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Dr. Brendan P. Kelly Receives Fulbright U.S. Scholar Award to Norway as Fulbright Arctic Chair

The U.S. Department of State and the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board are pleased to announce that Brendan Kelly of the International Arctic Research Center, University of Alaska Fairbanks has received a Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program award to Norway. Kelly will conduct research at UiT The Arctic University of Norway as part of a project to study environmental change in the Arctic. In collaboration with Dr. Paul Wassmann and other Norwegian colleagues, Kelly will explore research and education approaches adapted to the rapid pace of change in Arctic ecosystems. At UiT The Arctic University of Norway, Kelly will observe firsthand Norwegian approaches to coordinating Arctic research and share their best practices with the Study of Environmental Arctic Change (SEARCH) in the United States and ArcticNet in Canada.

As a Fulbright Scholar, Kelly will share knowledge and foster meaningful connections across communities in the United States and Norway. Fulbrighters engage in cutting-edge research and expand their professional networks, often continuing research collaborations started abroad and laying the groundwork for forging future partnerships between institutions. Upon returning to their home countries, institutions, labs, and classrooms, they share their stories and often become active supporters of international exchange, inviting foreign scholars to campus and encouraging colleagues and students to go abroad. As Fulbright Scholar alumni, their careers are enriched by joining a network of thousands of esteemed scholars, many of whom are leaders in their fields. Fulbright alumni include 60 Nobel Prize laureates, 86 Pulitzer Prize recipients, and 37 who have served as a head of state or government.

The Fulbright Program is the flagship international educational exchange program sponsored by the U.S. government and is designed to forge lasting connections between the people of the United States and the people of other countries, counter misunderstandings, and help people and nations work together toward common goals. Since its establishment in 1946, the Fulbright Program has enabled more than 390,000 dedicated and accomplished students, scholars, artists, teachers, and professionals of all backgrounds to study, teach and conduct research, exchange ideas, and find solutions to shared international concerns. The Fulbright Program is funded through an annual appropriation made by the U.S. Congress to the U.S. Department of State. Participating governments and host institutions, corporations, and foundations around the world also provide direct and indirect support to the Program, which operates in more than 160 countries worldwide.

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