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## Drewe Jefferson '16 Earns Fulbright Award

- *Drewe Jefferson '16 earned a Fulbright U.S. Student Program award for 2019–20.*
- *A German and English grad, Jefferson will spend nine months teaching English in Germany before pursuing graduate study.*
- *Eight UMN Morris students submitted Fulbright applications this year, and five were semifinalists.*

Drewe Jefferson '16 earned a Fulbright U.S. Student Program award for 2019–20. A German and English grad, Jefferson will spend nine months teaching English in Germany.

Jefferson earned an English Teaching Assistant (ETA) award, which will place her in a classroom abroad to provide assistance to local English teachers. She also will represent the United States as a cultural ambassador during her time overseas.

Jefferson hopes to take in all that Germany has to offer. In addition to teaching, she plans to join a local hiking organization to learn about traditional German herbal medicine.

“The Fulbright experience sounded right up my alley, as I majored in English and minored in German,” she says. “I felt firsthand experience in a different culture would open up my perspectives on the world and enrich my language and teaching abilities.”

### **The Journey There**

Jefferson says the small class sizes and close-knit community at UMN Morris set her up for success in the Fulbright competition. That environment, along with mentoring from the campus’s award-winning faculty, prepared Jefferson for the thorough application process.

“UMN Morris offers a unique learning environment,” she says. “When I started the application process, I had all the tools at my fingertips, and I felt comfortable asking questions when they would arise.”

### **The Road Ahead**

When it comes to the future, Jefferson intends to pursue graduate study and a career in higher education. She trusts her Fulbright year will help her get there.

“This experience will expand my perspectives and knowledge as I prepare to attend graduate school to be trained as an instructor and academic in literature and the language arts.”

### **UMN Morris on the Global Stage**

Eight UMN Morris students submitted Fulbright applications this year, supported by advising from faculty and staff through the Academic Center for Enrichment; five were semifinalists:

- Drewe Jefferson, German/English
- Kamille 'Mia' King, biology/psychology/Spanish

- Emily Kuehn, psychology/Spanish
- Jacob Miller, English/German
- Rayann Wilmot, biology/sociology

Their success builds on [last year's awards](#), which earned the campus [Top Fulbright producer status again this year](#).

"As one of the country's top public liberal arts colleges, UMN Morris provides talented students access to life-changing educational opportunities," said Chancellor Michelle Behr. "Our exceptional students are prepared to live as engaged global citizens, and we are excited for their upcoming Fulbright experiences."

### **About Fulbright**

The Fulbright U.S. Student Program is the largest United States exchange program offering opportunities for students and young professionals to undertake international graduate study, advanced research, university teaching, and primary and secondary school teaching worldwide. Learn more at [us.fulbrightonline.org](https://us.fulbrightonline.org).

The Fulbright competition is administered at UMN Morris through the Academic Center for Enrichment. To learn more, visit [ace.morris.umn.edu](https://ace.morris.umn.edu).