

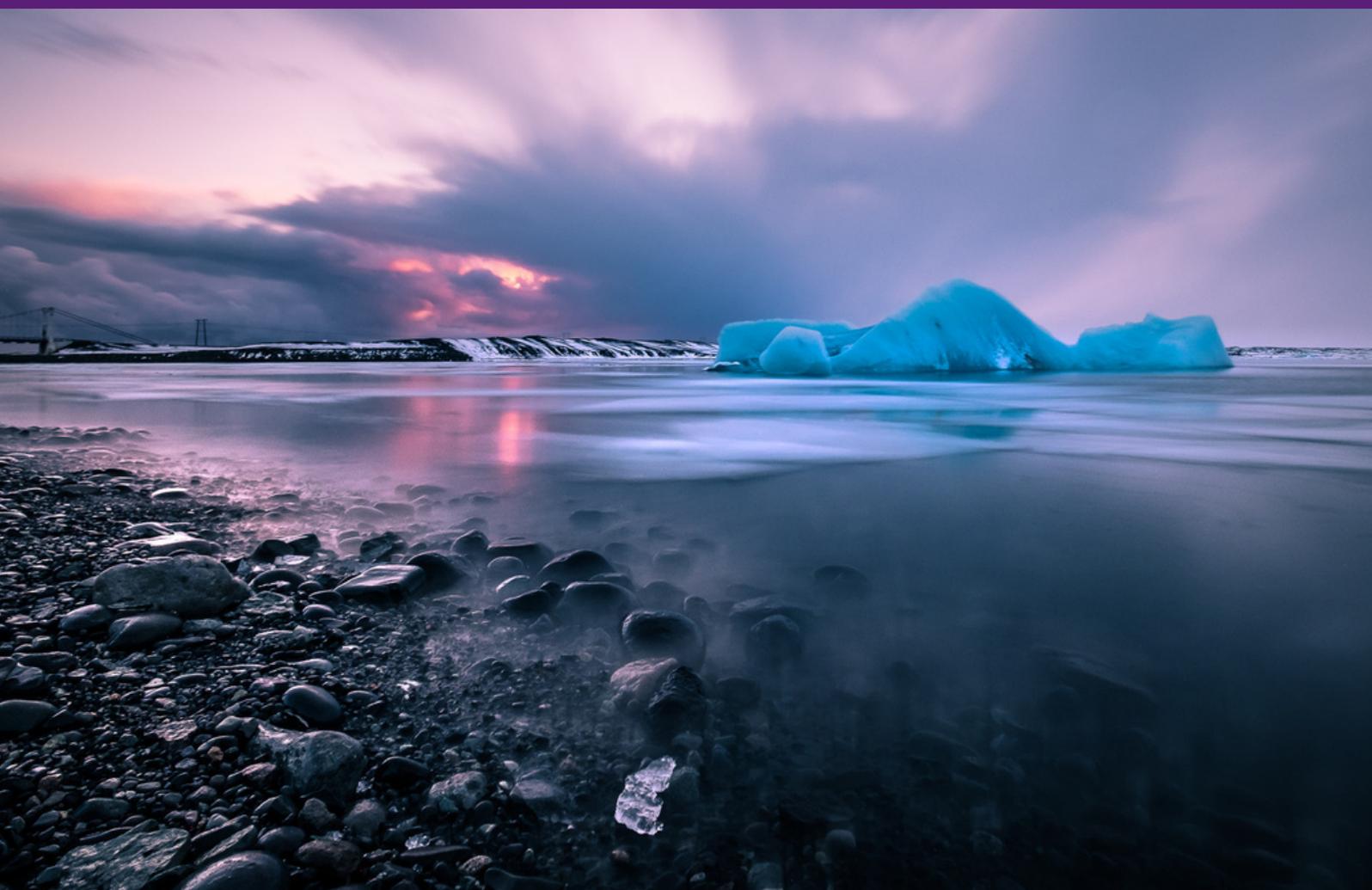
PROGRAM INFORMATION

# FULBRIGHT ARCTIC INITIATIVE III 1ST PLENARY MEETING

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*6-11 June 2022*

*Reykjavík and Reykholt  
Iceland*





## ARRIVAL AND HOTEL INFO

Keflavik Airport is located 50 km outside of Reykjavík. Travel to Reykjavík is either by shuttle bus or taxi. All shuttle services offer drop off at the hotel. Bus tickets can be booked in advance online or at the airport.

