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**LEHMAN COLLEGE NAMED FULBRIGHT HSI LEADER BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

**THE BRONX** — Lehman College is proud to be named a Fulbright HSI (Hispanic-Serving Institution) Leader for the third year running—one of only 51 institutions nationwide. Each year, the U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) recognizes select HSIs for their strong engagement with the Fulbright Program, the U.S. government's flagship international academic exchange program.

“The Fulbright Program has profoundly enriched our campus by creating pathways for students to engage and embrace diverse cultures and perspectives around the globe,” said Fernando Delgado, Lehman College President. “As a Fulbright HSI Leader, our institution prioritizes access to opportunities that equip students with the skills and experiences needed to become informed leaders in addressing the complex challenges we face today. We are proud to play an instrumental role in fostering their growth and development for a brighter future.”

Lehman alumna [Arlene Batista (Psychology '23)](https://www.lehman.edu/news/2024/Fulbright-Award-Ushers-in-New-Opportunities-New-Goals-for-Two-Finalists-1.php) is one of the many students who have benefited from the Fulbright program. After learning about the Fulbright teaching assistant program and applying, she got the opportunity to be an English teaching assistant in Mexico.

Scott Weinhold, Senior Bureau Official for the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, commended the 2024 Fulbright HSI Leaders for their support of the Fulbright Program. Weinhold said, “Fulbrighters from HSIs contribute to the Program’s goal of reflecting the full diversity, perspectives, and talents of the American people.”

Fulbright HSI Leaders were announced during the International Plenary Session of the annual conference of the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU).

Since its founding in 1946, the Fulbright Program has provided over 400,000 talented and accomplished students, scholars, teachers, artists, and professionals of all backgrounds and in all fields with the opportunity to study, teach, and conduct research abroad. Fulbrighters exchange ideas, build people-to-people connections, and work to address global challenges. Fulbright is a program of the U.S. Department of State, with funding provided by the U.S. Government. Participating governments and host institutions, corporations, and foundations around the world also provide direct and indirect support to the program.

Information on Fulbright and its diversity and inclusion initiatives are available on their [website](http://www.fulbrightprogram.org).

**About Lehman**

A perennial national leader in promoting social mobility, Lehman College of The City University of New York serves as an intellectual, economic, and cultural center for the Bronx, New York City, and beyond. The college, which sits on a tree-lined 37-acre campus, supports more than 13,000 undergraduate and graduate students, another 14,000 students in continuing and professional programs, and over 90,000 alumni. As a federally designated Hispanic-Serving Institution in the Bronx, Lehman College educates a diverse population of students. The college offers bachelor’s, master’s, and doctoral degrees as well as certificate programs in the liberal arts, sciences, and professions. Named after Herbert H. Lehman, a former U.S. senator, New York State governor, and internationalist, the college is guided by Lehman’s commitment to fundamental human rights and a dedication to public service.