Pedro Zamora receives a prestigious place on a Fulbright Summer Institute to the UK

Pedro Zamora, a student from the University of South Florida has received a place on a Fulbright Summer Institute to study at the University of Dundee and the University of Strathclyde in Scotland 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, Pedro has been selected from a strong applicant pool to experience the UK on a five week summer programme. The Fulbright Scotland Summer Institute focuses on the culture, heritage and history of Scotland. Participants will experience a stimulating academic programme based at two top ranked Scottish Universities in the cities of Dundee and Glasgow.

Pedro is an Honors College sophomore pursuing a degree in Chemical Engineering. He currently participates in undergraduate research with Chemodiversity faculty at USF, is a Resident Assistant for USF Housing and Residential Education, and was a Leader on the Honors College Alternative Spring Break to Puerto Rico, as well as a Site Leader for a USF Bulls Service Break to Texas, assisting with the construction of homes damaged by hurricanes. He is also a mentor and tutor for the College Assistant Migrant Program (CAMP) and interned at a health clinic with the Student Action with Farmworkers, an organization centered at Duke University.

As a participant in the Fulbright UK Summer Institute to Scotland, this program will also allow Pedro to learn more about British Universities and their respective contributions in preparation for his study of medicine.
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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