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Airport Direct: [www.airportdirect.is](http://www.airportdirect.is)

Gray Line: [www.grayline.is/airport-bus-transfer](http://www.grayline.is/airport-bus-transfer)

Taxis are available outside the arrival hall at the airport. We advise you to ask for the final price before the journey starts. The price for 1-4 passengers can be expected to be approximately 18.000-21.000 ISK.

Further information about available taxi services can be found here: [www.isavia.is/en/keflavik-airport/parking-and-transport/taxi-service](http://www.isavia.is/en/keflavik-airport/parking-and-transport/taxi-service)

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# WELCOME TO ICELAND

*A message from Belinda Theriault  
Executive Director, Iceland-U.S. Fulbright Commission*



I remember arriving at the Fulbright Arctic Workshop in Abisko, Sweden in late October 2013. The meeting was hosted by the U.S. Embassy in Sweden, the Swedish government, Fulbright Sweden and other partners, to initiate a Fulbright dialogue on the Arctic. A number of Fulbrighters with Arctic expertise participated, as well as other experts, U.S. and Swedish officials, the Chairman of the Fulbright Scholarship Board (FFSB), ECA's Chief of the European Program Branch and Fulbright Commission Executive Directors from Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden. All of us put on our thinking caps and spent a couple of days putting our heads together at the remote Abisko research center. I will always be grateful to the Swedish ED, Eric Jönsson, for his efforts to make this happen.

While the scholars networked and had discussions on Arctic topics, those of us on the administration and policy side of the program held brainstorming sessions and informal chats. Based on ideas we came up with in Abisko, Tom Healy, the Chairman of the FFSB returned to Washington and initiated discussions, along with U.S. Ambassador to Sweden Mark Brzezinski. The group of EDs also met again in Helsinki the following December, where we discussed possible modalities for implementation on the Commission side. Thus, were planted the seeds for a new Arctic program, which was then elaborated by a larger group at ECA and all Fulbright Commissions in the Arctic, which ultimately resulted in what is now known as the Fulbright Arctic Initiative. When it started, FAI was uncharted water and while there was great excitement, there was a little bit of trepidation all around, as we wondered how this would all turn out.

Now in its third cohort, this program has turned out to be a resounding success, thanks to the work of the outstanding scholars who have participated. Fulbright Iceland is honored to host the inaugural meeting of FAI III. We embrace this opportunity to showcase some issues of concern for Iceland, areas where Iceland offers innovative solutions and where Fulbright grantees and alumna are making a difference. We hope also to introduce FAI scholars to some of the breathtaking local nature, because nature, after all, is closely connected to most issues in the Arctic. The main part of the program, however, will allow scholars valuable time to work together for the first time in one place since the grant period started in March 2021. The venue we have chosen for working group sessions is the beautiful and historic Reykholt, an important cultural and medieval site, a place of scholarship and learning, where Snorri Sturluson, chieftain, scholar, author, poet, politician and more, lived and worked in the 13th century. Reykholt's history spans over a thousand years and we hope that FAI scholars will find inspiration here.

On behalf of Fulbright Iceland, I welcome all participants to this inaugural meeting of FAI III. May we follow Snorri's example when it comes to productivity and work ethic, while also channeling his ability to enjoy life, which is evident at Snorri's pool, a medieval hot tub where he used to hang out with his friends.



## OPENING WELCOME STATEMENT FROM THE CO-LEAD SCHOLARS

*Dr. Elizabeth Lynne Rink and Dr. Greg Poelzer*



Welcome Fulbright Scholars to our first in-person meeting of Fulbright Arctic Initiative III. At times, we are sure, you must have thought this day would not come! We hope you are all as excited as we are to meet with you all in person and to build on the impressive progress you have made to your group work, as well as your individual research programs. Your resilience and flexibility through this pandemic and tragic events in Europe is a testament to the spirit of what it means to be a Fulbrighter.



It is hard to imagine a better setting to begin our work in person. Belinda and her team have put together a program that will be not only intellectually and culturally enriching, but also be enormously supportive of team building. We owe Belinda and her team at Fulbright Iceland a huge debt of gratitude.

