



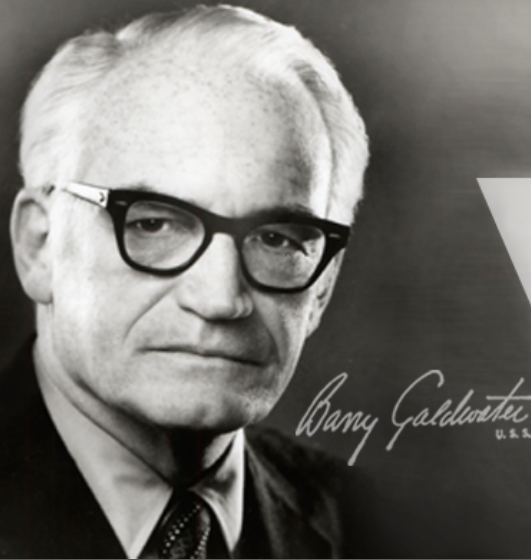
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# BARRY GOLDWATER

SCHOLARSHIP & EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION FOUNDATION



The most prestigious undergraduate scholarship  
in the natural sciences, mathematics,  
and engineering in America.

The Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation was established by Congress in 1986 to serve as a living memorial to honor the lifetime work of Senator Barry Goldwater, who served the United States for 56 years as a soldier and statesman, including 30 years in the U.S. Senate.

The Goldwater is considered to be the most prestigious national scholarship for undergraduate students studying the natural sciences, mathematics or engineering (STEM). Each US college and university may nominate no more than four sophomores or juniors each year for consideration.

## URI Year at a Glance

**Nominees: 3**

**Scholars: 2**

**Scholars since 1989: 24**

## 2021 Goldwater Scholars

### Raymond Turrisi

A **mechanical engineering** and **computer science** major from West Warwick, Rhode Island, Turrisi has worked extensively with Assistant Professor **Mingxi Zhou** as an **INBRE SURF+ fellow** on the development of underwater robotic instruments for gathering oceanographic data. He constructed a prototype of a multi-purpose autonomous underwater vehicle with a unique thruster that provides improved maneuverability so it can undertake a wider variety of investigations than existing vehicles. After he graduates from URI in 2022, Turrisi plans to earn a doctorate in robotics engineering and develop robotics applications for unmanned exploration of unstructured environments.



### Myles Wagner

A **marine biology** and **cell and molecular biology** major from Dudley, Massachusetts, Wagner has conducted research for several years in the genetics lab of Assistant Professor **Carlos Prada**, including as a **Coastal Fellow**. His research examines the symbiotic relationships between corals and the algae that provide them with energy and color. Last year, Wagner, an **Honors Program** participant, was awarded an **Ernest F. Hollings Scholarship** from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. One benefit of the scholarship is the opportunity to intern at a NOAA laboratory. Pending the status of the pandemic, he plans to work on coral restoration at NOAA's Pacific Island Regional Office on the island of Saipan. Upon graduation, he plans to earn a doctorate studying coral restoration and coral conservation.





# THE FULBRIGHT U.S. STUDENT PROGRAM

The Fulbright U.S. Student Program provides grants for U.S. graduating college seniors, graduate students, young professionals, and artists to pursue graduate or professional studies and/or conduct research abroad for one academic year, or through the Fulbright English Teaching Assistant (ETA) Program, they may serve as assistants abroad to English teachers in classrooms from primary through university level.

A program of the US Department of State in partnership with over 160 countries worldwide, the Fulbright is the world's flagship exchange program with the overarching goal of promoting peace and goodwill among nations through people-to-people exchange.

## URI Year at a Glance

**Applicants: 17**

**Semi-finalists: 8**

**Finalists (Grantees): 5**

**Student Fulbrights since 1946: 39**

**60% awarded in past ten years**

Of Note: It took 65 years to achieve the first 16 student Fulbrights, but on 10 years to earn the next 22! While our applicant pool is much smaller, in the past three cycles our rate of success has mirrored that of top producers.



# FULBRIGHT

## 2021 Fulbright US Student Finalists



### Meg Jones, FINLAND

Meg Jones, a doctoral student in **Education**, has been selected for a research award to Finland. In cooperation with faculty at the University of Helsinki and its AGORA for the Social Justice and Equality in Education group, Meg will be examining critical topic inclusion in Finnish teacher preparation programs and curriculum with a particular focus on LGBTQ+ inclusive practices. This research will form the basis for a section of her dissertation.



### Eliya Baron Lopez, SOUTH KOREA

A May 2021 graduate of the MA in **Marine Affairs**, Eliya's research project, "Marine Litter Management: A South Korea Case Study" is an extension of her Master's thesis research, which investigates the unique and significant approach taken by South Korea to deal with marine plastic pollution. While in South Korea, Eliya will work with fellow researchers at the Ocean Policy Institute of the Korea Institute of Ocean Science and Technology.

