

THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
WASHINGTON

Dr. Ann Kirschner  
President  
Hunter College, CUNY  
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New York, NY 10065

Dear President Kirschner:

Congratulations on Hunter College's designation as a 2023 Fulbright HSI Leader. As one of 46 Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSIs) honored for demonstrating noteworthy engagement with the Fulbright Program by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA), Hunter College exemplifies a deep commitment to international exchange and to building lasting connections between the people of the United States and the people of other countries.

The State Department's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs established the Fulbright HSI Leader designation in 2021 to recognize the strong partnerships between the Fulbright Program and selected HSIs, and to encourage all HSIs to increase engagement with Fulbright. This initiative is part of our longstanding commitment to build diversity and inclusion within the Fulbright Program and within all of our international exchange programs.

Fulbright HSI Leader status is based on participation across the range of Fulbright awards and on-campus engagement, and I thus wish to thank your entire team for their hard work. I encourage you to expand the Fulbright Program on your campus by pursuing all of our short- and long-term opportunities for your faculty, students, and administrators, and for

Fulbright participants from abroad to come to your institution. To assist you in sharing this good news throughout your campus and community, we are sending resources to your institution's communications office and to Fulbright Program stakeholders on campus.

The Fulbright HSI Leaders designations will be announced publicly this year on October 30 in conjunction with the International Plenary Session of the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU) annual meeting in Chicago.

As a diplomat, I love the Fulbright Program because it supports changemakers and fosters global cooperation. Fulbrighters make the world a better place in classrooms and countries worldwide.

Hunter College's designation as a 2023 Fulbright HSI Leader is a testament to your institution's dedication to promoting global engagement and mutual understanding among peoples and nations. Thank you and again, congratulations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Antony Blinken". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly stylized font.

Antony J. Blinken  
Secretary of State