During your time in Iceland take full advantage of the opportunity to create and build professional and academic relationships both within your group and with the larger cohort. Iceland literally sits geographically between Europe and North America and has served as a critical bridge uniting peoples around the Circumpolar North. Iceland has been at the forefront of innovation whether in green energy or shaping international law, among many other things. We hope that the people and culture of Iceland and the majestic natural beauty of its landscapes provide you all with the inspiration to make our time together both productive and rewarding.



# PROGRAM

## MONDAY JUNE 6

Arrival and individual transfer to Grandi by Center Hotels

17:30 Hotel meeting room, ground floor  
Getting to know each other

18:30 Departure on foot for dinner at Messinn restaurant

## TUESDAY JUNE 7

Breakfast

9:30 Hotel meeting room, ground floor

Welcome

*Belinda Theriault, Executive Director, Fulbright Iceland*

Opening address

*Michelle Yerkin, Chargé d'Affaires, U.S. Embassy*

Expectations and goals for the week

*Greg Poelzer and Elizabeth Rink, Co-lead scholars*

FAI III - practical issues

*Pétur Valsson, Fulbright Iceland Program Officer*

*Cecilia Kocinski-Mulder, ECA, Academic Exchange Specialist*

*Susan Muendl, Assistant Director at IIE*

10:15 Break

10:20 Departure for University of Iceland, Institute of Earth Sciences

10:30 Institute of Earth Sciences - University of Iceland, Askja

Introduction to the recent report on Glacier Changes in Iceland and the UN report on Climate Change

*Dr. Guðfinna Th. Aðalgeirsdóttir, Professor at Faculty of Earth Sciences and Fulbright alumna*

Earthquakes and Volcanos: Recent Eruptions in Iceland

*Dr. Freysteinn Sigmundsson, Research Professor and Head of Faculty of Earth Sciences*



11:40 Departure for lunch

12:00 The Ministry for Foreign Affairs - Lunch Meeting

*Host: Pétur Ásgeirsson, Ambassador and Iceland's Senior Arctic Official*

13:30 Departure

14:00 The Ministry of Environment, Energy and Climate

Iceland: the SDGs and COP26

*Guðlaugur Þór Þórðarson, Minister of the Environment, Energy and Climate*

15:00 Departure for Working Group activities

- The WG on Arctic Security and Cooperation:

**Local Consequences for Iceland in Arctic Geopolitics: Military Presence and Societal Impact**

16:00-18:00 in Hljómahöllin, Reykjanesbær

*FAI Scholar Silja Bára Ómarsdóttir will lead the group*

- The WG on Arctic Infrastructure:

**Walk through Different Layers of History and the Infrastructure of Different Times Studied**

15:00-18:00 in downtown Reykjavík

*FAI Scholar Sigríður Kristjánsdóttir will lead the group*

- The WG on Community Dimensions of Health:

**Child Abuse and Protection in Nordic Countries: The Icelandic Model**

15:30-17:30 at Reykjavík University

*Dr. Kamilla Rún Jóhannsdóttir, Chair of the Department of Psychology will welcome the group. Psychologist Paola Cardenas will introduce her research and lead discussions*

*Pétur Valsson, Fulbright Program Officer, will lead the group*

18:30 Each group will return to the hotel by 18:30

18:50 Departure on foot for dinner at Fish Company restaurant





## WEDNESDAY JUNE 8

Breakfast

8:30 Check out. All luggage ready to board on the bus

8:45 Departure

9:30 **Hellisheiði Geothermal Power Plant - Carbfix and Geothermal Exhibition**

Introduction to Carbfix and its climate change mitigating technology and an expedition through the facilities

*Dr. Kári Helgason, Head of Research & Innovation and Fulbright alumnus*

11.30 Departure

13.00 **Friðheimar Geothermal Greenhouse**  
Lunch

14:30 Departure for Borgarfjörður with nature stops

18:30 Check in at Fosshótel Reykholt

19:30 Dinner at the hotel

## THURSDAY JUNE 9

Breakfast

### Snorrastofa

9:00 Working Group sessions

10:20 Coffee break

10:40 Working Group sessions

12:00 Lunch

12:45 **Introduction to Reykholt Cultural and Medieval Center**

*Sigrún Guttormsdóttir Þormar, Department Manager of Snorrastofa*

13:45 **Working Group sessions with facilitators**

The WG on Arctic Security and Cooperation:

