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Fulbright-National Archives Heritage Science Fellowship

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Mission

- In partnership with 160 countries worldwide, Fulbright offers passionate and accomplished faculty, administrator, artists, journalists, lawyers, and other professionals from all backgrounds an unparalleled opportunity to study, teach, or conduct research.
- Our mission is to foster mutual understanding between nations, advance knowledge across communities, and improve lives around the world.
- Approximately 8000 participants each year.

History

- Established in 1946 by Congress, Fulbright is the United States government's flagship international educational and cultural exchange program.
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- Celebrated 75th Anniversary in 2021





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Fulbright-National Archives Heritage Science Fellowship

- Created through a partnership between the National Archives and Record Administration (NARA) and the U.S. Department of State to support archival science education, conservation, and research.
- A component of the Fulbright Visiting Scholar Program, provides an opportunity for Fulbright visiting scholars to connect with National Archives and Record Administration (NARA) scientists and experts.
- The Fellow will work with a team of heritage science experts and get hands-on experience at NARA's state-of-the-art Heritage Science Research and Testing Lab in College Park, Maryland.





What is Heritage Science?

- Heritage science is an interdisciplinary field spanning the humanities and sciences.
- Focus on enhancing the care, use, and management of cultural and historic objects using the tools and technology of math, science and engineering disciplines.
- Work is collaborative between scientists, conservators, curators, and archivists.
- Recently the discipline established a flagship, open access journal.



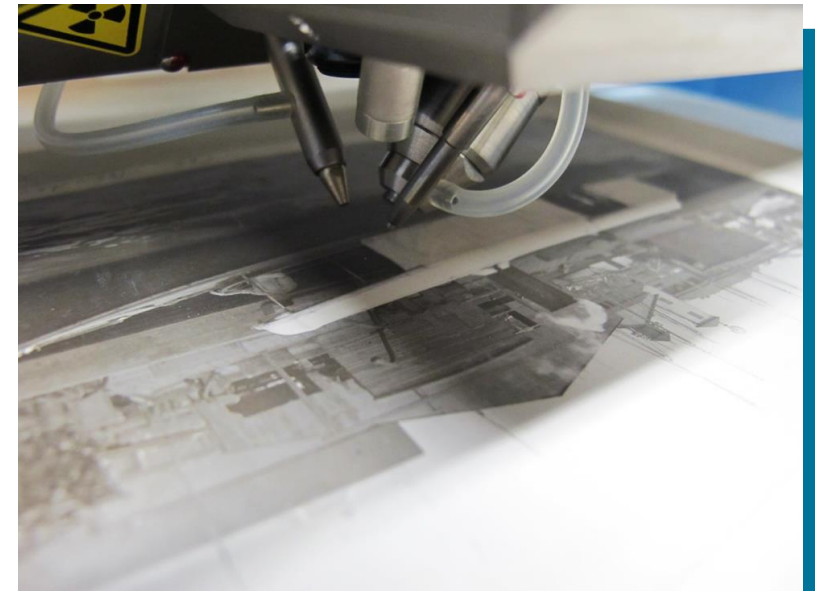
The National Archives and Records Administration is an independent federal agency that serves American democracy by safeguarding and preserving the records of our government, so people can discover, use, and learn from this documentary heritage.





Eligibility

- Citizen of country with an active Fulbright Visiting Scholar program.
- *U.S. citizens and permanent residents are ineligible.*
- Researcher or professional in heritage science or related technical fields:
 - Heritage/Conservation Science
 - Preventative Preservation
 - Chemistry
 - Physics
 - Materials Science and Engineering
 - Microbiology
 - Statistics
- Master's degree is required, but PhD or equivalent professional experience is preferred. Advanced Doctoral researchers completing dissertation projects related to heritage science are eligible to apply.
- Grant length minimum 5 months, maximum 12 months during 2024-2025 Academic Year (September 2024)





