



# 2021 Fulbright HSI Leaders

## ASSOCIATE & BACCALAUREATE INSTITUTIONS

CUNY LaGuardia Community College, NY  
Skyline College, CA  
Whittier College, CA

## DOCTORAL INSTITUTIONS

CUNY City College, NY  
CUNY Graduate School and  
University Center, NY  
Florida International University, FL  
Montclair State University, NJ  
Rutgers University-Newark, NJ  
San Diego State University, CA  
Texas Tech University, TX  
University of Arizona, AZ  
University of California-Irvine, CA  
University of California-Riverside, CA  
University of California-Santa Barbara, CA  
University of California-Santa Cruz, CA  
University of Central Florida, FL  
University of Houston, TX  
University of Illinois at Chicago, IL  
University of New Mexico-  
Main Campus, NM

## MASTERS INSTITUTIONS

California State University-Chico, CA  
California State University-  
Dominguez Hills, CA  
California State University-Fullerton, CA  
California State University-Long Beach, CA  
California State University-Northridge, CA  
CUNY Hunter College, NY  
CUNY John Jay College of Criminal Justice, NY  
CUNY Lehman College, NY  
CUNY Queens College, NY  
Fairleigh Dickinson University-  
Metropolitan Campus, NJ  
Mills College, CA  
New Jersey City University, NJ  
St. Edward's University, TX  
San Francisco State University, CA  
San Jose State University, CA  
Sonoma State University, CA



Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs  
U.S. Department of State

# Steve Blumenshine; CSU-WATER

- 2 Fulbrights (15 years apart)
- 6 Review panels
  - Region, Subject, Student, Foreign Scholar
- Overview paper; *Fulbright Chronicles*
- 3 Fulbright symposia for CSU-Fresno
- Engagement with CSU-International Programs



*Get paid to travel! Make new friends!*



*Bring the fam!!*

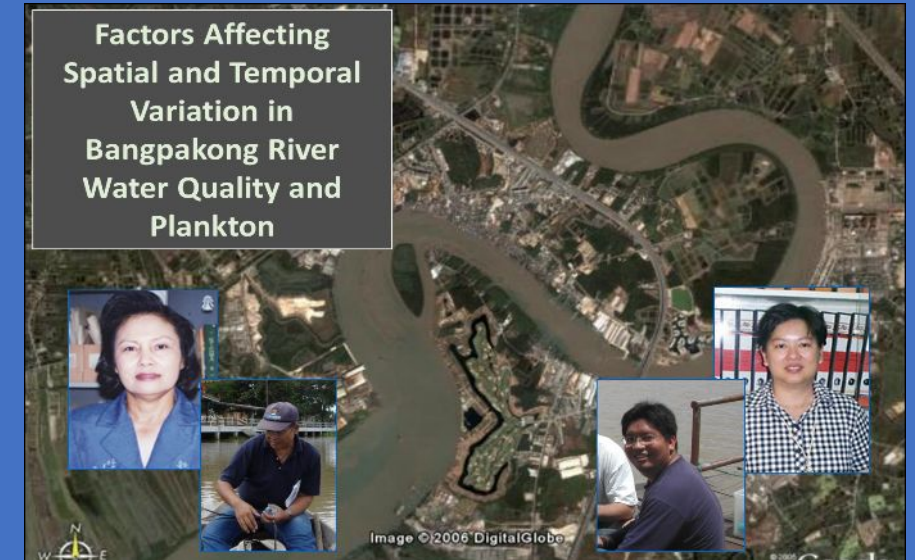


Animal Science  
Cal-Poly

# How to get started??

- Plan in conjunction with a sabbatical (or DIP);  
Timing? Provide Options A,B
- Network!! Especially at conferences,  
so sharpen your marketing & PR game
- Pick your country carefully! Program  
managers **will not** tell you acceptance rates!
- Sell yourself & your skills in the proposal  
(*what are your top 5 noteworthy accomplishments?*)
- Seek backup funding  
(e.g. hosts get a **free** researcher/teacher)

Thailand: 1 Uni; 6 months



Germany: 2 Unis; 1 Gov't Res Center  
2.5 months (+ 1 wk in Switzerland)

SeeWandel

About SeeWandel Research People News Media


Life in Lake Constance – the past, present and future

interreg EUROPEAN UNION European Regional Development Fund

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The banner features a map of Lake Constance showing its location between Germany, Switzerland, and Austria. Key locations marked include Überlingen, Konstanz, Langenargen, Romanshorn, Rorschach, and Bregenz. The map also shows the Alpine Rhine and the River Rhine. The banner includes the SeeWandel logo, navigation links, and logos for interreg, the European Union, and the European Regional Development Fund.

# 1) Invitation Letter(s)



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Letter of invitation

24.02.2021

# 2) Reference Letter(s); Internal / External



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration  
NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE  
Northwest Fisheries Science Center  
2725 Montlake Boulevard East  
Seattle, WA 98112-2097

Dear Selection Committee:

I am writing in support of Steve Blumenshine's proposal to contribute to the "SeeWandel" project in Germany as a Fulbright Scholar. I have known Steve for 24 years and he has always been someone I respected, both professionally and personally. I met

# 3) Proposal: Project + You!! (make it a bit personal)

## Why Germany?

This project was primarily motivated by invited opportunities created by the CSU System (23 campuses) Vice Chancellor for Research (Dr. Ramen) to foster climate change related collaborations. This started with a July 2018 climate change webinar among CSU researchers. Dr. Ramen then extended an invitation to give a presentation to a visiting delegation from Baden-Württemberg, which has a formal partnership with the state of California and the CSU System. This delegation was lead by Theresia Bauer, the Minister of Science, Research and Arts (Sept. 2018). One of the questions I received after my presentation (*I believe it was from the President of the University of Hohenheim*) was whether my research would be applicable to the issues with whitefish in Lake Constance, which led me to discover SeeWandel. **The partner institutions of this proposal are all based in Baden-Württemberg.** I have prior experience with inter-institutional partnerships, including in China, Thailand, and Münster, Germany, a 'sister city' of Fresno. **On a personal note, my paternal family origins are in Baden-Württemberg. I'm fortunate to have a family history from this region back to the late 1500's.**

- *What are the gaps that I can fill?*
- *What can I offer as a 'free' researcher?*



The banner features a scenic view of Lake Constance under a blue sky with light clouds. In the foreground, the water is a deep blue-green. A small sailboat is visible on the horizon. Overlaid on the left side is a map of Lake Constance showing its location at the border of Germany, Switzerland, and Austria. The map includes labels for 'River Rhine', 'Konstanz', 'Überlingen', 'Langenargen', 'Romanshorn', 'Rorschach', 'Bregenz', and 'Alpine Rhine'. It also shows depth contours and national borders. A scale bar indicates 0, 5, and 10 units. A north arrow is present. In the top left corner, the 'SeeWandel' logo is displayed. In the top right corner, navigation links for 'About SeeWandel', 'Research', 'People', 'News', and 'Media' are visible. At the bottom, logos for 'interreg', the 'EUROPEAN UNION' (European Regional Development Fund), and a regional emblem are shown.

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# Reviewer perspective

- Is the project feasible / tractable?  
*-Base/host; research foci*
- Can YOU + hosts/collaborators do the project?
- Benefits to hosts + home institution  
(teaching / research)
- *'How to gain a competitive edge in grant writing'*  
(Nature; 16 Sept 2022)

*Willing to share most recent Fulbright proposal;  
request to [sblumens@csufresno.edu](mailto:sblumens@csufresno.edu)*