*Lára Jóhannsdóttir, FAI II scholar, Professor, Faculty of Business Administration, University of Iceland*

The WG on Arctic Infrastructure:

*Bjarni Már Magnússon, FAI I scholar, Professor of International Law, Reykjavik University*

The WG on Community Dimensions of Health

*Sigrún Ólafsdóttir, Fulbright alumna and member of the Alumni Board, Professor of Sociology, University of Iceland*

15:15 Coffee break

15:30 Working Group sessions continue with facilitators

17:30 Working Group sessions end

*Throughout the day, the co-lead scholars will meet individually with FAI scholars*

18:30 Dinner at the hotel restaurant



## FRIDAY JUNE 10

Breakfast

8:50 Departure for Húsafell

9:30 **Langjökull – Into the Glacier**  
Tour departs from Húsafell

13:15 **Lunch at the restaurant at Hótel Húsafell**

14:30 Departure for Reykholt

15:00 Working Group sessions

16:30 Coffee break

16:45 Working Group sessions

18:15 Working Group sessions end

*Throughout the afternoon, the co-lead scholars will meet individually with FAI scholars*

19:00 Dinner at the hotel restaurant

## SATURDAY JUNE 11

Breakfast and luggage to reception

9:00 **Plenary session**  
Each working group will briefly report on progress made  
The co-lead scholars will lead a discussion on next steps

9:45 Departure

10:15 **Háafell Goat Farm**

11:10 Departure for Reykjavík

13:00 Arrival at **Grandi by Center Hotels**

*Lunch on your own and free afternoon in Reykjavík*

18:30 Farewell dinner at La Primavera Ristorante, Marshall House





## PLENARY SPEAKERS



*Michelle Yerkin*  
*Chargé d'Affaires, U.S. Embassy*

Michelle Yerkin has served as Chargé d'Affaires a.i. at the U.S. Embassy in Reykjavík since June 2021. She has also served in diplomatic positions in Kazakhstan, Panama, Kyrgyzstan, El Salvador, and most recently, in Moscow, Russia, as Acting Minister Counselor for Economic and Environment Science Technology and Health Affairs. Michelle graduated cum laude from Yale University, and received her J.D. degree from the University of Minnesota School of Law.



*Guðlaugur Þór Þórðarson*  
*Minister of the Environment, Energy and Climate*

Guðlaugur Þór Þórðarson has been a member of the Icelandic Parliament since 2003 for the Independence Party. From 2007-2009 he was the Minister of Health and Social Security, 2017-2019 the Minister for Foreign Affairs and External Trade and 2019-2021 the Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Development Cooperation. Guðlaugur took office as Minister of the Environment, Energy and Climate in 2021.



### *Pétur Ásgeirsson*

*Ambassador and Iceland's Senior Arctic Official*

Pétur Ásgeirsson has worked for the Icelandic government for almost three decades and the Ministry for Foreign Affairs since 1999. In 2013 he was appointed Ambassador and Iceland's first Consul General in Nuuk in Greenland. From 2017-2021, Pétur was the Ambassador of Iceland to Canada and has since 2021 served as the Senior Arctic Official, representing Iceland in the Arctic Council.



### *Dr. Guðfinna Th. Aðalgeirsdóttir*

*Professor, University of Iceland*

Guðfinna Th. Aðalgeirsdóttir is a professor of Glaciology at the Faculty of Earth Sciences, University of Iceland. Guðfinna's main research focus is on glaciers and interaction of glaciers with climate change. She and all glaciologists in Iceland recently published a paper on glacial changes in Iceland from 1890-2019 and she is one of the lead authors of 6th UN's IPCC assessment report on climate change. Guðfinna has a M.Sc. in Geophysics and Geology from the University of Alaska, where she attended as a Fulbright fellow, and a Ph.D. from the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Zürich.



### *Dr. Freysteinn Sigmundsson*

*Research Professor, University of Iceland*

Freysteinn Sigmundsson is a research professor at the Institute of Earth Sciences and the head of the Faculty of Earth Sciences at the University of Iceland. His research focuses on volcanism, magmatic and tectonic processes, glacio-isostasy, plate spreading and earthquakes in Iceland. Freysteinn received his Ph.D. degree in Geophysics from the University of Colorado in 1992.



