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UNIVERSIDADE DE LISBOA
→ STANFORD UNIVERSITY

ANA SUFRAI

SLAVIC LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES

Is an incoming PhD candidate in **Slavic Languages and Literatures** at Stanford University. Following her teaching experience at the University of Lisbon, she developed an interdisciplinary approach at the intersection of literature, cultural studies, and philosophy. Her work involves genre-resistant narratives, theories of the novel, and the centrifugal dynamics of culture.

She conducted a year-long research project at the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation, examining hybridity and spaces of resistance, with a focus on how individual voices are formed, negotiated, and instrumentalized within the contexts of war, empire, and national cultures in 18th-century Ukrainian literature. During her master's degree, her research expanded into the social sciences, where she carried out an ethnographic study on autobiographical narratives of Russified Ukrainians, exploring how cultural forces shape subjectivity and national identity.

At Stanford, she will integrate literary and philosophical approaches to examine borderlands, diasporic formations, and the mechanisms of cultural soft power across post-Soviet contexts.

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UNIVERSIDADE CATÓLICA PORTUGUESA →UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME

FRANCISCO GARCIA

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Is an incoming graduate student in **Political Science** at the University of Notre Dame. His re-search interests include early modern political theory, ancient and modern theories of free-dom, and the concepts of political virtue and political judgment. Supported by a Fulbright grant, he intends to work on the intersection of political theory and the history of moral and political thought, focusing on the evolution of the idea of political virtue—virtues related to and manifested in civic life—through ancient and modern philosophy. Prior to joining Notre Dame, Francisco worked as an advisor to the Mayor of Lisbon, and translated into Portuguese Thomas Hobbes's seminal work 'Leviathan'. He earned a BA from Nova University of Lisbon and a master's degree from the Catholic University of Portugal.

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MARIANA CUNHA

LAW

UNIVERSIDADE NOVA DE LISBOA →UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Is a **Law** graduate from Nova School of Law and an incoming Master's candidate at University of Southern California. Her academic path has been shaped by a strong interest in the intersection of law, technology, and creative expression, with a particular focus on Intellectual Property and the legal challenges emerging from artificial intelligence. Her work explores how legal frameworks can evolve alongside technological innovation while continuing to protect creativity, cultural industries, and equitable access to knowledge. She is especially interested in how smaller economies can position themselves strategically within an increasingly competitive global landscape. As a Fulbright grantee, Mariana will pursue a specialization in Media and Entertainment Law. Through her studies, she hopes to contribute to the development of legal systems that function not only as regulatory structures but also as instruments for inclusion, opportunity, and meaningful participation in the digital age.

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CATARINA REAL

VISUAL ARTS

UNIVERSIDADE NOVA DE LISBOA → UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS IN CHICAGO

Is a **visual artist** who works at the intersection of artistic practice and theoretical research, primarily through painting, writing, and choreography in long-term collaborative projects that address how we can live better together. She has publicly presented her work at institutions such as the Campo Alegre Municipal Theater, Porto Municipal Gallery, Amadeo de Souza-Cardoso Museum, etc.; independent venues such as Rua do Sol, Campanice, Graciosa, Laboratório das Artes, Sol Pele, etc.; and galleries such as Kubik Gallery, Galeria Ángeles Baños, Galeria Madragoa, No.no Gallery, and Galeria Graça Brandão.
She holds a BA in Visual Arts - Painting from the Faculty of Fine Arts at the University of Porto, an MA in Communication Sciences - Communication and Arts from the Faculty of Social Sciences at Nova University, and will be doing an MFA in Art at the School of Art and Art History at the University of Illinois in Chicago.

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CATARINA VALE

MEDICAL SCIENCES

UNIVERSIDADE DE LISBOA
→ HARVARD MEDICAL SCHOOL

Is a **pathologist** currently pursuing her PhD at the Faculty of Medicine, University of Lisbon and the Gulbenkian Institute for Molecular Medicine. Her research explores the pathogenesis of fallopian tube and ovarian carcinomas by integrating histopathological assessment with single-cell technologies to better understand how these tumors arise. As a Fulbright Researcher at the Massachusetts General Hospital, a primary teaching hospital of Harvard Medical School, Catarina will join a division internationally recognized for its contributions to gynecologic pathology. During her time in Boston, she will focus on identifying transcriptomic signatures that may help resolve diagnostic challenges in the field, aiming to translate molecular insights into practical clinical tools. Through the international collaborations and expertise developed during this experience, Catarina is committed to making precise, effective cancer diagnosis more accessible on a global scale.

