



# FULBRIGHTERS 2024



GRANTEES AY 2024/25

**PORTUGUESE  
STUDENTS**



GRANTEES AY 2024/25

PORTUGUESE  
STUDENTS

STUDENTS RESEARCH  
FULBRIGHT GRANT FOR RESEARCH



**FRANCISCO ALMEIDA**

PORTUGUESE  
**STUDENTS**

STUDENTS RESEARCH  
**FULBRIGHT GRANT FOR RESEARCH**

GRANTEES AY 2024/25

**Francisco Almeida** is PhD student in the Mechanisms of Memory and Alzheimer's Disease group at the **University of Minho** and a Neuroradiology resident at Centro Hospitalar Universitário do Porto. His research focuses on understanding how the biological basis of brain magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) can be used to shed light on the pathophysiological mechanisms of **Alzheimer's disease**, exploring new pathways to biomarker development in clinical practice. With the Fulbright, he will explore lipid signaling and MRI determinants of myelin turnover in the laboratory of Professor Jia Guo at **Columbia University** in New York. This research project will link lipidomics and high-field MRI with potential translational implications for a range of neurodegenerative diseases.

**Columbia University**  
**Grant duration: 6 months**



**MARIA VALE**

PORTUGUESE  
**STUDENTS**

STUDENTS RESEARCH  
**FULBRIGHT GRANT FOR RESEARCH**

GRANTEES AY 2024/25

**Maria Vale** is a PhD student in Applied Psychology at the Psychology Research Centre, School of Psychology, **University of Minho**. Her research project focuses on **technology-facilitated dating abuse among adolescents**. As a Visiting Student Researcher, Maria will have the opportunity to collaborate with Professor Denise Hines at the Department of Social Work, College of Public Health, **George Mason University**, Virginia. She hopes to provide new insights into the role of bystanders in technology facilitated sexual abuse, specifically focusing on adolescents who witnessed such incidents (factors that either facilitate or act as barriers to their intervention) and those who did not (predictors of their intention to intervene on behalf of the victim in the future). The outcomes of this collaboration will contribute to improving prevention and intervention strategies in this field.

**George Mason University**  
**Grant duration: 4 months**



**PEDRO MOREIRA**

PORTUGUESE  
**STUDENTS**

STUDENTS RESEARCH  
**FULBRIGHT GRANT FOR RESEARCH**

GRANTEES AY 2024/25

**Pedro Moreira** is pursuing a Master's in **Artificial Intelligence** through a joint program between **Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Sapienza University of Rome, and University College London**. With a Bachelor's in Informatics and Computer Engineering from the University of Porto, he is currently an Associate Researcher at MIT's Laboratory of Computational Physiology. Pedro's research focuses on improving fairness and accuracy in AI-enabled healthcare diagnostics by addressing biases in AI models. As a Visiting Student Researcher in Dr. Leo Anthony Celi's lab at the **Massachusetts Institute of Technology**, he will explore innovative methods to enhance the explainability and transparency of these Deep Learning models, ensuring equitable healthcare solutions for underserved and underrepresented populations.

**Massachusetts Institute of Technology**  
**Grant duration: 4 months**



GRANTEES AY 2024/25

**PORTUGUESE  
STUDENTS**

**STUDENTS RESEARCH  
FULBRIGHT GRANT FOR RESEARCH  
WITH THE SUPPORT OF FLAD**



**ANA SOFIA COSTA**

## PORTUGUESE **STUDENTS**

STUDENTS RESEARCH  
**FULBRIGHT GRANT FOR RESEARCH  
WITH THE SUPPORT OF FLAD**

GRANTEES AY 2024/25

**Ana Sofia Costa** is a Master's student in **Innovation and Technological Entrepreneurship** at the **University of Porto**, where she also completed her Bachelor's degree in Informatics and Computer Engineering. As a software engineer at ARMIS, Sofia specializes in integrating AI technologies to streamline and improve business processes. She will be collaborating with the Laboratory for Innovation Science at **Harvard Business School** under the mentorship of Professor Jacqueline Lane for her master's thesis. Her research focuses on using generative AI to refine decision-making in entrepreneurial environments, with the goal of developing analytical tools that evaluate entrepreneurial ideas with precision and impartiality. This effort will promote equity, foster diversity, and support inclusivity in entrepreneurial ventures across different cultural settings. Sofia's work embodies the fusion of technological innovation with ethical business practices, underscoring her commitment to making a meaningful impact in the tech-driven business world.

**Harvard Business School**  
**Grant duration: 4 months**





**MIGUEL CORREIA**

**Miguel Correia** is a **Biochemistry** Master's student at the Faculty of Sciences and School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences of the **University of Porto**. The student will develop part of his master's thesis at **Buck Institute for Research on Aging**, California, where he will have the opportunity to learn new, advanced research techniques and methodologies. This project will focus on furthering our understanding of cellular aging by investigating the molecular mechanisms linking actin cytoskeleton dynamics, organelle inheritance and protein quality control. Beyond establishing mechanistic links, this project aims to make effective contributions to the development of novel therapeutic approaches for age-related diseases, including neurodegenerative disorders and cancer.

**Buck Institute**

**Grant duration: 4 months**

PORTUGUESE  
**STUDENTS**

STUDENTS RESEARCH  
**FULBRIGHT GRANT FOR RESEARCH  
WITH THE SUPPORT OF FLAD**

GRANTEES AY 2024/25



**PEDRO MONTEIRO**

## PORTUGUESE **STUDENTS**

STUDENTS RESEARCH  
**FULBRIGHT GRANT FOR RESEARCH  
WITH THE SUPPORT OF FLAD**

GRANTEES AY 2024/25

**Pedro Monteiro** is a master's student in **Rehabilitation and Mental Health** at the School of Health, **Polytechnic University of Porto**, where he graduated in Occupational Therapy and collaborates as an Invited Assistant Professor. His thesis, titled "D(GIS)parities: Geographic disparities in rehabilitation supply and need in Portugal mapped through a geographic information system (GIS) and hotspot analysis" will be partially developed at **The Ohio State University**, School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences, Division of Occupational Therapy. As a Visiting Student Researcher, he will join the research lab led by Dr. Tiago Jesus. The purpose of the project is to identify supply-need geographic disparities for rehabilitation services. Moreover, it aims to inform data-driven health policy and planning, as well as to build an initial rehabilitation-related, equity-oriented Health Services Research capacity in Portugal, learning from similar cutting-edge research in the USA.

**The Ohio State University**  
**Grant duration: 4 months**



GRANTEES AY 2024/25

**PORTUGUESE  
STUDENTS**

**STUDENTS RESEARCH  
FULBRIGHT GRANT FOR RESEARCH  
WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE GOVERNO  
REGIONAL DOS AÇORES**



**ANDRÉ GOMES**

PORTUGUESE  
**STUDENTS**

STUDENTS RESEARCH  
**FULBRIGHT GRANT FOR RESEARCH  
WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE GOVERNO  
REGIONAL DOS AÇORES**

GRANTEES AY 2024/25

**André Gomes** holds a bachelor's degree in Aerospace Engineering from Instituto Superior Técnico and is currently pursuing a Master's degree in **Robotics, Systems and Control** at the **Federal Institute of Technology in Zurich**. As a Visiting Student Researcher at the Robotics Institute at **Carnegie Mellon University**, he will focus on advancing autonomous drone technology through learning-based and adaptive control strategies. His project is dedicated to overcoming the challenges associated with achieving precise flight and agile maneuvers, which are essential for establishing the ubiquity and reliability of this technology in critical domains such as search and rescue, infrastructure monitoring, and exploration.

