



## From the Executive Director

It is a pleasure to welcome you to our new Fulbright Greece E-NEWS, which we hope will keep you up to date on our activities, programs, and people.

In today's society beset by immense challenges—economic, social, cultural—education continues to retain its essential role in confronting difficulties and providing new expressions of hope. Education, as Senator Fulbright once said, may be slow moving, but carries within it immense power.

As the Fulbright Foundation Greece approaches 70 years of educational and cultural exchanges between Greece and the United States, it fills us with immense pride to recognize just how much impact Fulbright's commitment to excellence in education has had—and can continue to have.

It is a testament to the strength of the program that, even in the midst of great challenges for Greece and the world, we've had a remarkably productive academic year.

Fulbright Greece is evolving, incorporating innovative ideas, programs and technologies that respond to a changing landscape and address current and future needs.

For academic year 2015-2016 the Foundation awarded 66 scholarships evenly distributed between US and Greek grantees representing a diverse range of academic disciplines and educational institutions in Greece and the US. Grant recipients include students, scholars, teachers, professionals, scientists and artists, who all promise to be leaders in their fields. Not only leaders, but responsible global citizens as well. The support of scholarship toward education is more critical than ever, despite a budget tightening culture. Education is also the key in ensuring employment will grow with good jobs.

In response to today's environment, the Foundation increased the number of grants for short-term scholarship programs that have an immediate impact in Greece and enhance collaborations between Greek and US educational institutions. And, through the annual "Train the Trainers" workshop for educators, which are conducted with the participation of program alumni and US visiting scholars, we have developed a country-wide network of nearly 200 educators.



In addition, the Fulbright educational advising team held outreach programs at multiple venues across the country and offered free advising services to more than 20,000 individuals. We believe these efforts create substantial multiplier effects, generating positive social, economic, and educational returns.

Integral to the success of the Program are Fulbright alumni, both in the US and Greece. Alumni remain active and involved beyond the completion of their grants in a variety of ways, including participation in review committees, educational outreach programs and the dynamic Art Supports Education initiative. This “culture of commitment” within Fulbright, of which we are especially proud, creates a can-do spirit that is uplifting, to say the least.

The continuity and growth of programs offered by the Fulbright Foundation in Greece would not be possible without the support of the government of the United States, the government of Greece, and the dedication and support of our donors.

Artemis A. Zenetou  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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The rapprochement of peoples is only possible when differences of culture and outlook are respected and appreciated rather than feared and condemned, when the common bond of human dignity is recognized as the essential bond for a peaceful world.

**—J. William Fulbright**

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