### *Dr. Kári Helgason*

*Head of Research & Innovation, Carbfix*

Kári is Head of Research & Innovation at Carbfix, a company dedicated to carbon mineral storage. He joined Carbfix upon the company's establishment, where he works on further developing of the mineralization technology as well as the preparation of scale-up projects. Kári was a 2008 Fulbright fellow at the University of Maryland, where from he received a Ph.D. in Astronomy in 2014. Before joining Carbfix, he worked as a researcher at NASA Goddard Space Flight Center and Max Planck Institute for Astrophysics.

## GROUP FACILITATORS



*Dr. Bjarni Már Magnússon*  
*Professor, Reykjavík University*

Bjarni Már Magnússon is a professor at Reykjavík University Department of Law. He is educated at the University of Iceland, Copenhagen, Miami and Edinburgh. His teaching and research interest lies in public international law, especially the law of the sea and the Arctic Ocean. Bjarni was Iceland's representative in the first cohort of the Fulbright Arctic Initiative in 2015-2016.



*Dr. Lára Jóhannsdóttir*  
*Professor, University of Iceland*

Lára Jóhannsdóttir is a professor in Environment and Natural Resources at the Faculty of Business Administration, University of Iceland. Her research interest includes corporate social responsibility, corporate sustainability, financial institutions, insurance companies, responsible investments, and Arctic economic opportunities and risks. Lára was a 2018-2019 Fulbright Arctic Initiative II scholar.



*Dr. Sigrún Ólafsdóttir*  
*Professor, University of Iceland*

Sigrún Ólafsdóttir is a professor of Sociology at the University of Iceland. In her research, Sigrún focuses on the intersection of medical, political and cultural sociology and how institutional arrangements, cultural traditions and historical trajectories impact individual lives. Sigrún was a Fulbright fellow in 1999 and received her Ph.D. in Sociology from Indiana University Bloomington in 2007. She is on the board of the Fulbright Alumni Association Iceland and served as its chair from 2018-2022.



## REYKHOLT AND SNORRI STURLUSON

Reykholt in Borgarfjörður is a site of great historical and cultural importance in Iceland. Reykholt's history spans more than a thousand years. Snorri Sturluson, one of the most important figures in Icelandic history, a great chieftain, storyteller and politician, settled in Reykholt in 1206 and from there weaved a dense network of power and influence all over the country – and in fact all the way to Norway. In Snorri's days Reykholt became a center of learning and power. His name is associated with literature and culture, so many people regard his headquarters, Reykholt, as a kind of place of pilgrimage.



Snorri settled down in Reykholt in 1206 and was murdered there on the night of 23th September 1241. It is believed that he wrote most of his works there and that the place was seen as a center of literacy. Snorri is credited with many of the most magnificent literary works of the Middle Ages in Iceland: Snorri's Edda and Heimskringla, the story of the Old Norse kings, and is believed have authored Egil's saga. His works are our main source of the Norse mythology and the history of the Nordic countries, especially Norway.

The remains of the medieval farm in Reykholt have been excavated and dated, and might well have belonged to Snorri himself. The Saga of the Sturlungs tells the story about Snorri's life in Reykholt and the conflicts he was involved in throughout his life.

Snorrastofa, which is located in Reykholt, is an independent research center. Reykholt has always been associated with scholarly work, but with the establishment of Snorrastofa this status has been secured and expanded. Its main task is to instigate and conduct research on the medieval period in general, and Snorri and his works in particular. Snorrastofa has facilities for conferences, meetings and accommodation, both in the facilities that opened in 2000 and an old school house. Snorrastofa also has a library, which specializes in medieval literature, history and culture.

Snorrastofa has set up exhibitions about Snorri Sturluson and other topics on the history of Borgarfjörður. In the same facilities there is a small museum shop and a tourist reception. Conferences, lectures and courses are also hosted at Snorrastofa.

Reykholt is a great and unique historic site, which due to Snorri Sturluson is intertwined with the cultural history in Europe. Important antiquities have been found and they, together with the local church, the hotel and other activities, make Reykholt a vital and vibrant place.