**Carnegie Mellon University**  
**Grant duration: 6 months**



**BEATRIZ MAMEDE**

**Beatriz Mamede** is a Master's student in **Criminal Law** at the Faculty of Law of the **University of Coimbra** and holds a bachelor's in law from the University of Lisbon. Her current thesis focuses on the uses of neurosciences for the social reintegration of criminal agents. As a Visiting Student Researcher at the **University of Washington**, Beatriz will develop a research project on the ethical reflections on the implications of neurotechnology, focusing on how to draw the line between the use of neurotechnology for healthcare or for cognitive enhancement purposes. She will participate in philosophy colloquia of the Neuroethics Research Group, as well as on empirical studies about the prospective use of neurotechnology for medical treatments.

**University of Washington**  
**Grant duration: 4 months**

PORTUGUESE  
**STUDENTS**

STUDENTS RESEARCH  
**FULBRIGHT GRANT FOR RESEARCH  
WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE GOVERNO  
REGIONAL DOS AÇORES**

GRANTEES AY 2024/25



**CAROLINA DO CARMO**

PORTUGUESE  
**STUDENTS**

STUDENTS RESEARCH  
**FULBRIGHT GRANT FOR RESEARCH  
WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE GOVERNO  
REGIONAL DOS AÇORES**

GRANTEES AY 2024/25

**Carolina do Carmo** is a researcher in **Biomedical Sciences and Engineering**. During her Fulbright grant, her research project will be focused on exploring methods of artificial intelligence (AI) for remote sensing with unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) imagery to boost the biodiversity protection of the Azorean archipelago while improving its community's well-being. As a Visiting Researcher Student at the **University of California-Los Angeles**, Carolina will have the opportunity to gain knowledge on the state-of-the-art AI and UAV methods used in the field of biodiversity conservation as well as develop a field framework with the most promising methods to be applied in different contexts.

**University of California-Los Angeles**  
**Grant duration: 6 months**





**JOANA GOMES**

## PORTUGUESE **STUDENTS**

STUDENTS RESEARCH  
**FULBRIGHT GRANT FOR RESEARCH  
WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE GOVERNO  
REGIONAL DOS AÇORES**

GRANTEES AY 2024/25

**Joana Gomes** holds a master's degree in **Social Work** from **ISCTE- University Institute of Lisbon** and a bachelor's degree in also in Social Work from the University of Azores. Currently, she is a student in the post-graduate veterinary social work certificate program at the **University of Tennessee**. Her research work focuses on understanding the dynamics of veterinary social work within veterinary clinic settings. Specifically, Joana will investigate how the integration of social workers contributes to the overall quality of services provided by veterinary teams. As a Visiting Student Researcher at the University of Tennessee, Joana will have the unique opportunity to delve into the field of veterinary social work where the term originated. This experience will provide invaluable exposure to practical applications of veterinary social work, a field yet to be established in the Azores or even Portugal.

**University of Tennessee**  
**Grant duration: 6 months**



GRANTEES AY 2024/25

**PORTUGUESE  
STUDENTS**

**STUDENTS RESEARCH  
FULBRIGHT GRANT FOR RESEARCH  
WITH THE SUPPORT OF FCT**





**ANA ISABEL ROQUE**

PORTUGUESE  
**STUDENTS**

STUDENTS RESEARCH  
**FULBRIGHT GRANT FOR RESEARCH  
WITH THE SUPPORT OF FCT**

GRANTEES AY 2024/25

**Ana Isabel Roque** is currently undertaking her PhD in **Biology** at **NOVA School of Science and Technology and Center for Innovative Care and Health Technology, Polytechnic of Leiria**. Her research is focused on unraveling celiac disease's autoimmunity mechanisms possibly mediated by bacteria. As a Visiting Student Researcher at Professor Fasano's laboratory at the Mucosal Immunology and Biology Research Center, **Massachusetts General Hospital for Children, Harvard Medical School**, and supported by the Fulbright Program, she plans to employ an intestinal organoid-bacteria co-culture model to infer if commensal bacteria can disrupt and translocate the intestinal epithelial barrier and contribute to the autoimmune response observed in celiac patients. She hopes to provide new insights into specific host-bacteria interactions and their influence on host responses to environmental disease triggers that may enable the discovery of pathogenic targets and development of new therapeutic or preventive approaches.

**Harvard Medical School**  
**Grant duration: 8 months**



**ANDRÉ GOVERNO**

## PORTUGUESE **STUDENTS**

STUDENTS RESEARCH  
**FULBRIGHT GRANT FOR RESEARCH  
WITH THE SUPPORT OF FCT**

GRANTEES AY 2024/25

**André Governo** is a third-year PhD candidate in the Department of **Mechanical Engineering** at Instituto Superior Técnico, **University of Lisbon**. His research forms an integral part of the "WAVEBUOY" project, which aims to develop an innovative wave-powered converter for sustained oceanographic measurements offshore the Azores archipelago. It focuses on advanced numerical modelling and study of the buoy hydrodynamics and moorings under extreme wave conditions. As a highly multidisciplinary project, the scientific collaboration during his stay in the **National Renewable Energy Laboratory** is essential, particularly considering the converter's unique demands compared to traditional grid-powered counterparts. This partnership prioritizes two main objectives: designing the mooring system, and optimizing the current WAVEBUOY prototype, thus contributing to sustainable energy generation technology based on ocean resources.

**National Renewable Energy Laboratory**  
**Grant duration: 6 months**



**ANDRÉ SOUSA**

**André Sousa** is pursuing a PhD in **Metabolism – Clinical and Experimental** at the Faculty of Medicine, **University of Porto**. His research focuses on the metabolic paradox between prostate cancer and type 2 diabetes, exploring innovative biotechnological therapies based on aptamers. During his stay at the **University of Pittsburgh**, Pennsylvania, André will be engaged in the Molecular Biology and Cell Signaling field, aiming to deepen the understanding of how the type 2 diabetes environment influences prostate cancer at the cellular signaling, particularly through the modulation of membrane receptors and their ubiquitylation-driven recycling. This work is expected to yield significant insights and potentially lead to breakthrough treatments for prostate cancer.

**University of Pittsburgh**  
**Grant duration: 6 months**

PORTUGUESE  
**STUDENTS**

STUDENTS RESEARCH  
**FULBRIGHT GRANT FOR RESEARCH  
WITH THE SUPPORT OF FCT**

GRANTEES AY 2024/25



**BEATRIZ MARIZ**

## PORTUGUESE STUDENTS

STUDENTS RESEARCH  
**FULBRIGHT GRANT FOR RESEARCH  
WITH THE SUPPORT OF FCT**

GRANTEES AY 2024/25

**Beatriz Mariz** is a PhD student in **Biology** at the School of Sciences and Technology, **NOVA University of Lisbon**. Her project aims to unravel the role of specific *Streptococcus pneumoniae* proteins in pathogenicity and bacterial infection. This bacterium is a leading cause of diverse infections, and it is recognized as a priority pathogen by the World Health Organization. To further her research, Beatriz will embark as a Visiting Student Researcher at the **Carnegie Mellon University**, Pittsburgh. During this period, she intends to clarify the relationship between the composition of the pneumococcal membrane and the production of *S. pneumoniae* extracellular vesicles (pEVs). By integrating established techniques for vesicle isolation and characterization with functional assays, she aims to shed light on how pEVs influence critical factors such as biofilm formation, antibiotic resistance, and host immune responses.

