Jennifer Stenback receives a prestigious place on a Fulbright Summer Institute to the UK

Jennifer Stenback, a student from the University of South Florida has received a place on a Fulbright Summer Institute to study at University of Exeter on one of the most prestigious and selective summer scholarship programmes operating world-wide.

Created by treaty in 1948, 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, Jennifer has been selected from a strong applicant pool to experience the UK on a four week summer programme. The Fulbright University of Exeter Summer Institute focuses on leadership, sustainability and the South West of England. The program allows students to experience a rigorous academic programme at a top ten ranked UK University, in a city set in the South West of England. The four-week Institute includes a seven day ‘Fulbright Week’. It will be followed by three weeks where Fulbright Summer Institute students will integrate with the others on the University of Exeter’s International Summer School. Fulbright Summer Institute students will join one of eight credit-rated pathways.

Jennifer is an Honors College freshman pursuing a degree in Public Health. She is part of the Provost’s Scholars Program. Currently at USF, Jennifer is a member of the Volunteer Committee for the Honors College Student Council and Fundraising Chair for Bulls for Moffitt. In high school she was Historian for the Spanish Competition Team, President of the Key Club, Secretary of the National Honors Society and Editor of the Yearbook Committee.
With the prevalence of chronic health problems like cardiovascular disease and obesity on the rise globally, as a participant in the Fulbright UK Summer Institute Program at University of Exeter, Jennifer will be provided with the latest information on approaches in the preventive treatment of chronic disease. As a future public health professional, it is her goal to incorporate the preventive approach into mainstream medicine, and participating in this institute is an opportunity to learn the skills she will use when formulating future public health initiatives.

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 Programmes 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.

Each year, the Commission supports around 50 UK and US undergraduate students to undertake a demanding academic and cultural summer programmes at leading institutions in the US and UK respectively. Nearly 300,000 extraordinary women and men from all over the world have had their lives changed as participants in the global Fulbright Programme. Of these alumni, approximately 15,000 UK nationals have studied in the US and nearly 12,000 US nationals in the UK on our educational exchange programmes.

Notable alumni of the US-UK Commission include: Malcolm Bradbury, novelist; Liam Byrne, politician; Milton Friedman, economist and Nobel Prize Winner 1976; Charles Kennedy, politician; John Lithgow, actor; Tarik O’Regan, composer; Sylvia Plath, poet; Lord William Wallace, politician; Ian Rankin, novelist; Sir Christopher Rose QC, judge; Baroness (Shirley) Williams, politician; Vanessa Heaney, journalist BBC World Service; and Toby Young, journalist and playwright.

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The Office of National Scholarships identifies, recruits and mentors high achieving students to apply for national merit scholarships across all disciplines. The scholarships and fellowships are for creative, motivated and academically strong students who are leaders in and out of the classroom.

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