*Adapted from [www.reykholt.is](http://www.reykholt.is)*



## SITE VISITS



### *Hellisheiði Power Plant - The Geothermal Energy Exhibition*

The Hellisheiði Power Plant is the third-largest geothermal power station in the world. Located in the Hengill aread, an active volcanic ridge in SW Iceland connected with three volcanic systems, the power plant is about 30 minute drive from Reykjavík. The Geothermal Energy Exhibition offers visitors to experience how green, sustainable energy is produced.



### *Carbfix*

Carbfix captures CO<sub>2</sub> and turns it into stone underground in less than two years through proprietary technology which imitates and accelerates natural processes. In this process, CO<sub>2</sub> is dissolved in water and interacts with reactive rock formations to form stable minerals providing a permanent and safe carbon sink. This cost-effective Carbon Capture and Mineral Storage technique has successfully mineralized over 80,000 tons CO<sub>2</sub> and is now ripe for dramatic upscaling in operations, both in Iceland, where it was developed, and worldwide.



### *Friðheimar*

Friðheimar is a restaurant and a greenhouse in the southern region of Iceland, where tomatoes are grown all year round, despite Iceland's long, dark winters, using artificial lighting and geothermal energy. Located in area full of hot springs and geothermal activity, Friðheimar uses hot water drawn from a borehole only 200 meters away from the farm for its greenhouses and currently produces 370 tons of tomatoes per year.



### *Háafell Goat Farm*

The Icelandic Goat Centre at Háafell is works towards protecting and maintaining the goat stock in Iceland. The Icelandic goat is an endangered species and since the year 2000 the farmer at Háafell, Jóhanna Bergmann Þorvaldsdóttir, has worked towards the mission of saving the Icelandic goat from extinction.



### *Langjökull - Into the Glacier*

Langjökull (the Long Glacier) is the second largest glacier in Iceland, around 950 km<sup>2</sup> in diameter and most of it rises between 1200 and 1300 m above sea level. It rests on a massif of hyaloclastite mountain. In 2015 a 200 meter long man made-tunnel into the glacier was completed.



# FULBRIGHT Iceland

## ICELAND - UNITED STATES EDUCATIONAL COMMISSION

Fulbright Iceland has been supporting Icelandic-U.S. partnership in education, science and the arts since 1957. We build bridges to bring a little more knowledge, reason and compassion to the world.

Our mission is to foster collaboration between Icelandic and U.S. scholars, scientists, students and artists. Our goal is to increase mutual understanding, share knowledge and exchange ideas to make our world a better place.

By working together and sharing in a spirit of open-mindedness, diversity and respect for science, we believe we are stronger and better able to meet the challenges of our day.

A bi-national Fulbright agreement between Iceland and the United States was signed on February 23, 1957. Since its establishment, the Fulbright Commission has been a pillar of the Iceland-US bilateral relationship.

The Fulbright Commission, formally the Iceland–United States Educational Commission, administers the Fulbright program in Iceland, as well as various other grant programs, and works to promote Iceland-US relations in general. In accordance with the ideals of the Fulbright program, we promote excellence in academic and cultural exchanges and promote mutual understanding between the people of Iceland and the United States. In accordance with the ideals of the

Fulbright program, we promote excellence in academic and cultural exchanges and promote mutual understanding between the people of Iceland and the United States. The commission is supported by funding allocations from both the U.S. and Icelandic governments and from various other partnerships.

Since 2015, we here at Fulbright Iceland have made Arctic scholarship a major focus of our grant program, with specific initiatives and grants open to a wide array of disciplines as they relate to the Arctic. Our partnership with the National Science Foundation, as well as with the Icelandic Ministry for Foreign Affairs, are central to these efforts, as is participation in the Fulbright Arctic Initiative.



## ICELAND'S POLICY ON MATTERS CONCERNING THE ARCTIC REGION

Althingi has resolved to entrust the government with following a Policy on Matters Concerning the Arctic Region that is based on the following points of emphasis:

- 1.** To actively participate in international cooperation on matters concerning the Arctic region, based on the values that have guided Icelandic foreign policy, including peace, democracy, human rights and equality.
- 2.** To continue to support the Arctic Council and to promote it as the most important forum for consultation and cooperation on matters concerning the region.
- 3.** To promote a peaceful resolution of disputes that may arise in the Arctic region, as well as respect for international law, including the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and international human rights treaties.
- 4.** To make sustainable development a guiding principle, based on the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.
- 5.** To focus on countering climate change and responding to its negative effects in the Arctic region.