**Carnegie Mellon University**  
**Grant duration: 4 months**



**CATARINA TEIXEIRA**

**Catarina Teixeira** is a PhD student in **Molecular Pathology and Genetics** at Instituto de Ciências Biomédicas Abel Salazar, University of Porto. She is currently conducting her project at Instituto Português de Oncologia do Porto within the "Cancer Biology and Epigenetics" group under the supervision of Professor Carmen Jerónimo. Her research's aim is to elucidate the primary role of m<sup>6</sup>A modification in kidney cancer. As a Visiting Student Researcher at Professor Samie Jaffrey's laboratory at **Weill Cornell University**, New York, Catarina intends to undertake a comprehensive investigation into the pharmacological inhibitor of FTO, DAC51, to determine its potential as a therapeutic approach for kidney cancer treatment.

**Weill Cornell University**  
**Grant duration: 6 months**

PORTUGUESE  
**STUDENTS**

STUDENTS RESEARCH  
**FULBRIGHT GRANT FOR RESEARCH  
WITH THE SUPPORT OF FCT**

GRANTEES AY 2024/25



**DANIELA TRINDADE**

**Daniela Trindade** is a Biomedical Sciences PhD student at the School of Medicine and **Biomedical Sciences** Abel Salazar of the **University of Porto**. Her research focuses on the development of a minimally invasive treatment for temporomandibular joint disc regeneration, through the production of an injectable hydrogel obtained from decellularized ovine discs. In collaboration with Professor Jason Burdick's group at the **University of Colorado Boulder**, she plans to study the formulation of the injectable hydrogel, by improving its mechanical and biological properties.

**University of Colorado Boulder**  
**Grant duration: 6 months**

PORTUGUESE  
**STUDENTS**

STUDENTS RESEARCH  
**FULBRIGHT GRANT FOR RESEARCH**  
**WITH THE SUPPORT OF FCT**





**DELFINA FERNANDES**

PORTUGUESE  
**STUDENTS**

STUDENTS RESEARCH  
**FULBRIGHT GRANT FOR RESEARCH  
WITH THE SUPPORT OF FCT**

GRANTEES AY 2024/25

**Delfina Fernandes** is a PhD student of Psychology from the **University of Minho**, supported by a FCT fellowship. Her research project investigates national and international procedures for collecting the testimony of child and adolescent victims of sexual crimes. As a Visiting Student Researcher at the Long Beach Trauma Recovery Center at **California State University-Long Beach**, she plans to deepen her knowledge on the direct provision of evidence-based trauma services to victims of crime and how institutions must create a supportive and sensitive environment for this population. The outcome of this work could provide significant contributions to improving the practices of Portuguese professionals with victims of crime.

**California State University-Long Beach**  
**Grant duration: 4 months**



**FRANCISCA PERFEITO**

PORTUGUESE  
**STUDENTS**

STUDENTS RESEARCH  
**FULBRIGHT GRANT FOR RESEARCH  
WITH THE SUPPORT OF FCT**

GRANTEES AY 2024/25

**Francisca Perfeito** is pursuing a PhD in **Medical Biotechnology** at COMPASS Research Group - CICECO - Aveiro Institute of Materials. Her research focuses on establishing a closed and self-sustainable system for Tissue Engineering by combining photosynthetic microalgae and cells. As a Visiting Student Researcher at **University of Harvard Medical School/Brigham and Women's Hospital**, under the supervision of Professor Yu Shrike Zhang. Francisca will explore three-dimensional (3D) printing of functional living materials in large tissue constructs in order to achieve a living complex material capable of readily providing oxygen for large timepoints.

**Harvard Medical School**  
**Grant duration: 6 months**





**ISABELA SANTOS**

**Isabela Santos** is a PhD student in **Sustainable Chemistry** in LAQV-REQUIMTE at the Faculty of Pharmacy, **University of Porto**. Her research project aims to disclose the therapeutic potential of natural compounds, specifically flavonoids, in targeting TGF- $\beta$  in metastatic osteosarcoma. As a Visiting Student Researcher in Professor Su Ryon Shin's Lab, Division of Engineering in Medicine, **Brigham Women's Hospital, Harvard Medical School**, she aims to pioneer a dynamic 3D osteosarcoma bone-on-a-chip platform. This innovative platform will enable Isabela to monitor and analyze the interactions between osteosarcoma cells and bone tissues when exposed to flavonoid derivatives, providing valuable insights into potential treatment strategies.

**Harvard Medical School**  
**Grant duration: 6 months**

PORTUGUESE  
**STUDENTS**

STUDENTS RESEARCH  
**FULBRIGHT GRANT FOR RESEARCH  
WITH THE SUPPORT OF FCT**

GRANTEES AY 2024/25



**JOANA REIS PARDAL**

## PORTUGUESE **STUDENTS**

STUDENTS RESEARCH  
**FULBRIGHT GRANT FOR RESEARCH  
WITH THE SUPPORT OF FCT**

GRANTEES AY 2024/25

**Joana Reis Pardal** is a PhD student in **Clinical and Health Services Research** at the Center for Health Technology and Services Research & Health Research Network Associated Laboratory, Faculty of Medicine, **University of Porto**. Specializing in Evidence Synthesis and Health Technology Assessment, Joana's work focuses on evaluating the effectiveness of Bayesian bias-adjusted meta-analytical models in mitigating biases in meta-analyses of randomized controlled trials. With the unparalleled support of the Fulbright Commission, Joana will join Professor John Ioannidis's team at the Meta-Research Innovation Center at **Stanford University** (METRICS). During her visit, she will compare the strategy of bias-adjustment with the conventional approach of restricting meta-analysis to trials with a low risk of bias. By leveraging METRICS expertise in developing and applying cutting-edge methodologies to assess and improve the validity and transparency of scientific research, Joana's project will contribute to enhancing evidence synthesis practices for more reliable healthcare decision-making.

**Stanford University**  
**Grant duration: 4 months**



MARIA CAROLINA AMORIM

**Maria Carolina Amorim** is a PhD student of **Chemistry** from the **University of Minho**, supported by a FCT grant. Her PhD project is focused on the development of stable vesicle-like structures by the self-assembly of small dehydropeptides bolaamphiphiles and to use them as model protocells for studying simple biological processes related to early life. As a Visiting Student Researcher at the laboratory of Professor Rein V Ulijn, at Advanced Science Research Center, **City University of New York**, Carolina will make proof-of-concept of dehydropeptides-based model protocells

**City University of New York**  
**Grant duration: 4 months**

PORTUGUESE  
**STUDENTS**

STUDENTS RESEARCH  
**FULBRIGHT GRANT FOR RESEARCH  
WITH THE SUPPORT OF FCT**

GRANTEES AY 2024/25



**MARIA DAS NEVES GOMES**

## PORTUGUESE **STUDENTS**

STUDENTS RESEARCH  
**FULBRIGHT GRANT FOR RESEARCH  
WITH THE SUPPORT OF FCT**

GRANTEES AY 2024/25

**Maria das Neves Gomes** is an FCT doctoral researcher at the Centre for Classical Studies of the **University of Lisbon**. Her PhD is an interdisciplinary project rooted both in **Classical and Slavic studies**, focusing on classical reception in Russian poetry of the early twentieth century. As a Visiting Student Researcher at the Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures of **Princeton University**, she will work with her co-adviser and access top-tier resources to conduct research on Slavic studies, among which the personal archives of one of the poets she studies. She will investigate how a selection of modern Russian poets used Classical motives to conceptualize their identities, within a social context where the relationship with the Classics continued to be forcefully reshaped to fit political agendas. This touches on the complex issues of Slavic (and Classical) identities, historically in perpetual redefinition and conflict with the West.