Award Benefits



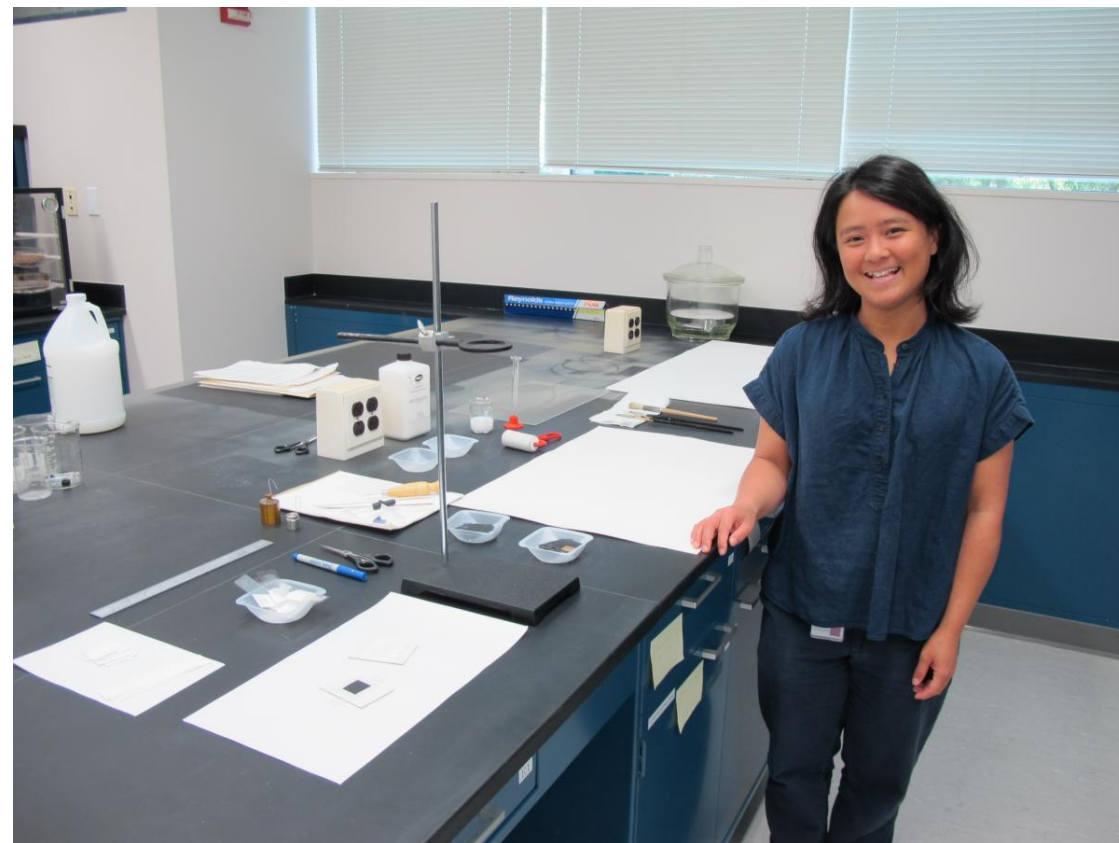
- Round-trip International travel to the US
- Monthly living stipend
- Allowance for settling-in
- Professional Development Allowance
- J-1 visa sponsorship and health benefits
- Fulbright Scholar Enrichment Activities
- Hands-on laboratory experience
- Office and bench space, access to common wet lab supplies, PPE, and equipment, including a desktop computer.
- Access to analytical instruments including an XRF, FT-IR, and GC/MS; temperature and humidity-controlled ovens and a micro-fading tester





2022-23 Inaugural Fellow: Cancy Chu, Australia

- Ph.D. candidate from the University of Melbourne's Grimwade Centre for Cultural Materials Conservation
- Interventive Materials and Techniques for the Repair of Synthetic Papers
- Trained in conservation and book arts, she is testing synthetic paper to further her research on the conservation of the material in cultural collections while pushing the lab into new territory





