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Through a thriving research network,

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For international scholars, the JMC offers a natural home away from home. Given that the Center's director and one post-doctoral researcher are former Ful-

brighters, we know what it takes to be able to provide, as one former Fulbright grantee put it, "a space for collaboration and support." The JMC is honored to have the Chief Executive Officer of Fulbright-Finland to serve on its Board. Imagine if one of these days this collaboration were to result in a joint Fulbright-JMC Fellowship.

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