**Princeton University**  
**Grant duration: 9 months**



**NELSON DESCALÇO**

PORTUGUESE  
**STUDENTS**

STUDENTS RESEARCH  
**FULBRIGHT GRANT FOR RESEARCH  
WITH THE SUPPORT OF FCT**

GRANTEES AY 2024/25

**Nelson Descalço** is a medical doctor, currently a Psychiatry resident, and a PhD student at the Neuropsychiatry Unit at Champalimaud Foundation, supported by an FCT scholarship. He is a student of the **Health Sciences** Doctoral Program at **NOVA Medical School** and an invited lecturer in Neuroscience at the same institution. Nelson is currently working on characterizing the white matter structure of the brain in patients with obsessive-compulsive disorder using neuroimaging methods. He is also interested in whether these structural and functional connectivity biomarkers can help predict the clinical response of patients with obsessive-compulsive disorder to neuromodulation treatments such as transcranial magnetic stimulation. As a Visiting Student Researcher, he will be developing his project at **Stanford University**, California.

**Stanford University**

**Grant duration: 9 months**



**PEDRO SOUSA**

PORTUGUESE  
**STUDENTS**

STUDENTS RESEARCH  
**FULBRIGHT GRANT FOR RESEARCH  
WITH THE SUPPORT OF FCT**

GRANTEES AY 2024/25

**Pedro Sousa** is a PhD student in **Agricultural Sciences** at the Faculty of Sciences of the **University of Porto**, developing his project at GreenUPorto - Sustainable Agrifood Production Research Centre and at the Polytechnic University of Valencia, Spain. With a keen interest in the areas of sensory analysis and consumer sciences, his research aims to evaluate and develop advanced methodologies for assessing consumer perception of innovative and novel foods. As a Visiting Student Researcher at the **University of Arkansas**, he will join Professor Han-Seok Seo's team and conduct his research on how food-evoked emotions influence consumer behaviors, particularly in terms of eating and purchasing behaviors.

**University of Arkansas**  
**Grant duration: 4 months**





**QUELVINA FORTES**

PORTUGUESE  
**STUDENTS**

STUDENTS RESEARCH  
**FULBRIGHT GRANT FOR RESEARCH  
WITH THE SUPPORT OF FCT**

GRANTEES AY 2024/25

**Quelvina Fortes** was born in Cape Verde, immersed in the rich traditions of a small agricultural community, where she learned valuable lessons from the land itself. Under the loving guidance of her grandmother (Natalina Ramos), mother (Arlinda Delgado), professors, and friends, Quelvina absorbed the cycles of agricultural life and the values of respect and dignity inherent in each creature. Now, as a PhD student in **Sustainable Land Use at Instituto Superior de Agronomia**, in collaboration with the Faculty of Science and Technology NOVA, Quelvina is engaged in a research project focused on understanding the dynamics of mountain forest ecology and biodiversity, particularly their disturbances. At **Northern Arizona University**, her aim is to unravel the complex interplay between climate change, biological disturbances, and forest growth patterns in mountain forests, leveraging dendrochronological data and historical climate records.

**Northern Arizona University**  
**Grant duration: 4 months**



**SARA CERQUEIRA**

## PORTUGUESE **STUDENTS**

STUDENTS RESEARCH  
**FULBRIGHT GRANT FOR RESEARCH  
WITH THE SUPPORT OF FCT**

GRANTEES AY 2024/25

**Sara Cerqueira** has a master's in Biomedical Engineering and is currently a PhD Student in **Control, Automation and Robotics**, at the University of Minho. Her research delves into Human-Robot Collaboration as a means to mitigate the prevalence of Work-Related Musculoskeletal Disorders (WRMSDs) and drive innovation in ergonomic interventions. She focuses on delivering collaborative robot assistance tailored to the worker needs, through the development of human-aware and human-care control strategies, powered by Artificial Intelligence and interoperable wearable technology. As a Visiting Student Researcher at IMES laboratory, **Massachusetts Institute of Technology**, Sara aims to exchange knowledge to develop a digital pain biomarker. This research targets the creation of more inclusive and healthier workstations that allow each willing individual to work in a role where they are motivated and have a sense of purpose.

**Massachusetts Institute of Technology**  
**Grant duration: 4 months**





**VALÉRIA GOMES**

PORTUGUESE  
**STUDENTS**

STUDENTS RESEARCH  
**FULBRIGHT GRANT FOR RESEARCH  
WITH THE SUPPORT OF FCT**

GRANTEES AY 2024/25

**Valéria Gomes** is a **Materials Engineering** PhD student at **University of Minho**. Her work focuses on the development of plasmonic dehydropeptide-based lipogels for multimodal treatment of melanoma. At this stage, she will conduct research at **Brandeis University** in collaboration with Professor Bing Xu. With emphasis on enzyme-instructed self-assembly (EISA), her project entails synthesizing tailored fluorescent dehydropeptides to target the Golgi apparatus of cancer cells, achieving selective and in situ assembly of such compounds. By blending synthetic expertise with EISA knowledge, Valéria aims to unlock novel insights into specific cytotoxicity, laying the groundwork for innovative cancer treatments. Driven by a passion for interdisciplinary collaboration, she embodies the spirit of scientific exploration and societal impact.

**Brandeis University**  
**Grant duration: 4 months**



**ZOE A. ARNAUT**

**Zoe A. Arnaut**, a 3rd-year PhD student at the **University of Coimbra**, Portugal, investigates **porphyrins for microorganism inactivation**. She works on the synthesis of photosensitizers capable of targeting Zika, Dengue, SARS-CoV-2 viruses, and pneumococcal pneumonia bacteria prevalent in hospital pneumonia cases. During her stay at **Texas A&M**, she will focus on the formulation and assessment of nebulized solutions for in vitro treatments of pneumococcal pneumonia. This research aims to establish a protocol for photodynamic inactivation for pneumonia treatment, advancing knowledge on pneumonia therapy options to face antimicrobial resistance challenges.

**Texas A&M University**  
**Grant duration: 7 months**

PORTUGUESE  
**STUDENTS**

STUDENTS RESEARCH  
**FULBRIGHT GRANT FOR RESEARCH  
WITH THE SUPPORT OF FCT**

GRANTEES AY 2024/25



GRANTEES AY 2024/25

**PORTUGUESE  
STUDENTS**

**TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIP  
FULBRIGHT - FOREIGN LANGUAGE  
TEACHING ASSISTANT (FLTA)**



**INÊS ALMEIDA**

PORTUGUESE  
**STUDENTS**

TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIP  
**FULBRIGHT - FOREIGN LANGUAGE  
TEACHING ASSISTANT (FLTA)**

GRANTEES AY 2024/25

**Inês Almeida** is a **Portuguese teacher** with a master's in Portuguese as a Second or Foreign Language by the **University of Porto**. She has worked in different teaching contexts in Portugal, East Timor, Spain and Germany. In the upcoming academic year, she will work as a **Foreign Language Teaching Assistant in the United States**. She will have the opportunity to teach and assist in Portuguese language classes, participate in the department's activities and accompany the students in their learning. This way, she hopes not only to improve her abilities as a teacher, but also to act as a cultural ambassador, developing intercultural dialogues and activities within the community of learners. The chance to work as an FLTA will also be of immense value in the future, to continue her work as a researcher and an academic in the fields of language didactics and teaching.