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MARTA TIAGO

VETERINARY MEDICINE

UNIVERSIDADE DE LISBOA
→ UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME

Holds a degree in **Veterinary Medicine** and has developed a strong research focus on neglected tropical diseases, particularly host–parasite interactions. Her academic path is guided by a critical issue of our time: controlling infectious diseases within an evolving global landscape shaped by emerging pathogens, shifting disease distributions, and changing patterns of infection.
As a Fulbright Visiting Student Researcher, she will collaborate with Prof. Álvaro Acosta Serrano in the University of Notre Dame to specialize in glycobiology and glycoproteomics of Trypanosoma species. Her work will focus on identifying glycosylated parasite ligands and elucidating the molecular pathways governing glycosylation in host–parasite interactions using advanced mass spectrometry approaches. Marta is particularly interested in uncovering mechanisms of parasite virulence, while strengthening international collaboration and transferring specialized expertise to her home institution.

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RESEARCH

UNIVERSIDADE DE COIMBRA
→ DARTMOUTH COLLEGE

JOSÉ MORGADO

BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING

Is a Master's student in **Biomedical Engineering**, specializing in Biomedical Instrumentation, at the University of Coimbra, where he also completed his Bachelor's degree. He is particularly interested in neuroimaging, brain connectivity, and computational approaches to understanding human cognition and emotion. At present, José is studying how the brain responds to different types of musical stimuli, focusing on the neural networks involved in music perception, reward, and emotion. As a Fulbright Visiting Student Researcher at the Engineering and Computer Science Center at Dartmouth College, José will work under the supervision of Professor Michael Casey on a collaboration between Dartmouth and the University of Coimbra. This project aims to understand how music-listening brain networks dynamically configure themselves under different emotional conditions, using functional MRI and advanced data analysis methods.
His personal interest in music, together with his interests in neuroscience, AI tools, and biomedical engineering, come together in his work on new, inclusive, human-centered healthcare technologies.

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RODRIGO OLIVEIRA

ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

INSTITUTO POLITÉCNICO DO PORTO → COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY

Is a Master's student in **Autonomous Systems Engineering** and a researcher at INESC TEC, working on embedded systems and communication architectures for autonomous industrial machines. Supported by Fulbright and FLAD, he will join Colorado State University under the supervision of Professor Jeremy Daily to research Controller Area Network (CAN) safety. His project will focus on the development of a runtime-configurable CAN router and firewall, capable of filtering, forwarding, and adapting message rules in real time. By improving how safety-critical vehicle networks can be protected and controlled, this work aims to support safer autonomous machines in industrial environments.

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RESEARCH

SIMÃO SANTOS

BIOMATERIALS AND NANOMEDICINE

UNIVERSIDADE DE AVEIRO
→ DREXEL UNIVERSITY

Is a MSc student in **Biomaterials and Nanomedicine** at the University of Aveiro, holding a BSc in Biotechnology. His research focuses on engineering novel cell-free biomaterials with applications in regenerative medicine, specifically utilizing cell secretomes. Supported by a Fulbright Grant, Simão will join Prof. Kara Spiller's Biomaterials and Regenerative Medicine Laboratory at Drexel University. During his stay in the U.S., he will investigate the immunomodulatory potential of secretome hydrogels, developed at the University of Aveiro by Prof. Mariana Oliveira's team. His main tasks will include conducting advanced in vitro immuno-profiling to evaluate how primary human macrophages respond to these materials and utilizing co-culture models to determine if the hydrogels can instruct the immune system to actively promote angiogenesis. This collaboration bridges materials science with immuno-engineering, accelerating the clinical translation of therapies for chronic wounds, like diabetic foot ulcers.

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UNIVERSIDADE DO MINHO
→ UNIVERSITY
OF MICHIGAN-ANN ARBOR

ANA RITA LUZ

ECONOMICS

Is a PhD candidate in **Economics** at the University of Minho, affiliated with NIPE – Centre for Research in Economics and Management, supported by an FCT doctoral scholarship, and an Invited Assistant Professor of Economics at the same university. Her research focuses on the Economics of Education, particularly how public policies shape students' pathways into and through higher education in Portugal. As a Fulbright-FCT Visiting Student Researcher at the University of Michigan's Marsal Family School of Education, Ana Rita will work under the mentorship of Professor Brian P. McCall to develop a dissertation chapter on student progression after entry in Portuguese higher education: persistence, stopout, dropout, and time-to-degree. With the Fulbright, she will refine the research design, estimate and validate discrete-time competing-risks duration models, present findings in seminars and workshops, and prepare the chapter for journal submission. This research aims to generate rigorous evidence to support more effective and equitable higher education policies in Portugal.

