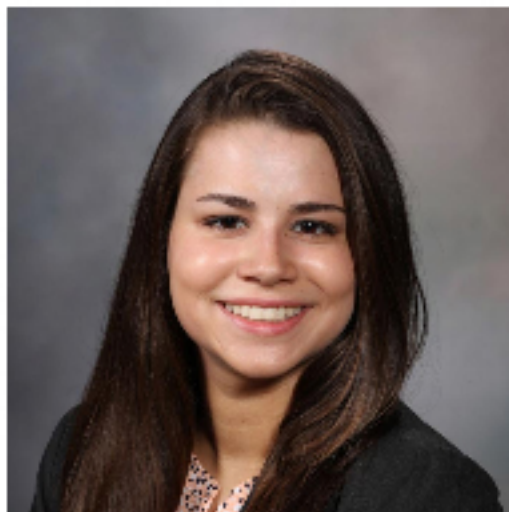


Record Number of Drexel Fulbright Grantees



Dragons soared to new heights this year with grants from the Fulbright U.S. Student Program.

More Drexel students and alumni were offered grants from the [Fulbright U.S. Student Program](#) than ever before this year, with a record-breaking eight Dragons receiving the prestigious award.

"The increasing number of Drexel students being recognized by Fulbright reflects the incredible talent and promise of these candidates, as well as

the University's commitment to helping our students achieve both in and out of the classroom," said Meredith Wooten, PhD, director of the Drexel Fellowships Office, which is operated by the C.R. "Chuck" and Annette Pennoni Honors College.

The students and alumni started their independent research or teaching this fall, traveling to Switzerland, Italy, Finland, Germany, France, the United Kingdom and Senegal for their scholarship and service.

The number broke the previous record of seven accepted Dragons, reached in both 2014 and 2013 – numbers that were more than double the Fulbright grants awarded to Drexel a decade ago. A total of 18 students and alumni submitted Fulbright proposals this year, with 11 Dragons selected as semifinalists. Half of the final grant awardees came from the School of Biomedical Engineering, Science and Health Systems.

Learn more about [these accomplished Dragons and their international work or research](#).

Pictured above: Fulbright winner Claudia Gutierrez, who is pursuing an MD, is now working with experts in tissue engineering in Switzerland.

Fellowships 2016-17

2016-17 was another record-breaking year for fellowships. At least 85 students and recent alumni have been recognized by nationally-competitive fellowships and awards with an estimated value of over \$2.4 million.

Notable records and accolades include:

- 9 NSF Graduate Research Fellowships, 4 Honorable Mentions
- 8 Fulbright student grants, 1 alternate, 3 finalists
- 6 GEM Graduate Associate Fellows
- 4 NIH NRSA Ruth Kirchstein Graduate Fellowships
- 3 Udall Scholarships (placing Drexel among top U.S. universities in nation)
- 3 Goldwater Honorable Mentions
- 6 Gilman International Scholarships, 1 alternate
- 2 Boren Fellowship Alternates
- 1 William Penn Fellowship
- 1 Whitaker International Fellowship
- 1 Truman Scholarship – Drexel's first-ever, for this prestigious undergraduate scholarship, awarded to only 60 scholars selected nationwide
- 1 NSF East Asia Pacific Summer Institute Fellowship
- 2 Freeman-Asia Awards

Fulbrights in Depth



Since 2007, 40 Drexel students and recent alumni have received Fulbright U.S. Student Program grants to 28 different countries. In addition, three have been named Fulbright Alumni Ambassadors. Since the Fulbright program was established in 1946, 51 Drexel students and recent alumni and 11 faculty and staff have

received Fulbright grants. And these numbers only reflect those individuals who applied through the University, apart from awards won by alums who applied through a graduate institution or "at-large."

Pictured above: This year's class of Drexel Fulbright awardees. From left to right, top row: Carli Moorhead, Claudia Gutierrez, Emily Lurier and Gregory Niedt. From left to right, bottom row: Kaitlin Thaker, Shawn Joshi, Vaughn Shirey and Wen-kuni Ceant.