**Northwestern University**  
**Grant duration: 1 year**



GRANTEES AY 2024/25

**PORTUGUESE  
STUDENTS**

**STUDENTS GRADUATE STUDIES  
FULBRIGHT PhD GRANT WITH  
THE SUPPORT OF FCT**



**MAURO BARBOSA FRANQUEIRA**

## PORTUGUESE **STUDENTS**

STUDENTS GRADUATE STUDIES  
**FULBRIGHT PhD GRANT WITH  
THE SUPPORT OF FCT**

GRANTEES AY 2024/25

**Mauro Barbosa Franqueira** is starting his PhD in **Aerospace Engineering** at the **University of Florida**, delving into spacecraft dynamics exploration and exploitation. With a keen focus on Advanced Guidance, Navigation, Control, and Autonomy (GNCA) space applications, Franqueira's research primarily centers on two pivotal domains: i) Rendezvous, Proximity Operations, and Docking, where he investigates the intricacies of satellites flying within 500 km of each other, probing the challenges and opportunities inherent in such close proximity. ii) Franqueira is also deeply engaged in trajectory optimization and space mission planning, aiming to refine methodologies for more efficient and effective space exploration endeavors. Through his doctoral journey and with the support of Fulbright, Mauro aims to enhance the precision and safety of spacecraft maneuvers and to innovate in the strategic planning of space missions, contributing to the broader field of aerospace engineering with cutting-edge research.

**University of Florida**  
**Grant duration: 5 years**



**RODRIGO COSTA**

## PORTUGUESE **STUDENTS**

STUDENTS GRADUATE STUDIES  
**FULBRIGHT PhD GRANT WITH  
THE SUPPORT OF FCT**

GRANTEES AY 2024/25

**Rodrigo Costa** is an incoming **Counseling Psychology** PhD student at the **University of Florida** (UF). He earned a Master of Science in Forensic Psychology from Birmingham City University and a master's degree in Clinical Forensic Psychology from the University of Maia. At UF, Rodrigo will join the ¡Chévere! lab, under the supervision of Dr. Roberto Abreu, where he will examine the experiences of marginalized or otherwise stigmatized individuals and communities (women, ethnic minorities, LGBTI+ people), including how they navigate their social environments, how some of them are able to thrive and resist systemic oppression, and how bias and stigma impacts their mental health. With this research, guided by values such as social justice, resilience, and resistance, Rodrigo hopes to inform evidence-based interventions that are intersectional, identity-affirming, person-centered, and strengths-based to improve the mental health of stigmatized individuals and groups, as well as contribute to more inclusive and equitable social environments.

**University of Florida**  
**Grant duration: 5 years**



GRANTEES AY 2024/25

**PORTUGUESE  
STUDENTS**

**STUDENTS GRADUATE STUDIES  
FULBRIGHT MASTER'S GRANT**





**LEONOR MELO RIBEIRO**

PORTUGUESE  
**STUDENTS**

STUDENTS GRADUATE STUDIES  
**FULBRIGHT MASTER'S GRANT**

GRANTEES AY 2024/25

**Leonor Melo Ribeiro** is a **Technology Law & Policy LL.M.** candidate at **Georgetown University Law Center** in Washington, D.C., where she aims to become part of a new generation of legal professionals capable of understanding new technologies in depth and the legal and ethical challenges they pose. Supported by the Fulbright Commission, Leonor will have the opportunity to explore how to harness the full potential of emerging technologies and the promotion of innovation, while mitigating the inherent risks new technologies pose to human rights. With the knowledge and expertise acquired during this graduate program, Leonor is determined to advise, support, and lead organizations and government bodies in navigating the complexities of the digital and technological economy.

**Georgetown University**  
**Grant duration: 1 year**



GRANTEES AY 2024/25

**PORTUGUESE  
STUDENTS**

**STUDENTS GRADUATE STUDIES  
FULBRIGHT / FUNDAÇÃO CARMONA E COSTA  
MASTER OF FINE-ARTES, DRAWING GRANT**



**BERNARDO BAGULHO**

PORTUGUESE  
**STUDENTS**

STUDENTS GRADUATE STUDIES

**FULBRIGHT / FUNDAÇÃO CARMONA  
E COSTA MASTER OF FINE-ARTES,  
DRAWING GRANT**

GRANTEES AY 2024/25

**Bernardo Bagulho** is a designer and artist, born in 1995, in the city of Évora. He has a degree in **Graphic Design and Illustration** from the **University of Évora** and the Faculty of Fine Arts, University of Porto. He also attended an Illustration program at the EINA Autonomous University of Barcelona. In 2022, he made the Continuing Education Program, Illustration Summer Residency, at the School of Visual Arts, U.S. Bernardo has collaborated with national and international publications, with a greater focus on developing graphic projects and carrying out work in the areas of illustration, product design, printing techniques and animation. His affinity with the region and imagery of the Alentejo is undeniable. He has worked the image of local cultural activities, "Pedras Rolantes", public art, or the Évora International Puppet Biennial, which are some of the most notable projects. His collaborations include also The New York Times, Okavango | Wilderness Project, National Geographic, Wildbird Trust, La Maleta de Portnou magazine, Sem Termo Filmes, Cendrev - Teatro Garcia de Resende, Instituto Camões, Arizona State University, SVA, among others. Bernardo will be doing his Master of Fine Arts at **SVA**, in the city of New York.

**School of Visual Arts**  
**Grant duration: 2 years**



GRANTEES AY 2024/25

PORTUGUESE  
**SCHOLARS**



GRANTEES AY 2024/25

**PORTUGUESE  
SCHOLARS**

**SCHOLARS RESEARCH  
FULBRIGHT GRANT FOR SCHOLARS  
AND RESEARCHERS WITH PhD  
WITH THE SUPPORT OF CAMÕES I.P.**



**ANNARITA GORI**

PORTUGUESE  
**SCHOLARS**

SCHOLARS RESEARCH

**FULBRIGHT GRANT FOR SCHOLARS  
AND RESEARCHERS WITH PhD WITH  
THE SUPPORT OF CAMÕES I.P.**

GRANTEES AY 2024/25

**Annarita Gori**, PhD from University of Siena, is currently a Research Fellow at **Institute of Social Sciences, University of Lisbon**. She was a Visiting Scholar at New York University and at Sciences Po, Paris, in 2015 and 2016, and in 2020 she received the FLAD/Brown Visiting Professorship. Her research focuses on right-wing regimes, cultural diplomacy, visual propaganda, political exhibitions, intellectual networks. At the **University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth**, Annarita will explore the cultural relationships between Portugal and the United States during the early Cold War era. Specifically, she will analyze how the Estado Novo rebranded its image by emphasizing Christianity, anticommunism, and tranquility to align with the Truman Doctrine values, thereby securing its position amidst the complex context of NATO's consolidation and the bipolar world order's emergence. Additionally, researching at the Portuguese-American Ferreira Mendes Archives will allow her to study the reactions and involvement of the Portuguese-American community in this transformative process.

**University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth**  
**Grant duration: 4 months**



GRANTEES AY 2024/25

**PORTUGUESE  
SCHOLARS**

**SCHOLARS RESEARCH  
FULBRIGHT GRANT FOR SCHOLARS  
AND RESEARCHERS WITH PhD**





**EMANUEL GONÇALVES**

PORTUGUESE  
**SCHOLARS**

SCHOLARS RESEARCH  
**FULBRIGHT GRANT FOR SCHOLARS  
AND RESEARCHERS WITH PhD**

GRANTEES AY 2024/25

**Emanuel Gonçalves** is an Assistant Professor at **Instituto Superior Técnico, University of Lisbon**, and Integrated Researcher at INESC-ID, and obtained his PhD degree from the University of Cambridge with work performed at EMBL-EBI. His main interests fall under the areas of **Bioinformatics and Machine Learning** applied to Cancer Research. During his stay at the **Broad Institute** of MIT and Harvard, he will work with Dr. John Doench developing novel combinatorial base-editing CRISPR screens. This project aims to identify synergistic genetic interactions that contribute to drug resistance, ultimately uncovering mechanisms that could be targeted for new treatments.

