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UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA MORRIS

Bartlett and Kivi are Fulbright finalists

Eight University of Minnesota Morris students and alumni submitted Fulbright applications this year. Of those, five were competitively selected as semifinalists with two recently named as finalists.



- Abi Bartlett '22, Monticello, Minnesota, is a finalist for a Fulbright open study/research grant in Auckland, Aotearoa New Zealand. As a Geology major with an emphasis on hydrology and geochemistry, Abi applied to the Fulbright program to continue geological research with Native communities. Their research so far has included work on wild rice density and the geochemistry of lake sediment cores, with the University of Minnesota Twin Cities. Abi says, with the Fulbright, they hope to continue learning about the different ways of knowing and being through interdisciplinary and respectful research in New Zealand with Maori communities. They will also be obtaining a Master's degree in indigenous studies along with geomorphological research as part of a project called, "Let the River Speak."



- Maxwell Kivi '22, Maple Grove, Minnesota, is a finalist for a Fulbright English Language Teaching Assistant (ETA) Program in Peru. The ETA Programs place Fulbrighters in classrooms abroad to provide assistance to the local teachers of English while serving as cultural ambassadors for the U.S. Max studied Spanish, Latin American Studies, and Secondary Education at UMN Morris, and is looking to deeply immerse himself in Peru and to learn as he teaches. Max also plans to improve his language skills even more and develop a deeper understanding of the country and its peoples. The ETA experience is a particularly welcome adventure, as Max was studying abroad in Cusco, Peru in the spring 2020 semester and was sent home early due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The [Fulbright U.S. Student Program](#) is a prestigious award that provides funding to study for a master's degree, complete an independent research project, or teach English for up to a year outside the U.S. During their grant period, Fulbrighters meet, work, live with, and learn from the people of their host country.

In addition to the two finalists, another UMN Morris student was named a Fulbright alternate.

As a Fulbright alternate, this student could be promoted to Fulbright finalist status if additional funding becomes available.

- Estella Acevedo '22, Eden Prairie, Minnesota; English Teaching Assistant is an alternate for a Fulbright ETA to Columbia. She is majoring in Environmental Studies, French, and Spanish, with a minor in African and Black American Studies. . She was inspired to apply for Fulbright by her participation in various organizations on campus such as Jane Addams and wanted to continue to promote intercultural exchange. She is hoping to gain exposure to diverse education and teaching systems and to become a more globally engaged citizen.

Additionally, Rose Schwietz, '13, Mendota Heights, Minnesota, who had been named a semifinalist for 2022, was able to resume her 2021 Fulbright award which had been canceled due to COVID and began her research in Nepal in April 2022.

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