

Announcing the 2026-2027 American Fellows to Nordic Countries

NEW YORK, NY—The American-Scandinavian Foundation (ASF) is pleased to announce its 2026-2027 American Fellows. ASF has supported cultural and educational exchange between the Nordic region (Denmark, Greenland, Faroe Islands, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Sápmi, and Sweden) and the United States. ASF’s fellowships help further academic scholarship and scientific research and encourage expressions in the creative arts and music. Awards are made in all fields. To learn more about ASF’s Fellowship program, please explore our website [here](#) or email us at grants@amscan.org.



Credit: Left photo of 2025-2026 ASF Fellow Colin Gioia Connors, pictured skiing in Nordmarka, Norway. Right photo of 2025-2026 ASF Fellow Edward (Jordan) Barger, pictured in Ulvik, Norway, where Barger is working to translate the entirety of Olav H. Hauge’s diaries. Photo taken by Francine Marley.

2026-2027 ASF American Fellows:

TO DENMARK (INCLUDING GREENLAND AND THE FAROE ISLANDS)

ANSCOMBE, Caroline, from University of Notre Dame

Dissertation Research Project, Biology, Aarhus University, “Understanding the Influence of Rapid Permafrost Thaw on Stream Gas Emissions.”

BALZ, John, from University of Wisconsin-Madison

Dissertation Research Project, History, University of Copenhagen, “Rhizomatic Christianity: Religious Creolization, Language, and Slavery in the Danish West Indies.”

CHENG, Vivian, from University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

Dissertation Research Project, Biology, University of Greenland, “Museomics of the Greenlandic Narwhal: Integrating Archival Research and Genomics.”

CHUMCHAL, Matthew, from Texas Christian University

Postdoctoral Research Project, Biology, High Arctic Institute, "Using Spiders as Sentinels to Assess the Influence of Water Chemistry on Methylmercury Contamination in Arctic Ponds."

FORDREE, Nicole, from Texas Christian University

Dissertation Research Project, Biology, High Arctic Institute, "Assessing Mercury Bioaccumulation and Its Effects on Terrestrial Avian Health in Greenland's Arctic Ecosystem."

GOLDSTEIN, Benjamin, from University of Michigan

Sabbatical Research Project, Engineering, Syddansk Universitet, "Spatial Tipping Points for Sustainable Cities."

HARTFORD, Tatum, from University of Toledo

Post-baccalaureate Research Project, Art History, Statens Museum for Kunst, "Collection Reinstallation and Curatorial Exhibition Assistant, National Gallery of Denmark."

HUNTER, Elizabeth Löwe, Independent Scholar

Creative Arts Project, Film, LaLa Films, "Mixed Feelings."

JACKSON-OPOKU, Sandra, Independent Artist

Creative Arts Project, Languages and Literatures, Saxo Institute, "Three at Sea."

MIDDLEBROOKS, Camryn, from Texas Christian University

Dissertation Research Project, Biology, High Arctic Institute, "From Ponds to Predators: Does Mercury from Freshwater Sources Impact Arctic Foxes?"

ROBBINS, Fletcher, from University of Wisconsin - Madison

Dissertation Research Project, Biology, Aarhus University, "Forecasting an Invasive Future: Modeling Japanese Beetle Development Across Denmark and Wisconsin."

SAVAGE, Maxine, from University of British Columbia

Postdoctoral Research Project, Languages and Literatures, Greenland National Museum & Archives, "North Adjacent: Race, Sex, and Danish Colonialism."

WADE, Mara, from University of Illinois

Postdoctoral Research Project, History, Danish Royal Library, Royal Collections, Danish National Museum, Danish National Archives, and Curia Danica-Forum for Court Studies, "The Global North—Copenhagen, Gottorf, and Greenland: The Colonial Enterprise and Celebrations at Court."

Total for 13 Awards to Denmark

TO FINLAND

CHERNYAKOVA, Irina, from Columbia University

Dissertation Research Project, Architecture, Planning, and Design, University of Helsinki, "Settlement's Architectures in the Late Russian Empire."