**Broad Institute**

**Grant duration: 3 months**



**LUÍS CRUZ**

PORTUGUESE  
**SCHOLARS**

SCHOLARS RESEARCH

**FULBRIGHT GRANT FOR SCHOLARS  
AND RESEARCHERS WITH PhD**

GRANTEES AY 2024/25

**Luís Cruz** is an economist and Associate Professor at the Faculty of Economics, University of Coimbra. He is also a researcher at the Centre for Economics and Business Research and an active member of the Energy for Sustainability Initiative. His research interests include the modelling and analysis of environmental and socio-economic interactions, as well as impacts estimation at local, (inter-)regional and/or country levels, with a policy-oriented focus.

During his research stay at the University of Virginia, in the Spring semester 2025, Luís Cruz will have the opportunity to work with the members of the Center for Economic and Policy Studies at UVA's Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service, whose major areas of work include local and regional economic assessment in the framework of the Energy Transition Initiative. Such context provides an excellent platform to delve into renewable energy integration across diverse geographic territories, regional economic modeling, and the development of economic impact databases.

**University of Virginia**

**Grant duration: 3.5 months**



**RICARDO MIGUEL GODINHO**

PORTUGUESE  
**SCHOLARS**

SCHOLARS RESEARCH

**FULBRIGHT GRANT FOR SCHOLARS  
AND RESEARCHERS WITH PhD**

GRANTEES AY 2024/25

**Ricardo Miguel Godinho** is a Junior Researcher at ICArEHB, **University of Algarve**, where he currently heads the FCT R&D project ParaFunction and co-coordinates the Osteoarchaeology Laboratory. As a broadly trained **anthropologist**, he is interested in understanding how we, humans, evolve and adapt to our surrounding environments, both culturally and biologically. In that context he has focused particularly on the evolution of the human skull, combining conventional and virtual anthropology methods. During his 3 months visit to the **State University of New York at Buffalo** he will examine the extent to which mandible form is impacted by population history and by other factors. To that end, he will collaborate with Professor Noreen von Cramon-Taubadel to examine the congruence between mandibular morphological variance and neutral evolutionary models.

**State University of New York at Buffalo**  
**Grant duration: 3 months**



GRANTEES AY 2024/25

U.S.  
**STUDENTS**



GRANTEES AY 2024/25

**U.S.  
STUDENTS**

**STUDY / RESEARCH  
FULBRIGHT/FLAD OPEN STUDY/RESEARCH  
AWARD**



**ELLENA PRIVITERA**

**Ellena Privitera** is a medical student at The Ohio State University focused on health equity and human rights. She will be joining the Universidade NOVA de Lisboa, National School of Public to study best practices for health literacy development among migrants. Ellena is passionate about community-based approaches to service and advocacy. She's hopeful that her research involving a project co-designed and implemented by migrants, health care workers, and social service workers will aid the creation of more initiatives that empower diverse, socially vulnerable communities.

**Universidade NOVA de Lisboa**  
**Grant duration: 8 months**

U.S.  
**STUDENTS**

STUDY / RESEARCH

**FULBRIGHT/FLAD OPEN STUDY  
/RESEARCH AWARD**

GRANTEES AY 2024/25





**STEPHEN CROCKER**

**Stephen Crocker** is an alumnus of Brown University with a B.A. in Modern Culture and Media and A.M. in Documentary Production and Practice, he is working towards a Masters of Social Work from Boston University (expected 2025). As a social worker, a filmmaker and a person in long-term recovery for over 20 years, Stephen is grateful for the opportunity to unite his personal interests and professional skills in a project that explores the lived experience of the people most affected by Portugal's groundbreaking drug and harm reduction policies: people who use drugs, people in recovery, people who work in harm reduction and their families. Stephen, his wife, and their two-year-old daughter are excited to arrive in Lisbon in spring of 2025.

**ISCTE – Instituto Universitário de Lisboa**  
**Grant duration: 8 months**

U.S.  
**STUDENTS**

STUDY / RESEARCH

**FULBRIGHT/FLAD OPEN STUDY  
/RESEARCH AWARD**

GRANTEES AY 2024/25





GRANTEES AY 2024/25

U.S.  
**STUDENTS**

STUDY / RESEARCH  
**FULBRIGHT/CAMÕES I.P. OPEN STUDY/  
RESEARCH AWARD**



TRISTAN MONTGOMERY

**Tristan Montgomery** holds a BA in Spanish/Portuguese and Linguistics from Emory University and will be studying towards a Master's in Specialized Translation at Universidade de Aveiro's Department of Languages and Culture (DLC).

**Universidade de Aveiro**  
**Grant duration: 8 months**

U.S.  
**STUDENTS**

STUDY / RESEARCH

**FULBRIGHT/CAMÕES I.P. OPEN  
STUDY/RESEARCH AWARD**

GRANTEES AY 2024/25



GRANTEES AY 2024/25

**U.S.  
STUDENTS**

**STUDY / RESEARCH  
FULBRIGHT/AZORES REGIONAL GOVERNMENT  
OPEN STUDY/RESEARCH AWARD**



**SAM BITHER**

**Sam Bither** is pursuing an MPhil in International Relations at the University of Oxford. Originally from New York City, he received his B.A. in International Relations from Pomona College. At Oxford, his research focuses on the climate negotiation strategies of small island states, and the evolving landscape of global climate governance.

Sam is excited to be working with the University of the Azores to understand the local impacts of climate change on ocean-reliant communities. His ethnographic research intends to explore how Azorean fishing villages are adapting to a changing climate and declining fish stocks.

**Universidade dos Açores**  
**Grant duration: 8 months**

U.S.  
**STUDENTS**

STUDY / RESEARCH

**FULBRIGHT/AZORES REGIONAL  
GOVERNMENT OPEN STUDY/  
RESEARCH AWARD**

GRANTEES AY 2024/25



GRANTEES AY 2024/25

**U.S.  
STUDENTS**

**TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIP  
FULBRIGHT ENGLISH TEACHING  
ASSISTANT AWARD**



**AIDAN GODDU**

**Aidan Goddu** is a graduate of UMass Dartmouth with a bachelor's degree in history, with a minor in Portuguese. He is also a Commonwealth Scholar, having graduated from the State's Advanced honors program. With extensive experience in college and community theatre, he hopes to apply his history and performance skills in his role as an English teaching assistant at the University of Aveiro. Aidan has a Portuguese-American background, and is excited at the opportunity to learn more about and engage with the people and culture his ancestors came from.

**Universidade de Aveiro**  
**Grant duration: 9 months**

U.S.  
**STUDENTS**

TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIP  
**FULBRIGHT ENGLISH TEACHING  
ASSISTANT AWARD**

GRANTEES AY 2024/25



**ISABEL KINGSTON**

**Isabel Kingston** is a 2024 graduate of Princeton University, where she majored in Comparative Literature with a focus on texts in Portuguese and Spanish. Her thesis was titled *In Search of "Bodies of Rhetoric": Diamela Eltit's Lumpérica and the Legacy of Chile's Disappeared*. She is a dancer, violinist, and writer, having choreographed multiple pieces in the styles of contemporary and jazz-funk for BodyHype Dance Company, as well as devising and performing a fifteen-minute dance thesis in spring 2024 entitled *Tinieblas*. She is passionate about education reform and nineteenth-century English literature, and she hopes to one day complete a novel.