6. To put environmental protection first, including the protection of the biota and biodiversity of the Arctic region.
7. To safeguard health of the marine environment, including taking preventive action against the threats posed by ocean acidification and all kinds of ocean pollution.
8. To focus on reducing the use of fossil fuels in the Arctic region, including by ceasing the use of heavy fuel oil in shipping, improving access to renewable energy sources and supporting measures that ensure an energy transition.
9. To look to the welfare of the inhabitants of the Arctic region, including their opportunities to earn a living and their access to digital communications, education and health care services, to support the rights of Indigenous Peoples and equality for all, as well as efforts to protect the cultural heritage and languages of the Arctic peoples.
10. To utilise possible economic opportunities in the Arctic region with an eye to sustainability and responsible use of resources.
11. To further trade and cooperation on commerce, education and services in the Arctic region, especially with Iceland's nearest neighbours in Greenland and the Faroe Islands.
12. To work towards stronger monitoring and safer transport by sea and air, including by improved connectivity and a tighter network of satellite systems, e.g. for satellite navigation.
13. To increase search and rescue capabilities, as well as response to accidental pollution incidents, e.g. by establishing a regional search and rescue cluster in Iceland, and further strengthening international cooperation.
14. To guard security interests on a civil basis, grounded in the National Security Policy, thoroughly monitor security developments in cooperation with the other Nordic nations and our NATO allies, oppose militarisation and purposefully work towards maintaining peace and stability in the area.
15. To look positively upon the growing interest in matters concerning the Arctic region from parties outside the region, provided that they respect international law and the status of the eight Arctic States and conduct themselves in a peaceful and sustainable manner.

16. To bolster Iceland's standing and image as an Arctic State by developing local knowledge and expertise on matters concerning the Arctic, and to increase support for centres of education, science and discussion.
17. To support international scientific cooperation in the Arctic region and facilitate the dissemination of scientific findings, and to boost national research activities, including by forming an Arctic research programme.
18. To build upon the success of the Arctic Circle and create a future framework for it by establishing a non-profit foundation that will operate an Arctic centre in Iceland.
19. To further strengthen the position of Akureyri as the centre of Arctic matters in Iceland, including by supporting education and research bodies and knowledge centres and by strengthening local consultation and cooperation on matters concerning the Arctic region.

The Minister for Foreign Affairs shall, on the basis of this Resolution, form a plan on the implementation of the Policy on Matters Concerning the Arctic Region in consultation with other concerned ministers, and shall inform Althingi of the implementation of the Policy after five years.

*Approved at Althingi 19 May 2021.*





## COVID-19 RULES

Please note that this information is as of 23 May 2022. There may be changes between this time and the time you travel to Reykjavik. It is the responsibility of each participant to check the rules that apply to and from their country of departure.

All infection prevention rules for COVID-19 have been lifted at the Icelandic border, regardless of vaccination status. However, it varies what rules apply at the borders of other countries. For example, currently all travelers to the U.S. will be required to present evidence of a negative COVID test taken within a day before departure, regardless of vaccine status.

Individual participants are responsible for familiarizing themselves with the rules that apply in the country to which they will travel when they leave Iceland.

For those who need to have a test before flying out of Iceland, here are your best options. The cost of the test is 6980 ISK. Booking of a Rapid Antigen Test is done on-line, where you choose your date and time slot.

### 1. Covidtest.is

Reykjavik – Harpa concert hall – K1 (the parking garage).

Open 9:00-18:00 Mondays, 10:00-18:00 Tuesday through Sunday. Closed 12 noon-12:45.

Customers generally get the test results via email within an hour, although this is not guaranteed.

### 2. Testcovid.is

BSÍ bus terminal (departure point for buses to the airport).

Open daily between 6:30-17:45.

Results received by email in 15-30 minutes.



