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## Two Laurier professors named Fulbright Scholars

WATERLOO – Two Wilfrid Laurier University professors are heading to California this winter after being named to the prestigious [Fulbright Scholar Program](#).

The Fulbright program provides funding to exceptional scholars from around the world to spend time at academic institutions in the United States to collaborate and contribute to research, as well as to teach.

Professor [Hind Al-Abadleh](#), of Laurier's Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, has been named 2018/19 [Fulbright Canada Research Chair in Climate Change, Air Quality, and Atmospheric Chemistry](#) from Wilfrid Laurier University to University of California, Irvine (UCI).

[Eleanor Ty](#), a professor in Laurier's English program, has been selected as a [Fulbright Canada Visiting Research Chair](#) from Laurier to University of California, Santa Barbara (UCSB) for the 2018/2019 academic year.

**Al-Abadleh**, an air pollution expert, will spend four months at [AirUCI](#), one of the world's top centres for air-quality research, beginning in January 2019. There, she will take part in collaborative research with AirUCI atmospheric scientists on the chemistry of air pollution, with a focus on ground-level ozone and inhalable nanoparticles. She will also teach a graduate special topics course on environmental heterogeneous chemistry, based on a course she has taught at Laurier since 2006.

"To be a Fulbright Scholar presents me with a whole new avenue of knowledge acquisition and collaboration," said Al-Abadleh. "Receiving this award is an enormous opportunity to learn from world-leading scientists as well as a recognition of the research my colleagues and I are doing now at Laurier."

[Learn more about Al-Abadleh's planned research.](#)

**Ty's** teaching interests are in contemporary Asian North American literature and culture. She plans to focus her research examining the ways contemporary Asian American and Asian Canadian writers deploy literary middlebrows —popular works of fiction and dramas— to explore gender, race, and social class problems to encourage different ways of seeing the world.

Ty will be hosted by the [Department of Asian American Studies](#) at UCSB, where she will also teach a course on the Asian American Graphic Novel.

"I am pleased to have the opportunity to work with students and colleagues who are examining the lives of Asians in the U.S. and Canada from interdisciplinary perspectives. It will be a mutually enriching experience," said Ty.

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The UCSB-Canada Fulbright Research Chair program allows one prominent Canadian scholar per year from the humanities, fine arts, sciences and social sciences to conduct research and teach a graduate or undergraduate course at UC Santa Barbara for one quarter or a full academic year.

[Learn more about Ty's planned research.](#)

[Fulbright Canada](#) is a bi-national, treaty-based organization created more than 25 years ago to encourage mutual understanding between Canada and the United States through academic and cultural exchange.

It is supported by the Canadian government through Global Affairs Canada, by the United States government through the Department of State, and by a diverse group of corporate sponsors, charitable trusts, and university partners. It is governed by an independent Board of Directors and operates out of Ottawa.

The larger [Fulbright Scholar Program](#) began in 1946 after former U.S. senator [James William Fulbright](#) proposed a bill to fund the "promotion of international goodwill through the exchange of students in the fields of education, culture, and science." The program now offers research, study and teaching opportunities in over 140 countries.

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