**Instituto Politécnico de Leiria**  
**Grant duration: 9 months**

U.S.  
**STUDENTS**

TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIP  
**FULBRIGHT ENGLISH TEACHING  
ASSISTANT AWARD**

GRANTEES AY 2024/25





**KATRINA GALLEGOS**

U.S.  
**STUDENTS**

TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIP  
**FULBRIGHT ENGLISH TEACHING  
ASSISTANT AWARD**

GRANTEES AY 2024/25

**Katrina Gallegos** is from Albuquerque, New Mexico, she attended the University of New Mexico where she was a Ronald E. McNair Scholar. As a McNair Scholar, she conducted sociolinguistic research via the shared musica folclórica of New Mexico and Northern México. In 2021, she graduated cum laude from UNM with a Bachelor of Arts in Spanish. Katrina then went to Baylor University for graduate studies and, in 2023, earned her Master of Arts in Museum Studies. At Baylor, Katrina was also a Smithsonian Institute Graduate Fellow in the Latino Museum Studies Program. She conducted research on the amount and locality of U.S. Hispano/Latino-serving museums, libraries, research institutes and cultural centers. Currently, Katrina is the Regional Site Manager of Coronado and Jemez Historic Sites with the New Mexico Department of Cultural Affairs where she helps promote and educate visitors about the cultural complexities of her state's people and history.

**Universidade da Madeira**  
**Grant duration: 9 months**



**LAURA CARAM**

**Laura Caram** was born in São Paulo, Brazil. She graduated from the University of Miami in 2024 with a BA in International Studies. At UM, Laura unearthed a passion for mentoring, tutoring third graders in English with Teach for America and assisting underserved high schoolers with college applications. Growing up in Miami, studying abroad in Spain, and interning at an immigration law firm inspired Laura to more deeply connect with her heritage, directing her focus toward Portugal and enhancing her proficiency in Portuguese. Laura hopes that being an ETA at the Instituto Politécnico de Santarém will enable her to cultivate relationships with Portugal and its people, while also refining the skills necessary in becoming a Foreign Service Officer.

**Instituto Politécnico de Santarém**  
**Grant duration: 9 months**

U.S.  
**STUDENTS**

TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIP  
**FULBRIGHT ENGLISH TEACHING  
ASSISTANT AWARD**

GRANTEES AY 2024/25



YENNIFER COCA IZQUIERDO

## U.S. **STUDENTS**

TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIP  
**FULBRIGHT ENGLISH TEACHING  
ASSISTANT AWARD**

GRANTEES AY 2024/25

**Yennifer Coca Izquierdo** is Cuban-American published author and passionate advocate for international education, cross-cultural understanding, and refugee resettlement originally from Sancti Spíritus, Cuba. Graduating Summa Cum Laude from Berea College with a BA in Political Science, her academic journey spanned studies in Spain, Egypt, and Rio de Janeiro, Brazil where she studied Portuguese through the Critical Language Scholarship program. Yennifer's dedication to marginalized communities, particularly refugees and immigrants, is showcased through her impactful work at organizations like the International Rescue Committee. Post-Fulbright, she aims to specialize in international relations, focusing on Portuguese language and culture. Her goal is to foster diplomatic and cultural exchange between Portuguese-speaking nations and the US, leveraging her expertise for mutual understanding and cooperation.

**Egas Moniz School of Health & Science**  
**Grant duration: 9 months**



GRANTEES AY 2024/25

U.S.  
**SCHOLARS**



GRANTEES AY 2024/25

**U.S.  
SCHOLARS**

**RESEARCH  
FULBRIGHT/FCT: FOUNDATION FOR SCIENCE  
AND TECHNOLOGY AWARD (ALL DISCIPLINES)**





ADRIANA SAN MIGUEL

**Adriana San Miguel** is an Associate Professor in the Department of Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering at North Carolina State University. Her work combines engineering and biology, and focuses on developing high-throughput high-content tools to better understand aging, stress, and neurodegeneration using the model organism *C. elegans*. Adriana is originally from San Luis Potosi, Mexico. She received a BS in Chemical Engineering at the Monterrey Institute of Technology and then obtained a PhD in Chemical Engineering Georgia Tech. She trained as a Postdoctoral Fellow at Georgia Tech and at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute prior to joining NC State.

**Universidade do Algarve**  
**Grant duration: 4 months**

U.S.  
**SCHOLARS**

RESEARCH

**FULBRIGHT/FCT: FOUNDATION FOR  
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AWARD  
(ALL DISCIPLINES)**

GRANTEES AY 2024/25



BEN FORD

U.S.  
**SCHOLARS**

RESEARCH

**FULBRIGHT/FCT: FOUNDATION FOR  
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AWARD  
(ALL DISCIPLINES)**

GRANTEES AY 2024/25

**Ben Ford** is the Chair of the Anthropology Department and Indiana University of Pennsylvania and an anthropologist specializing in historical and underwater archaeology. Originally from Cincinnati, he now lives in Indiana, Pennsylvania with his spouse, two kids, dog, and bearded dragon. His Ph.D. from Texas A&M University was preceded by several years as an archaeological consultant and degrees from the College of William and Mary and the University of Cincinnati. He recently published *The Shore is a Bridge: The Maritime Cultural Landscape of Lake Ontario* and *Our Blue Planet: An Introduction to Maritime and Underwater Archaeology* (with Jessi Halligan and Alexis Catsambis).

**Universidade do Porto**  
**Grant duration: 4 months**





BRENT CHAMBERLAIN

**Brent Chamberlain**, Ph.D., is a computational environmental planner and Associate Professor in Landscape Architecture and Environmental Planning at Utah State University. His scholarly background is diverse, spanning computer science, natural resources management, psychology and planning. His research interests include visualization, spatial data science, applied machine learning, and environmental perception of built and natural environments. He has received five million in funding from various federal and state agencies, has published three dozen peer review papers and presented over 100 presentations globally. In 2023 he received the Excellence in Research or Creative Work Award from the Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture.

**Universidade de Lisboa / ISCTE – Instituto Universitário de Lisboa**

**Grant duration: 4 months**

U.S.  
**SCHOLARS**

RESEARCH

**FULBRIGHT/FCT: FOUNDATION FOR  
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AWARD  
(ALL DISCIPLINES)**

GRANTEES AY 2024/25



FRAN SIEGEL

U.S.  
**SCHOLARS**

RESEARCH

**FULBRIGHT/FCT: FOUNDATION FOR  
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AWARD  
(ALL DISCIPLINES)**

GRANTEES AY 2024/25

**Fran Siegel's** drawings and installations engage location-based research that traverses landscape, culture, and materiality. Her work is in numerous permanent collections including at LACMA, MOCA, The Morgan Library and Yale University (where she earned her MFA). Siegel's numerous international residency fellowships include a Fulbright to Brazil, representation of the US in Ecuador's Cuenca Biennial, and inclusion in two Getty Pacific Standard Time research initiatives resulting in a 2017 solo exhibition at UCLA's Fowler Museum, and a 2024 exhibition of four Southern California Wetland Restoration sites. Her permanent tiled mural for LA Metro's La Brea and Wilshire station is slated to open in 2025.