## CO-LEAD SCHOLARS



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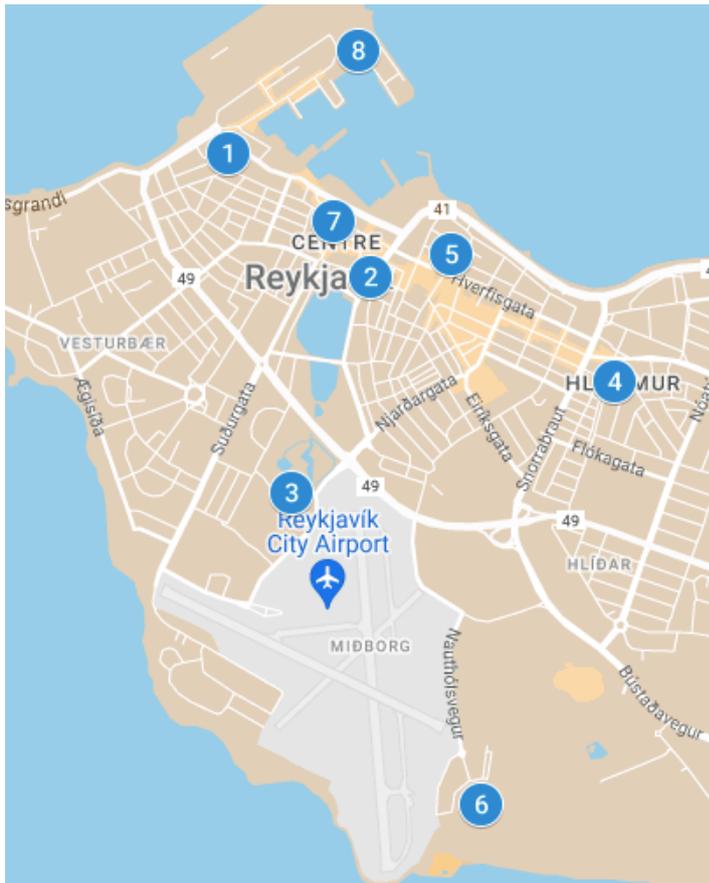


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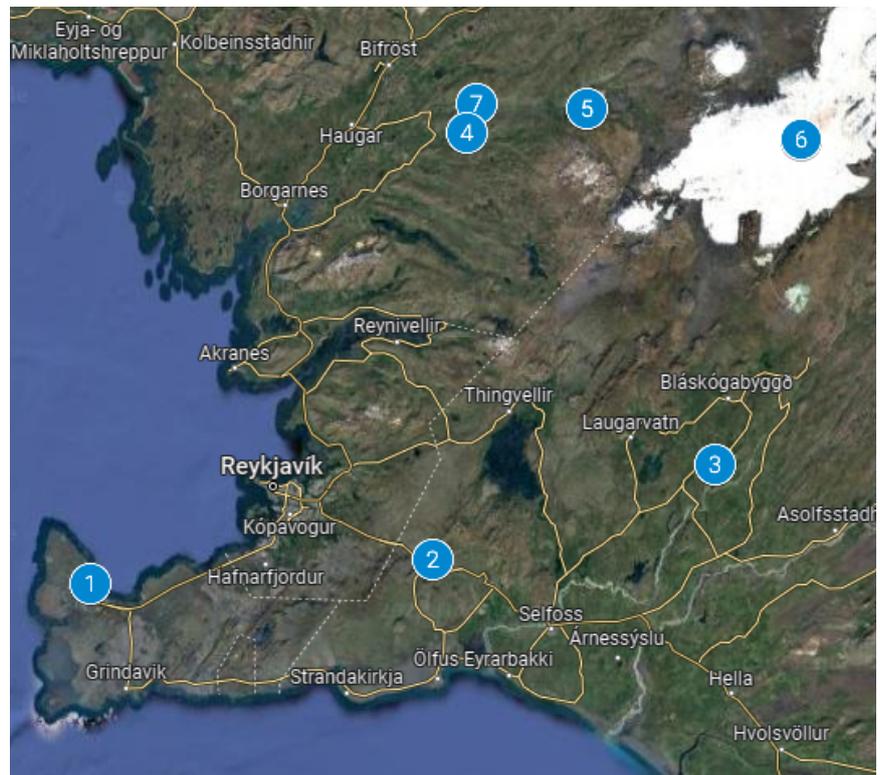


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