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CARLOS CARDOSO

MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

UNIVERSIDADE DE AVEIRO
→ UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE

Is a **Mechanical Engineering** PhD candidate at the Centre for Mechanical Technology and Automation (TEMA) at the University of Aveiro. His research focuses on computational biomechanics, particularly finite element modeling of traumatic brain injuries (TBI) in sports, integrating subject-specific data, material modeling, and impact reconstruction. His work also explores long-term neurological sequelae, including chronic traumatic encephalopathy (CTE) and endocrine dysfunctions, aiming to improve injury prediction and prevention strategies. As a Visiting Student Researcher, Carlos will collaborate with Professor Thomas Kaminski at the Kinesiology and Applied Physiology Department at the University of Delaware (UDEL). Through the Fulbright Program, he aims to advance head injury modeling, combine experimental and real-world soccer data, and contribute to improved clinical understanding and safer sports practices.

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UNIVERSIDADE DO MINHO
→ STANFORD UNIVERSITY

CAROL COELHO

PSYCHOLOGY

Is a third-year PhD **Psychology** student at the University of Minho, and a collaborator in the Eating Disorders Study Group, coordinated by Dr. Paulo Machado. Her current research focuses on an eating disorder prevention and body acceptance promotion program – the Body Project. In 2023, Carol and her research group implemented the intervention in Portugal for the first time. After three years, over 360 people, aged 13 to 57 years, have participated in Body Project Portugal. The program has improved participants' eating disorder symptomatology, risk factors, and protective factors. Carol is currently conducting analyses on the effects of age, gender, modality, and minimal versions of the program. During her Fulbright stay, she will work with Dr. Eric Stice, one of the Body Project's creators, at Stanford University. She will further develop her skills in data analysis and interpretation, contribute to ongoing research in the Stice Lab, and learn more about scaling evidence-based prevention and treatment programs. Upon returning to Portugal, she will integrate this knowledge into her work and her research group's work.

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FRANCISCA RIBEIRO

MOLECULAR AND CELL BIOLOGY

UNIVERSIDADE DO PORTO
→ UNIVERSITY OF
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Is a second-year PhD student in **Molecular and Cell Biology** at ICBAS-University of Porto. At i3S, she studies gene regulation in human retinal development. Her work in the United States will focus on the molecular mechanisms controlling cone photoreceptor differentiation, cells essential for color vision and visual acuity, with a particular interest in how non-coding regulatory elements influence this process. She will use stem cell–derived retinal organoids, 3D models that recapitulate key features of the developing human retina, to investigate how disruptions in cone development may lead to retinal disease. Under the supervision of Dr. David Cobrinik at Children's Hospital Los Angeles/University of Southern California, she will apply gene editing and molecular approaches in advanced organoid systems to understand how cone differentiation is regulated, and how its disruption drives disease and points to potential therapeutic targets.

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FRANCISCO BRANCO

PHARMACOLOGY

UNIVERSIDADE DE COIMBRA
→ HARVARD UNIVERSITY

Is currently pursuing a PhD in **Pharmaceutical Technology** at the Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Coimbra, where his research focuses on advanced drug delivery systems for cancer therapy. As a Fulbright Visiting Researcher at the Harvard Paulson School of Engineering and Applied Sciences, under the supervision of Professor Samir Mitragotri, Francisco plans to investigate the immunological behavior of microneedle-based platforms for the local treatment of glioblastoma. In particular, he will focus on macrophage polarization and STING pathway activation to modulate the tumor microenvironment and enhance antitumor immune responses.

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UNIVERSIDADE CATÓLICA PORTUGUESA →WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY

FRANCISCO RODRIGUES

BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING

Is a PhD candidate in **Biomedical Science and Engineering** at the Escola Superior de Biotecnologia of the Universidade Católica Portuguesa. His research focuses on the application of 3D bioprinting to develop next-generation meniscus implants, employing advanced techniques such as coaxial printing and supercritical CO2 to engineer novel bioinks that mimic the complex characteristics of the native human meniscus.

As a Fulbright Visiting Researcher, Francisco will be at the Wake Forest Institute for Regenerative Medicine, Wake Forest University, working under the supervision of Professor Sang Jin Lee. During this period, he will leverage the Institute's advanced 3D multi-material bioprinting systems to integrate his developed bioinks and optimize their simultaneous deposition within a single biofunctional structure. This research aims to advance the treatment of meniscus lesions, while fostering international scientific collaboration with leading experts in the field of regenerative medicine.