# 2021 Fulbright US Student Finalists



## Jay Rumas, SLOVAK REPUBLIC

Jay has been selected for a research grant to the Slovak Republic. A May 2021 **Honors Program** graduate from North Smithfield, RI with a double major in **history** and **political science**, will research the appeal of populist rhetoric on Rusyn versus Slovak individuals in Prešov, Slovakia. He will explore how the history of the Rusyn as a stateless people influences their voting behavior and views on post communist politics. Jay will also study the Slovak language through his affiliation with the University of Prešov.



## Zachary Smith, TAIWAN

Zach Smith, a 2020 graduate from North Kingstown, RI with majors in **electrical engineering**, **German** and **Chinese**, has been selected for a special Fulbright award to pursue a Master's in Energy Engineering at National Cheng Kung University. As an undergraduate Zach participated in both the **Chinese Flagship** and **International Engineering Program**. He was a 2019 **Boren Scholar** to support his Flagship Capstone Year in Taiwan, and a 2017 **Demers Foreign Language Fellow** which supported a year of study in Germany.



## Wila Matos, BRAZIL

A May 2021 graduate from Providence with a major in **Africana Studies**, Wila has been selected for the **English Teaching Assistant (ETA) Program** in Brazil. A **Talent Development Scholar** and first-generation college student, Wila has extensive experience as a teaching and learning assistant in the Providence school system, At URI she served as a **Civic Engagement Leader** and **URI 101 mentor**.

# BOREN AWARDS

LANGUAGE | CULTURE | SERVICE

A National Security Education Program Initiative  
Administered by the Institute of International Education

The Boren Awards fund the intensive study of language and culture abroad by U.S. undergraduate and graduate students. Boren Scholars and Fellows are committed to public service, working in positions critical to U.S. national security throughout the Federal Government. Awards are up to \$25,000 and in return students agree to devote at least one year in federal employment. Awardees also benefit from special federal hiring authorities.

## URI Year at a Glance

**2021 Fellows: 1**

**2021 Scholars: 2**

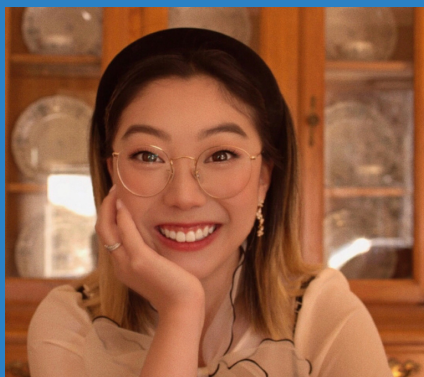
**2021 Alternates: 2**

**URI Scholars & Fellows since 1994: 31**

**87% awarded in past 12 years**

Of note: URI has a much higher than average rate of success and has been a top producer.

# 2021 Boren Awardees



## Katelyn Dubois, Taiwan

A junior from North Smithfield, RI, Kate is an **Honors Program** and **pre-law** student participating both the **International Studies and Diplomacy Program** and the **Chinese Flagship**. She will pursue advanced proficiency in the Chinese language through the Flagship Capstone Year Abroad in Taipei, Taiwan. She is also the recipient of a U.S. Department of State **Gilman Scholarship** for International Study. She aspires to a career in support of international human rights.



## Kaylee Goyette, Taiwan

Another junior **Honors Program** student from North Smithfield, RI, Kaylee is also participating both the **International Studies and Diplomacy Program** and the **Chinese Flagship**. Additionally, she is minoring in **Leadership Studies**. Kaylee will pursue advanced proficiency in the Chinese language through the Flagship Capstone Year Abroad in Taipei, Taiwan. Kaylee aspires to serve as a translation and interpretation expert for the intelligence community.



## Adriana Wilding, Azerbaijan

A graduate student in the **MA in International Relations**, Adriana was a triple degree undergraduate at URI, with majors in **Applied Economics**, **Political Science** and **Business Administration**. She also served as president of the URI Student Senate in her senior year. This Scituate, RI native will participate in the Boren's special **Turkish Flagship Language Initiative**, starting with a 6-week summer program in Madison, WI, followed by a semester in Azerbaijan.





# National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

U.S. Department of Commerce

## ERNEST F. HOLLINGS UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

NOAA's Ernest F. Hollings Undergraduate Scholarship recognizes outstanding sophomore-level students studying in NOAA mission fields. Considered the most prestigious scholarship awarded to undergraduates studying marine sciences, the program is designed to increase interest in oceanic and atmospheric science, increase support for environmental stewardship, and recruit students to public service careers at NOAA and other governmental science agencies. Scholars receive up to \$9,500 per academic year to support their studies, as well as paid summer internship opportunities at NOAA facilities across the U.S.

## URI Year at a Glance

**Scholars: 4**

**URI Hollings Scholars since 2005: 33**

Of note: URI is has one of the highest totals of any institution in New England.

# 2021 Hollings Scholars



## Rosalind Bailey

A **marine biology** and **theater minor** from Barnet, Vermont, Rosie is interested in coral reef restoration and hopes to one day contribute to the conservation of the reefs surrounding the Philippines, where she has family roots. This summer she will participate in a **National Science Foundation undergraduate research program** in Alabama, studying the effects of eutrophication on fish populations.



