



For immediate release: Roanoke College student Hannah Bear receives a Prestigious place on a Fulbright Summer Institute to London

Hannah Bear, a student from Roanoke College's Communications Department, has received a place on a Fulbright Summer Institute to study at King's College London on one of the most prestigious and selective summer scholarship programmes operating world-wide.

The US-UK Fulbright Commission is the only bi-lateral, transatlantic scholarship programme, offering awards and summer programmes for study or research in any field, at any accredited US or UK university. The Commission is part of the Fulbright programme conceived by Senator J William Fulbright in the aftermath of World War II to promote leadership, learning and empathy between nations through educational exchange. Award recipients and summer programme participants will be the future leaders for tomorrow and support the 'special relationship' between the US and UK.

As a participant, Hannah has been selected from a strong applicant pool to experience the UK on a 3 week summer programme. The Fulbright-King's College London Summer Institute is an academic and cultural programme for US students held at King's College London in the UK. The theme for the institute is *Leading, Inventing and Reinventing: Britain Past and Present*. In 2016 participants will attend a three week assessed module—Wonderland: 100 years of children's literature.

Commenting on receiving the place, Hannah said: "It's truly an honor to be chosen for such a unique and life-altering experience, and it wouldn't have been possible without the help of some incredible individuals I've met along my educational journey so far. I hope that being a Fulbright Summer Institute Participant will give me the opportunity to make more unique connections with amazing people, to learn lessons from them I could have never learned or understood in the classroom, and to continue to instill in myself a deep sense of respect for the cultures of the communities into which I am being welcomed. Roanoke College, my home institution, and the Fulbright Commission are both founded firmly on learning through experience and respect, and I believe in that wholeheartedly. I just can't say enough how incredibly grateful I am for this wonderful journey, and for all the people who are making it possible."

Penny Egan CBE, Executive Director, US-UK Fulbright Commission said: "In the 70th year of the Special Relationship, we can celebrate American students seeking study abroad opportunities through our Summer Institute programme. This is a unique opportunity to get a taste of British higher education while interacting with students from across the globe. As part of a diverse and high-achieving cohort, these students will gain immensely from the experience."

The Commission selects participants through a rigorous application and interview process. In making these awards the Commission looks not only for academic excellence but a focused application, a range of extracurricular and community activities, demonstrated ambassadorial skills, a desire to further the Fulbright Programme and a plan to give back to the recipient's home country upon returning.

Fulbright Summer Institutes cover all participant costs. In addition, Fulbright summer participants receive a distinctive support and cultural education programme including visa processing, a comprehensive pre-departure orientation, enrichment opportunities in country, a re-entry session and opportunity to join our alumni networks.

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About the US-UK Fulbright Commission:

The US-UK Fulbright Commission was created by treaty on 22 September 1948. The Fulbright Programme aims to foster mutual cultural understanding through educational exchange between the US and the UK. This it achieves through its Awards programme for US and UK citizens and through its EducationUSA Advisory Service. The Fulbright Commission offers grants at postgraduate and postdoctoral level for study in any discipline and at any accredited institution in the US and UK, as well as a number of special exchanges programmes for shorter projects or for younger scholars. It is funded by a range of partners including leading US and UK universities, charities and both governments. For more information visit www.fulbright.org.uk.

About the Summer Institutes:

Each year, the Commission supports around 60 UK and US undergraduate students to undertake a demanding academic and cultural summer programmes at leading institutions in the US and UK respectively. This year we are hosting the following nine Summer Institute programmes at host institutions across the UK: AIFS Summer Institute at Shakespeare's Globe; University of Bristol Summer Institute; Durham University Summer Institute; University of Exeter Summer Institute; King's College London Summer Institute; Queen's University Belfast Summer Institute; SOAS, University of London Summer Institute; Scotland Summer Institute (at the University of Dundee and the University of Strathclyde); and the Wales Summer Institute (at Cardiff University, Bangor University and Aberystwyth University). For more information visit <http://www.fulbright.org.uk/fulbright-awards/exchanges-to-the-uk/undergraduates>.