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UNIVERSIDADE DE AVEIRO
→ UNIVERSITY OF
COLORADO-BOULDER

HUGO FERNANDES

BIOTECHNOLOGY

Is a **biotechnologist** and PhD student at the University of Aveiro whose research focuses on 3D bioprinting, tissue engineering, and regenerative medicine. He works at the interface of manufacturing technologies and biological systems, developing porous hydrogel-based scaffolds for muscle regeneration and disease models, including cancer and the hematopoietic bone niche. In collaboration with Professor Jason Burdick's group at the University of Colorado Boulder, he plans to develop a set of methodologies to imbue porous decellularized extracellular matrix hydrogels, with tunable tissue-like viscoelastic features.

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JOSÉ CARLOS PINTO

BIOTECHNOLOGY

UNIVERSIDADE DE AVEIRO
→ UNIVERSITY OF
COLORADO-BOULDER

Is pursuing a PhD in **Medical Biotechnology** at COMPASS Research Group, CICECO – Aveiro Institute of Materials. His research focuses on advancing the design of human living materials by exploring more complex building blocks and new processing technologies. As a Visiting Student Researcher at BioFrontiers Institute - University of Colorado Boulder, under the supervision of Prof. Kristi Anseth, José will investigate intracellular engineering approaches to regulate cellular behavior within human living materials.

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JOSÉ PEDRO FERNANDES

MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

UNIVERSIDADE DO MINHO →
UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHARLOTTE

Is Ph.D. student in **Mechanical Engineering** at the University of Minho, developing sustainable ways to remove pharmaceuticals and pesticides from wastewater using Ultrasonic (US) reactors. His goal is to upgrade current treatment systems to meet strict new water directives, using physical treatments to drastically reduce both processing time and chemical usage. As a Fulbright Visiting Researcher, he will join the DEAM Lab at UNC Charlotte to bridge environmental engineering with artificial intelligence. His core objective is to build a Digital Twin to manage the US reactor in real-time through advanced sensorization. By feeding it experimental and numerical data, José Pedro will train an AI-based Large Language Model (LLM) to constantly monitor, adapt, and control the reactor to ensure every parameter stays fully optimized. He is pursuing this because the water sector currently lacks the Digital Twins necessary to make US systems highly efficient and easily scalable for real-world applications.

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MARTA DA ROCHA DIOGO

LAW

EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY INSTITUTE → MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

Is a second-year PhD researcher in **Law** at the EUI. In her PhD, she explores how lawyers and scientists construct and regulate ideas of the brain, mind, and personhood. Marta has been actively engaged in the regulation of neurotechnologies: she contributed to the Human Rights Council's Report on Neurotechnologies, participated in the drafting of the UNESCO Recommendation on the Ethics of Neurotechnology, and, during her traineeship at the Council of Europe, worked on the European governance of neurotechnologies. She attended and presented in several conferences in the area.
Marta is also a lawyer and has an LLM in Comparative, European and International Law and a master's in Human Rights.'

BOLSA FULBRIGHT-SCHUMAN

FULBRIGHT Portugal

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FULBRIGHT-FOREIGN LANGUAGE TEACHING ASSISTANT (FLTA) GRANT

FRANCISCO LIMÃO

TRANSLATION

UNIVERSIDADE DE LISBOA
→ ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY

Holds a master's degree in **Translation** from the University of Lisbon and currently works as a Portuguese teacher for foreign learners. He has taught students of different ages and nationalities and particularly values the unique perspectives they bring to the classroom and the mutual learning they inspire. At Arizona State University, he will teach and assist Portuguese classes, lead conversation groups, prepare learning materials, and act as a cultural ambassador. This opportunity will allow him to further develop his teaching skills while contributing ideas that make learning meaningful and enjoyable. He looks forward to sharing his culture through dialogue and exchange, promoting intercultural understanding and empathy.

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UNIVERSIDADE CATÓLICA PORTUGUESA →MUSEUM OF ARTS AND DESIGN

CRISTINA FILIPE

ARTISTIC CURATION

Is a curator, researcher and writer specialising in **Contemporary Jewellery**. She holds a PhD in Heritage Studies from the School of Arts of the Universidade Católica Portuguesa, completed with the support of a Fundação para a Ciência e Tecnologia (FCT) scholarship. She is currently a researcher at CITAR – Research Center for Science and Technology of the Arts at the same university. She was director of the jewellery course at Ar.Co, Lisbon, and has lectured and presented internationally. Filipe is the founder of PIN – Portuguese Association for Contemporary Jewellery and was the general curator of the 1st Lisbon Contemporary Jewellery Biennial, Cold Sweat (2021). She is the author and editor of several books and essays on contemporary jewellery, including Contemporary Jewellery in Portugal: From the 1960s Avant-Garde to the Early 21st Century (2019), published with the support of the Susan Beech Mid-Career Artist Grant from Art Jewelry Forum (US, 2017). As a Fulbright Visiting Scholar at the Museum of Arts and Design (New York), she will develop research on contemporary jewellery, curatorial practices and archival studies.