## Emily Drapeau

A native of Dresden, Maine, Emily spent her high school years scuba diving and participating in the OceansWide program in the Gulf of Maine. This led her to pursue majors in **marine biology** and **marine affairs** at URI, and to an internship in science communications and underwater acoustics at the **Inner Space Center** on the Bay Campus.



## Sebastian Murray-Brown

This **marine affairs** and **environmental and natural resource economics** double major from Gloucester, MA, also plays on the Mens Rugby Team and the ENRE Student Association, serving as the VP for both clubs.



## Elizabeth (Eliza) Taylor

A **ocean engineering** major with a minor in **business**, this Newport, RI native interned at the **Naval Underwater Warfare Center** while in high school, where she designed and tested an underwater robot tasked with completing an obstacle course. Eliza is also a member of the URI sailing team.



## THE HARRY S. TRUMAN SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

The Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation - the federal memorial to our thirty-third President - awards the merit-based scholarships to college juniors who plan to pursue careers in government or elsewhere in public service. It is considered the premier graduate fellowship in the United States for those pursuing careers as public service leaders. Truman Scholars receive up to \$30,000 for graduate or professional school, participate in leadership development activities, and have special opportunities for internships and employment with the federal government. Each US college and university may nominate no more than four sophomores or juniors each year for consideration.

# URI Year at a Glance

**Nominees: 3**

**Finalists: 1**

**URI Scholars since 1977: 15**

Of note: In 2005 URI became the first public institution in New England to be designated a **Truman Honors Institution** based upon our active encouragement of outstanding young people to pursue careers in public services; effective promotion of the Truman program on campus, and sustained success in helping students win Truman Scholarships. We have continued this tradition, with 9 finalists in the past 12 cycles, including 3 who went on to become scholars.

# 2021 Truman Finalist

## Jacob Cordeiro

A **political science** major with a minor in **economics**, this **Honors Program** and **pre-law** student from West Warwick, RI will graduate this May. He plans to pursue a legal career with a focus on civil rights, and ultimately aspires to run for public office. Jacob has held three distinct internships with the state of Rhode Island, beginning in high school. He is also the owner of a small web design and technology support business which offers pro-bono services to small non-profits. As a finalist from Rhode Island, Jacob was interviewed by a 7-person panel of past Scholars and other public service leaders.





## CRITICAL LANGUAGE SCHOLARSHIP

Part of a U.S. government effort to expand dramatically the number of Americans studying and mastering critical foreign languages, CLS summer programs provides rigorous academic instruction in fifteen languages that are critical to America's national security and economic prosperity. CLS participants are citizen ambassadors, sharing American values and promoting American influence abroad.

## URI Year at a Glance

**Applicants: 3**

**Scholars: 1**

**Scholars since 2010: 8**

Of note: The CLS is highly competitive, with a national success rate hovering around 10% each year, whereas URI applicants win about 35% of the time.



## 2021 CLS Scholar



### Shawn Fennell

A graduate student in the **MA in International Relations**, Shawn will study Arabic intensively for ten weeks this summer. The program was originally to take place in Oman, but has been moved to a virtual platform due to covid-19.



Project Global Officer (Project GO) is a Department of Defense initiative aimed at improving the language skills, regional expertise, and intercultural communication skills of future military officers. Sponsored by the Defense Language and National Security Education Office



## Jack Eustis

A **ISD** and **GLAS-Arabic** major, this **Army ROTC** cadet from East Greenwich, Rhode Island will participate for the second time in an 8-week virtual intensive language immersion program in Arabic. Initially the program was scheduled to be held in Oman, but due to the global health pandemic it has reverted to a virtual program for the second year in a row.



# Career Prep Fellows

Only 5% of senior executives at Fortune 500 companies identify as Black, Latinx or Native American, despite making up 33% of the population in the United States. Management Leadership for Tomorrow (MLT) was launched in 2002 in response to this stark racial disparity. A national nonprofit, MLT is transforming the leadership pipelines of more than 120 leading organizations by driving breakthrough results for individuals and institutions.

MLT equips and emboldens high-achieving women and men from underrepresented communities—African American, Latinx, and Native American—to realize their full potential, to make a mark, and make a difference. Its Career Prep program provides Fellows with a winning professional playbook, 18 months of one-on-one coaching, and an accelerating network of 8,000 MLT Rising Leaders. Fellows gain career-accelerating skills not taught in classrooms, cultivate personal clarity, and connect with top employers for potential internships and full-time roles across a variety of industries.

## Warith Balogun



An **Honors Program** student with a **computer science** major, this sophomore from Providence, RI holds multiple leadership roles on campus including serving as a Resident Assistant and as an officer in URI-NSBE. He is also creative writer, who uses spoken word poetry as an instrument to express his ideas on issues of race, society and politics. This summer he will intern with Microsoft.

## Markeem Rodrigues



A triple major in **computer science, film/media** and **textiles, fashion, merchandising and design**, this sophomore Honors Program student from Providence somehow finds time to serve as as an officer in four student organizations while also serving as a Resident Academic Mentor (RAM) for the Harrington School! Markeem is also a **Stephen Phillips Memorial Scholar**, offered to students with financial need who display academic achievement, a commitment to serving others, a strong work ethic, and leadership qualities.