



Dr. John Wright Receives Fulbright U.S. Scholar Award for 2026-2027

Dr. John Wright, a Professor of Automation & Electronics Technologies at Millersville University of Pennsylvania, has received a [Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program](#) award in Engineering to Finland for the spring 2027 academic term from the U.S. Department of State, The Fulbright Finland Foundation, and Turku University of Applied Sciences (UAS).

Drawing on his experience founding U.S. robotics degree programs, Dr. Wright will teach mobile robotics, mentor students in developing an autonomous research platform, and advance applied curricula aligned with industry needs. The project supports Finland's 2030 goals in automation and workforce development while strengthening U.S.–Finnish collaboration, expanding innovation capacity, and building sustainable pathways for research, exchanges, and joint student projects.

"I am so excited to collaborate with the faculty, staff, and students at Turku UAS," says Wright. "This opportunity is incredible. I am so grateful to be able to share and learn about applied engineering pedagogy focused on modern automation and robotics."

Fulbright U.S. Scholars are accomplished faculty, researchers, administrators, and established professionals who teach or conduct research in partnership with institutions around the world. Through these affiliations, they expand their professional networks and often seed future research, innovation, and institutional partnerships. When they return home to their campuses, labs, and classrooms, Fulbright Scholars share their experiences and insights, becoming champions of international collaboration. Many go on to host visiting scholars, and inspire colleagues and students to pursue transformative opportunities abroad.

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The deadline to apply for 2027-2028 Fulbright U.S. Scholar awards is September 15, 2026. Learn more about [Fulbright U.S. Scholar awards and eligibility](#).