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UNIVERSIDADE DE LISBOA
→ UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA SOUTHEAST

JOANA CASTRO

MARINE BIOLOGY

Is the founder and executive director of AIMM – Marine Environment Research Association and an integrated researcher at MARE–Marine and Environmental Sciences Centre, University of Lisbon. She earned her PhD in **Marine Biology** from the University of Lisbon and has 25 years' experience working in marine mammal research, conservation, and environmental education. Her research focuses on the social behavior, ecology, and conservation of cetaceans, particularly small dolphins, as well as whale-watching management, fisheries interactions, and the use of innovative technologies such as UAVs, passive acoustics, and underwater imaging. She has led multiple scientific and conservation projects in Portugal and abroad, conducting research across the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, including work in 12 countries. During her Fulbright stay at University of Alaska Southeast, Joana will use drone-based observations to investigate the fine-scale behavior of humpback whales in Southeast Alaska.

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MARIA MENDES

BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING

UNIVERSIDADE DE COIMBRA
→ HARVARD UNIVERSITY

Is a Junior Researcher at the Coimbra Chemistry Center (CQC) and the Faculty of Pharmacy of the University of Coimbra. Her research focuses on **nanomedicine and advanced drug delivery** systems for glioblastoma, with a particular interest in biohybrid and immune-engineering strategies. As a Visiting Researcher at the Harvard Paulson School of Engineering and Applied Sciences, she will work in Samir Mitragotri's laboratory on developing cellular backpack-based platforms for localized immunotherapy. The project aims to engineer macrophage-associated delivery systems to modulate the tumor microenvironment and promote immune activation in glioblastoma, while also advancing expertise in cellular engineering and translational nanomedicine.

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MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE
OF TECHNOLOGY
→UNIVERSIDADE DO MINHO

CLAIRE UNDERWOOD

BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING

Claire Underwood is a recent graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology with a degree in Chemical-Biological Engineering. While there, she conducted research exploring interfaces between polymeric and biological systems and is passionate about creating biomimetic materials to further medicine and medical research. She is excited to join the 3Bs Institute at the University of Minho, Braga where she will be developing high throughput methods of barcoded microtissue production for use as a drug discovery platform. Outside of the lab, she looks forward to exploring the food, sports, and culture of the country.

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IMEN BOUSSAYOUD

HISTORY

BROWN UNIVERSITY
→UNIVERSIDADE NOVA
DE LISBOA

Imen Boussayoud is a PhD Candidate in History at Brown University researching slavery and gender in the medieval and early modern Mediterranean and Atlantic worlds. Her work has been supported by the American Historical Association, the John Carter Brown Library, and the Medieval Academy of America. As a Fulbright Portugal grantee, Imen will be based in Lisbon, working with Pedro Cardim at Universidade NOVA/CHAM (Centro de Humanidades) on her dissertation, a social history of manumission and freedom in Madeira and the Canary Islands from 1400-1600CE. Imen hails from Brooklyn, New York, and is excited for the start of her Fulbright journey!

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MARIANA CORREIA

BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING

OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY
→ UNIVERSIDADE DO MINHO

Mariana Correia is a biomedical engineer with experience at a medical device company specializing in the craniomaxillofacial field. She holds a B.S. in Biomedical Engineering with a minor in Portuguese from The Ohio State University. As the daughter of Portuguese immigrants, she is passionate about advancing patient-centered care while embracing the cultural insights that come from working across borders. Mariana will collaborate with the Universidade do Minho, Guimarães, to research strategies for improving dental implant performance. Her project focuses on developing implant surfaces that reduce bacterial adhesion and promote bone regeneration to improve patient outcomes and quality of life.

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RESEARCH

YALE UNIVERSITY
→ UNIVERSIDADE DE LISBOA

ELIZA JOSEPHSON

LITERATURE

Eliza Josephson is a recent graduate of Yale University with a B.A. in Comparative Literature on the Intensive Language track. Her research investigates multilingual texts that reveal understudied historical ties between Portugal and North Africa. As a Fulbright researcher at the University of Lisbon's Centre for Comparative Studies, she will address this gap by recovering, translating, and digitizing aljamiado manuscripts, a rare tradition of Portuguese texts written in Arabic script. She aims to expand global scholarly engagement with Portugal's Islamic heritage by making these texts digitally accessible to new readers, scholars, and students across borders.