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Research and testing

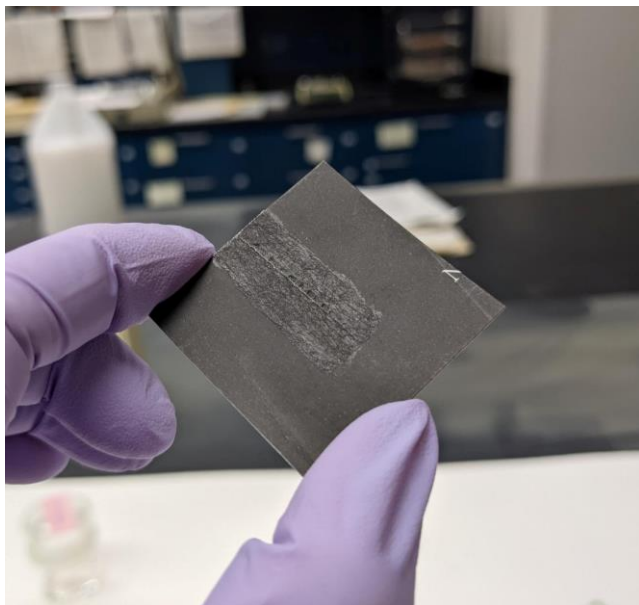


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Training and development



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Outreach and exchange

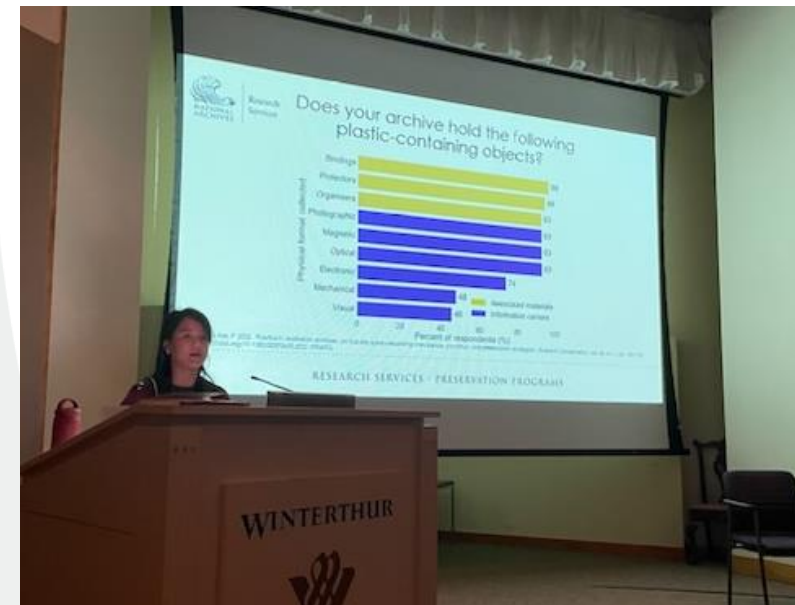


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2023-24 Fellow: Lais Feltrin Sidou, Brazil

- Arriving in September 2023
- PhD student in Social Memory and Cultural Heritage at the Federal University of Pelotas, Brazil
- Sustainable Management of Modern and Contemporary Textile Heritage. Understanding Significance, (Un)acceptable Change and Modelling Future Impact in Textile Heritage Collections.





Application for 2024-25 Academic Year

- Online through Slate: apply.iie.org/fvsp2024
- **Deadline:** October 15, 2023 11:59pm PT
- **Contents:**
 - Biographical Information
 - Academic & Professional background, including Curriculum Vitae
 - English Language Skills Self-Assessment
 - Project Proposal (essay upload)
 - Bibliography (1-3 pages of references relevant to the proposed research)
 - Letter of Support from Home Institution
 - (3) Letters of Recommendation





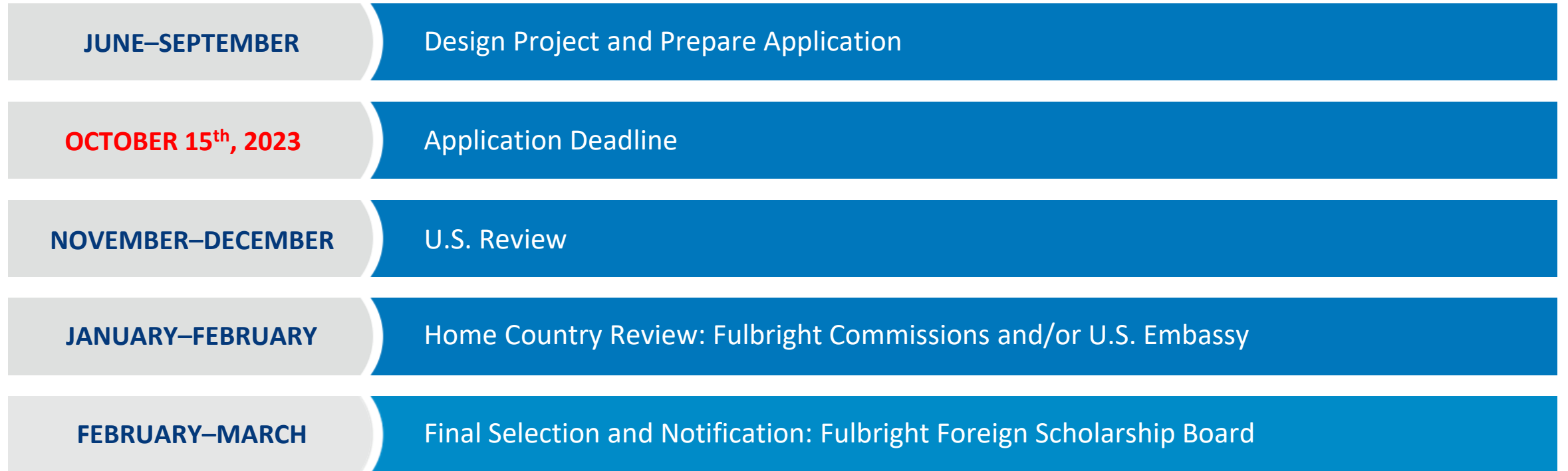
Project Statement

- The Project Statement should describe the prospective research proposal that aligns with the work and goals of the National Archives and Record Administration Heritage Science Research and Testing Laboratory.
 - The academic and professional context of the research area
 - What academic and professional experience prepared you for this type of program
 - Why the research needs to be done, what significance it holds for your discipline, your personal and professional development, and how it fits into NARA's ongoing projects.
 - How your project will contribute to international collaborations in heritage science and build relationships with U.S. experts and institutions.
- Essay: 3 to 5 pages
- Upload PDF file





Application Timeline



Questions?

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