CHON, Ryan, from University of Washington

Dissertation Research Project, Languages and Literatures, Giellagas Institute, University of Oulu, "Linguistic Aspects of the Pre-Stopped Nasal Consonants of North Saami Dialects in Finland."

LAVERY, Jason, from Oklahoma State University

Postdoctoral Research Project, History, National Library of Finland, National Archives of Finland, and Finnish Literature Society, "Royal Reform, Confessional Culture, and Confessionalization: Finland's Lutheran Reformation 1560-1611."

MAGEE, Matt, Independent Artist

Creative Arts Project, Arts (Performing Arts, Visual Arts), Helsinki Litho, "On Making Lithographs with Helsinki Litho, a Cultural Interchange."

MATTHEWS, Peter, from Middlebury College

Sabbatical Research Project, Business, Aalto University, "Understanding Policy Preferences: Evidence from Finland."

QURESHI, Amara, from Rutgers University

Dissertation Research Project, Biology, The Natural Resources Institute Finland (LUKE), "Characterization of Acidobacteriota in Finnish Boreal Forests."

Total for 6 Awards to Finland

TO ICELAND

MOSER, Liam, from Massachusetts Institute of Technology - Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution

Postdoctoral Research Project, Earth Science, Reykjavík University, "Deep Heat: Earthquake Imaging of Iceland's Hengill Geothermal Area and Volcanic System."

VLASIS, Konstantine, from New York University

Creative Arts Project, Music, Hornafjörður Research Centre at the University of Iceland, "Jöklarnir" ("The Glaciers").

Total for 2 Awards to Iceland

TO NORWAY (Including Svalbard)

ACKERLEY, Jessica, from University of Hawai'i, at Manoa

Dissertation Research Project, Music, Artica Svalbard, "Shadow Drawing: To Grasp the Movement of the Sun."

LEE VIKRE, Michael, from Metro State University

Creative Arts Project, History, University of Bergen, "Iron Roads: Echoes of War in Norwegian Memory."

MACMILLAN, Jessica, Independent Artist

Creative Arts Project, Arts (Performing Arts, Visual Arts), Artica Svalbard, "Insolations."

NICHOLSON, Madeline, from Brown University

Dissertation Research Project, Anthropology, Oslo Metropolitan University, "Adopting Change: Accountability in Transnational Adoptee Activism & Kinship in Norway."

QUANDT, Alisha, from University of Colorado Boulder

Sabbatical Research Project, Biology, UiT-The Arctic University of Norway, "Using Comparative Genomics and Machine Learning to Understand the Diversity and Evolution of Marine Fungi."

Total for 5 Awards to Norway

TO SWEDEN

BRINEN, Nicholas, from James Madison University

Sabbatical Research Project, Architecture, Planning, and Design, Malmö University, "Forest Futures: Circularity and Collaboration Across Scandinavian and U.S. Wood Industries."

DUFFLEY, Robert, from Linnaeus University (Artist-in-Residence)

Creative Arts Project, Arts (Performing Arts, Visual Arts), KvinnSam (The National Library for Gender Research and University-Wide Research Infrastructure), Gothenburg University Library, Gothenburg University, "Ungovernable."

ESPINOSA DICE, Ana Lucia, from Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health

Dissertation Research Project, Public Health, Dr. Donghao Lu, Karolinska Institutet, "Long-Term Health Outcomes Among Survivors of Suicide Attempts."

KELTNER, Kai, from Vanderbilt University

Post-baccalaureate Research Project, Political Science, Uppsala University, "Analyzing Effects of Peacekeeping and Grassroots Interventions in Post-Conflict Settings."

LITTLE, Emma, from Oregon State University

Dissertation Research Project, Biology, Uppsala University, "How a Unique Evolutionary Analytical Tool Can Reveal Microbial Patterns in Scandinavian Wildlife."

Total for 6 Awards to Sweden