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MATTHEW MELO

POLITICAL SCIENCE

RUTGERS UNIVERSITY
→ UNIVERSIDADE DOS AÇORES

Matthew Melo is a recent Rutgers University graduate with a Master's in Political Science. He specializes in the intersection of policy and cultural preservation, specifically how governments manage disruptive forces like globalization and tourism. As an ethnographic fieldworker and historical interpreter, Matthew analyzes community identity through interviews and historical research. In collaboration with the University of the Azores, he will evaluate the Azorean government's policy initiatives to mitigate the impacts of tourism on local culture. His research will synthesize policy recommendations with ethnographic data to determine how traditional heritage can be sustained amidst modern economic shifts.

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FULBRIGHT / AZORES REGIONAL GOVERNMENT OPEN STUDY/RESEARCH AWARD

U.S. STUDENTS

RESEARCH

MAYA PHILIPP

OCEANOGRAPHY

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY
→ UNIVERSIDADE DOS AÇORES

Maya Philipp is a Ph.D. candidate in Biology at Syracuse University. Originally from Folsom, California, she holds a B.S. in Marine Biology from the University of California, San Diego's Scripps Institution of Oceanography, with a minor in Urban Studies & Planning. At Syracuse, Maya's dissertation investigates environmental indicators of cetacean movement and behavior to reveal underlying prey dynamics across the Atlantic. Maya will partner with the Institute of Marine Science - Okeanos of the University of the Azores to investigate the ecological drivers of sperm whale foraging behavior in the Azores and the implications for conservation and management.

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U.S. STUDENTS
ENGLISH TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIP
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FULBRIGHT ENGLISH TEACHING ASSISTANT AWARD

KASSANDRA CIRIZA-MONREAL

TEACHING ENGLISH AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHAPEL HILL
→ ISG | BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS SCHOOL

Kassandra Ciriza-Monreal is an alumna of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where she studied Human and Organizational Leadership Development and Hispanic Linguistics, with a minor in Translation and Interpreting. Driven by a passion for language acquisition and language access, she conducted research on multilingualism, collaborated with North Carolina local governments on language access plans, gained international experience in Peru with Indigenous weaving cooperatives, and completed a humanitarian mission in Costa Rica. She also studied abroad in Lisbon. Her commitment to educational equity led her to work with KenSAP, tutoring and coaching high-achieving Kenyan students applying to universities in the US, Canada, and the UK. Kassandra holds dual citizenship in the United States and Mexico and looks forward to using her cultural background to make the classroom feel like a small piece of the globe.

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FULBRIGHT ENGLISH TEACHING ASSISTANT AWARD

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA
→ UNIVERSIDADE
DA MADEIRA

LISA DIAS

TEACHING ENGLISH AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE

Lisa Dias was born in Miami, Florida. Her upbringing in a multicultural city with Brazilian parents inspired her interest in foreign affairs. As an intern in the Irish Parliament, she developed a passion for international education. She received her BA in Political Science from the University of Florida in 2023. After graduation, she was a study abroad advisor at U.F. She hopes to continue sharing the beauty of cultural exchange with her students as an ETA while connecting with her Portuguese roots. Following her Fulbright grant, she plans to attend law school with a focus on immigration policy.

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FULBRIGHT ENGLISH TEACHING ASSISTANT AWARD

UNIVERSITY OF IOWA
→ EGAS MONIZ SCHOOL OF HEALTH & SCIENCE

MARTA LEIRA

TEACHING ENGLISH AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE

Marta Leira is a Galician-American raised in Iowa City, IA. She graduated with a degree in psychology and a minor in gender, health, and healthcare equity from the University of Iowa in 2025. While conducting pain research at the National Institutes of Health, she became interested in how differing health systems approach chronic conditions. In Portugal, Marta is looking forward to gaining an international perspective while guiding her students towards confidence and English fluency. Outside the classroom, she plans to organize intergenerational community events and learn how the ancestral language of "Galego-Português" has informed modern literary traditions and health practices.

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U.S. STUDENTS

ENGLISH TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIP

CORNELL UNIVERSITY
→ UNIVERSIDADE DE AVEIRO

NINA DAVIS

TEACHING ENGLISH AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE

Nina Davis is a recent graduate of Cornell University with a degree in Comparative Literature and French. She is a native Portuguese speaker, with a Brazilian-American background and is passionate about language learning and cross-cultural communication and education. Nina is looking forward to exploring Portugal and cultivating a teaching practice that aligns with her love of languages, literature, and translation.

