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## United States Announces Centennial Gift to Finland

This year, Fulbright Finland celebrates its 65th year as the premiere academic exchange program between the United States and Finland, facilitating the work of over 5,500 scholars between Finland and the United States to date.

On the occasion of Finland's 100th year of independence, the United States commemorates our close and enduring partnership with Finland and is delighted to present a centennial gift of an additional \$500,000 to the Fulbright Finland Foundation.

U.S. Chargé d'Affaires Donna Welton announced the gift on Monday, August 21 at a U.S. Embassy reception in honor of this year's U.S. Fulbright Grantees. President of Finland Sauli Niinistö also attended the reception. In her remarks, Chargé Welton said, "This gift will enhance an already robust Fulbright program and reflects our shared goal of maintaining people-to-people connections between our countries for years to come."

Chargé Welton also quoted Senator Fulbright, who once said about the program that bears his name that "the Program aims to bring a little more knowledge, a little more reason, and a little more compassion into world affairs and thereby to increase the chance that nations will learn at last to live in peace and friendship."

For more information about the Fulbright Finland Foundation, please visit their web site at: <http://www.fulbright.fi>

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