**Universidade de Lisboa**  
**Grant duration: 4 months**



JOÃO RESENDE-SANTOS

**João Resende-Santos** is Associate Professor of International Studies at Bentley University, Waltham Massachusetts, USA. He received his PhD in Political Science from Harvard University. His areas of research and scholarship include international relations, US foreign policy, Cabo Verde foreign relations and political economy, migrant transnationalism. His two current book projects are based on archival materials, one on Cabo Verde's postcolonial foreign relations. His Fulbright project involves archival research in Portugal for a new book on US policy toward decolonization in Portuguese Africa during 1950-1975. He is also engaged in practitioner work, diaspora mobilization, and consulting for various national and international agencies in Cabo Verde, where he also served in higher education leadership positions.

**Universidade Lusófona**  
**Grant duration: 4 months**

U.S.  
**SCHOLARS**

RESEARCH

**FULBRIGHT/FCT: FOUNDATION FOR  
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AWARD  
(ALL DISCIPLINES)**

GRANTEES AY 2024/25



GRANTEES AY 2024/25

U.S.  
**SCHOLARS**



GRANTEES AY 2024/25

U.S.  
**SCHOLARS**

RESEARCH  
**FULBRIGHT AWARD IN MANAGEMENT /  
ISCTE-IUL, BUSINESS RESEARCH UNIT (BRU-IUL)**





**RENEE FLASHER**

U.S.  
**SCHOLARS**

RESEARCH  
**FULBRIGHT AWARD IN MANAGEMENT/  
ISCTE-IUL, BUSINESS RESEARCH UNIT  
(BRU-IUL)**

GRANTEES AY 2024/25

**Renee Flasher** is an Assistant Professor of Accounting at Penn State Harrisburg. Her research examines the societal evolution of fraud as standards and acceptable business practices evolve. Renee's past research explores two main themes within this area: standard setting and detection/deterrence. She received a Fulbright US Scholars award to work in Lisbon, Portugal for four months, hosted by ISCTE-Instituto Universitário de Lisboa (IUL) in their Business Research Unit. Her Fulbright project, "Global Enforcement Pressures – Similarity and Differences with US Financial Disclosure Enforcement," allows her to study companies who are subject to enforcement actions within Europe and the United States. The project leverages Portugal's position within the European enforcement structure for data privacy laws to learn more about a model that differs from the centralized, federal structure of the United States.

**ISCTE- Instituto Universitário de Lisboa**  
**Grant duration: 4 months**



GRANTEES AY 2024/25

**U.S.  
SCHOLARS**

**RESEARCH  
FULBRIGHT AWARD ATLANTIC FOR FUTURE/  
IPMA – PORTUGUESE INSTITUTE FOR SEA  
AND ATMOSPHERE**





**BRUCE HOWE**

U.S.  
**SCHOLARS**

RESEARCH

**FULBRIGHT AWARD ATLANTIC FOR  
FUTURE / IPMA – PORTUGUESE  
INSTITUTE FOR SEA AND ATMOSPHERE**

GRANTEES AY 2024/25

**Bruce Howe** is Chair of the international Joint Task Force (JTF) SMART Cable initiative, (Science Monitoring And Reliable Telecommunications) to incorporate sensors into commercial trans-ocean submarine telecommunication cable systems for climate, ocean circulation and sea level monitoring and tsunami and earthquake warning, now with several projects funded. Dr. Howe develops ocean observing infrastructure, including cable systems. Projects have included basin-scale acoustic thermometry and planning, development, and operation of cabled observatories. At Station ALOHA 100 km north of Oahu, he and his team installed and operate the ALOHA Cabled Observatory – the world's deepest plug-and-play power and Internet node on the planet at 4728 m water depth, now with more than 10 years of continuous data. After obtaining engineering and oceanography degrees at Stanford University and the University of California at San Diego, he worked at the Applied Physics Laboratory, University of Washington, and since 2008, at the University of Hawai'i, Department of Ocean and Resources Engineering.

**IPMA – Instituto Português do Mar e da Atmosfera**  
**Grant duration: 4 months**



**MING LI**

U.S.  
**SCHOLARS**

RESEARCH

**FULBRIGHT AWARD ATLANTIC FOR  
FUTURE / IPMA – PORTUGUESE  
INSTITUTE FOR SEA AND ATMOSPHERE**

GRANTEES AY 2024/25

**Ming Li** is a Professor at the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science. He obtained his B.Eng from Hohai University and D.Phil from the University of Oxford. Dr. Li's research spans several areas in oceanography, including estuarine and coastal dynamics, sea-level rise and coastal resilience. He is actively engaged in interdisciplinary research to address pressing environmental issues such as hypoxia, ocean acidification, and harmful algal blooms. He has published 120 peer-reviewed papers in top oceanographic and environmental science journals. He is a Specialty Chief Editor at Frontiers in Marine Science and an Associate Editor at Continental Shelf Research.

**IPMA – Instituto Português do Mar e da Atmosfera**  
**Grant duration: 4 months**



GRANTEES AY 2024/25

**U.S.  
SCHOLARS**

**TEACHING / RESEARCH  
FULBRIGHT AWARD IN MARKETING,  
COMMUNICATION & MEDIA STUDIES/  
POLYTECHNIC OF LISBON**



**DAVID TAYLOR**

U.S.  
**SCHOLARS**

RESEARCH

**FULBRIGHT AWARD IN MARKETING,  
COMMUNICATION & MEDIA STUDIES/  
POLYTECHNIC OF LISBON**

GRANTEES AY 2024/25

**David Taylor** graduated from Davidson College with a B.A. degree in English, and the Rainier Writing Workshop at Pacific Lutheran University with an M.F.A. in Creative Writing. Since 2015 he has taught in the M.A. in Science Writing Program at Johns Hopkins University. His articles appear in the Washington Post, Discover, Smithsonian, and Scientific American, and he has written for podcasts and documentary films. His books include *Cork Wars: Intrigue and Industry in World War II*, which received an Independent Publisher Book Award for world history. He's a member of National Association of Science Writers and the Society of Environmental Journalists.

Mr. Taylor's project looks at Portugal's cork oak forests, building on research conducted for his book about environmental security. His project is titled *Journalism Study of Cork Forests and Sustainability in Climate Change*.

**Instituto Politécnico de Lisboa**

**Grant duration: 4 months**



GRANTEES AY 2024/25

U.S.  
**SCHOLARS**

TEACHING / RESEARCH  
**FULBRIGHT AWARD IN LAW AND  
SUSTAINABILITY/NOVA SCHOOL OF LAW**





**ROBIN FRETWELL WILSON**

U.S.  
**SCHOLARS**

RESEARCH

**FULBRIGHT AWARD IN LAW AND  
SUSTAINABILITY/NOVA SCHOOL OF  
LAW**

GRANTEES AY 2024/25

**Robin Fretwell Wilson** is the Mildred Van Voorhis Jones Chair in Law at the University of Illinois College of Law. The author of twenty-two books, Professor Wilson has ranked among the Top Ten Family Law Scholars in the United States for scholarly impact in each ranking done by the Leiter Report since 2010. She co-directs the College of Law's Epstein Health Law & Policy Program, as well as its Family Law & Policy Program. Professor Wilson also founded and directs the Tolerance Means Dialogues, made possible with private philanthropic support, to bridge divides in the culture war. A member of the American Law Institute, Professor Wilson has eight times been honored for her work with lawmakers on innovative laws that address thorny questions, such as how to mesh LGBT rights with protections for religious belief and practice—including the 2022 Respect for Marriage Act, hailed as the most significant LGBT piece of legislation in the last decade. With Professor June Carbone, she edits the International Survey of Family Law.

**Universidade NOVA de Lisboa**

**Grant duration: 4 months**