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COLLEGE OF THE HOLY CROSS
→ UNIVERSIDADE DE LEIRIA E OESTE

TERESA FONTES

TEACHING ENGLISH AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE

Teresa Fontes was born in Fogo, Cape Verde. Her upbringing in Dorchester, Boston's vibrant Cape Verdean immigrant community, and her role as a family translator after immigrating at age 13 shaped her passion for language learning, immigrant support, and education equity. A first-generation college graduate from the College of the Holy Cross, she earned her BA in Mathematics and French and Francophone Studies. While studying abroad in Strasbourg, France, she volunteered at an international elementary school, working with multilingual students from immigrant families. She conducted research on prison gerrymandering and its impact on minority representation in the U.S. As an English Teaching Assistant in Leiria, Portugal, she looks forward to support language learning, engage immigrant communities, and share the U.S. through an immigrant's perspective. She hopes to pursue a PhD in applied mathematics and become a professor who supports students from diverse educational backgrounds.

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Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia

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

U.S. SCHOLARS

RESEARCH

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON
→ CHAMPALIMAUD
FOUNDATION

AMY L. ORSBORN

NEUROSCIENCE

Amy L. Orsborn is an associate professor at the University of Washington where she leads a neural engineering lab focused on motor brain-computer interfaces (BCIs). Her work combines closed-loop, adaptive BCI experiments with computational methods to develop new ways to build BCIs that interact with plasticity in the brain. During her stay at the Champalimaud Institute Centre for Restorative Neurotechnology, she will collaborate with two researchers, Dr. Juan Álvaro Gallego and Dr. John Krakauer. The new projects aim to improve our understanding of how plasticity shapes neuronal and population-level brain dynamics, and apply new adaptive BCI algorithms for stroke rehabilitation.

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U.S. SCHOLARS

RESEARCH

OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY
→ UNIVERSIDADE DE LISBOA

DARREN DREWRY

AGRICULTURE

Darren Drewry is an Associate Professor in the Department of Food, Agricultural and Biological Engineering at The Ohio State University. Prior to joining the faculty at OSU Darren spent several years as a Scientist at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (NASA). With a diverse academic background that includes degrees in physics, computer science and engineering, his research interests span several areas in the domain of computational plant science. His research group develops computer models and utilizes diverse sensing systems to understand and predict land-atmosphere interactions, agricultural resource utilization and productivity. At the University of Lisbon he will work on novel approaches to detect plant disease infection and abiotic stresses with colleagues in the *Instituto Superior de Agronomia*.

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U.S. SCHOLARS

RESEARCH

MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY
→ UNIVERSIDADE DE COIMBRA

DEANNA ARBLE

BIOLOGY

Deanna Arble is an Associate Professor of Biological Sciences at Marquette University, where her laboratory studies the relationships between sleep, breathing, circadian rhythms, and obesity. As a Fulbright Scholar in Portugal, she will collaborate with researchers at the Center for Innovative Biomedicine and Biotechnology at the University of Coimbra to investigate how environmental light exposure influences metabolism and obesity risk in humans. Her project combines population-level research with cellular biology to better understand how the timing and duration of light exposure affect metabolic health, with the goal of informing low-cost, noninvasive strategies for improving public
health in Milwaukee and beyond.

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U.S. SCHOLARS

RESEARCH

OKLAHOMA STATE
UNIVERSITY
→ UNIVERSIDADE DO PORTO

MICHAEL REICHERT

BIOLOGY

Michael Reichert is an Associate Professor in the Department of Biology at Oklahoma State University. Dr. Reichert is a behavioral ecologist and evolutionary biologist and his research focuses on animal communication and cognition. His main study system is acoustic communication in treefrogs, where he has investigated mate choice, competition, the neuroethology of signal perception and the role of metabolic rate in driving variation in these costly signals. He has also worked with insects and songbirds. He currently holds a CAREER award from the National Science Foundation, and has established programs for research mentoring and educational outreach.

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U.S. SCHOLARS

RESEARCH

UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH
→ UNIVERSIDADE NOVA DE LISBOA

SHANNON GARLAND

MUSIC STUDIES

Shannon Garland is Assistant Professor of Music at the University of Pittsburgh. Her research is focused on labor exploitation, remuneration and commodification in relation to music media, sociality, and politics, particularly in South American indie rock. She has published in the Oxford Handbook of Economic Ethnomusicology; Culture, Theory and Critique; Ethnomusicology Forum, The Journal of Extreme Anthropology, and Rock Music Studies, among other venues. She is co-editor of the Bloomsbury Academic volume Independence in 21st-Century Popular Music: Cases from Beyond Anglo-America, which examines contemporary music production economies from around the world. She holds a PhD in Ethnomusicology from Columbia University.

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RESEARCH
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IPMA

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

U.S. SCHOLARS

RESEARCH

AUSTIN HUMPHRIES

FISHERIES

UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND
→ IPMA – INSTITUTO PORTUGUÊS DO MAR E DA ATMOSFERA

Austin Humphries is a Professor and Chair of the Department of Fisheries at the University of Rhode Island, where he leads a research group studying how people and ecosystems interact in marine fisheries systems. His interdisciplinary, partner-driven research integrates ecological and social dimensions of fisheries, working closely with communities, non-profits, and governments to inform equitable and sustainable management. As a Fulbright U.S. Scholar at the Instituto Português do Mar e da Atmosfera in Lisbon, he will study small pelagic fish population dynamics to support ecosystem-based fisheries management in Portugal.

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U.S. SCHOLARS
RESEARCH
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ISCTE IUL
Instituto Universitário de Lisboa

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

U.S. SCHOLARS

RESEARCH

CLAREMENT MCKENNA COLLEGE
→ ISCTE- INSTITUTO UNIVERSITÁRIO DE LISBOA

JENNIFER FEITOSA

BUSINESS

Jennifer Feitosa is an Associate Professor of Psychological Science at Claremont McKenna College and Director of the METRICS Lab. She earned her M.S. and Ph.D. in Industrial Organizational Psychology. Her research examines teamwork, diversity, and measurement, with a focus on how organizations can maximize the benefits of diverse teams. Her work has been published in leading journals, including American Psychologist and the Journal of Organizational Behavior, and she serves on the editorial boards of Small Groups Research and the Journal of Business and Psychology.

FULBRIGHT Portugal

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

U.S. SCHOLARS
RESEARCH
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FULBRIGHT / SCHUMAN INNOVATION AWARD

U.S. SCHOLARS

RESEARCH

AMERICAN UNIVERSITY
→ UNIVERSIDADE DO MINHO

MICHELLE EGAN

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Michelle Egan is a 2026-2027 Schuman Fulbright recipient to Belgium and Portugal at the University of Leuven and University of Minho. She is a currently Professor in the School of International Service in Washington DC, and Director of the Transatlantic Policy (TPC), a funded center focused on broad issues impacting the transatlantic relationship. She is a non-resident fellow at the German Marshall Fund. Her Fulbright project is titled European Economic Security: Protecting Markets, Advancing Economic Interests. She will work on the current geoeconomic turn in Europe and the United States by focusing on developments in inbound and outbound foreign direct investment (FDI). Michelle has published several books, policy briefs and articles on topics ranging from trade policy to single market integration.

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

U.S. SCHOLARS

TEACHING / RESEARCH

CALIFORNIA STATE POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY, POMONA
→ UNIVERSIDADE POLITÉCNICA DE LISBOA

IVANA CVETKOVIC

COMMUNICATIONS

Ivana Cvetkovic is an Associate Professor of multimedia journalism at Cal Poly Pomona. Her research and teaching interests are situated at the intersection of news media, technology and culture. She primarily focuses on online and social media news discourses, especially discourses on migration, and multimedia message production across a variety of platforms. Her research interests have been influenced by her long-term career in journalism and rapid changes in the news industry. She has worked as a reporter for several daily newspapers and in a PR agency in Serbia. She holds a PhD in communication from the University of New Mexico.

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U.S. SCHOLRS
TEACHING / RESEARCH
2026/2027

ALL DISCIPLINES AWARD

U.S. SCHOLARS

TEACHING / RESEARCH

UNIVERSITY OF MAINE
→ UNIVERSIDADE CATÓLICA PORTUGUESA

ROBERT W. GLOVER

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Robert W. Glover is an Associate Professor of Political Science and Honors at the University of Maine, specializing in political behavior at the intersection of politics and public health. His research focuses on public attitudes towards drug policy, with work published on civic engagement, political participation, and substance use policy in the United States. An award-winning teacher, he is committed to public-facing scholarship and regularly engages broader audiences through media and community research partnerships. As a Fulbright Scholar in Portugal, he will examine comparative approaches to drug policy, exploring one of the most pressing public health challenges of our time.

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ALL DISCIPLINES AWARD

U.S. SCHOLRS
TEACHING / RESEARCH
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FULBRIGHT AWARD IN COMPUTER SCIENCE /
POLYTECHNIC OF PORTALEGRE

U.S. SCHOLARS

TEACHING / RESEARCH

TAYLOR UNIVERSITY
→ UNIVERSIDADE POLITÉCNICA
DE PORTALEGRE

STEFAN BRANDLE

COMPUTER SCIENCE

Stefan Brandle has taught computer science for 30+ years at six universities and is currently a professor at Taylor University in Indiana. He has experience in cybersecurity research, satellite communications, intelligent tutoring systems, and automated feedback.

He has lived in Africa, Asia, North and South America, and is comfortable speaking English, French, Portuguese and Spanish. Previous Fulbright experience includes one year at the University of Mauritius. Favorite activities include reading, gardening, and travel.

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