**American Fulbright Panel: Post-Graduate Education Opportunities in the US**

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**Batumi Shota Rustaveli State University**

April 4, 2025 – Batumi, Georgia

**11:00-11:30 Welcome Remarks**

Prof. Marine Giorgadze, Head of the Department of Strategic Development and International Relations, Batumi Shota Rustaveli State University, Georgia

Prof. Malkhaz Nakashidze – [Fulbright Scholar, Boston College Law School (2016-2017)](https://fulbrightscholars.org/grantee/malkhaz-nakashidze) Jean Monnet Chair (EUCONST), Batumi Shota Rustaveli State University, Georgia

Prof. Nino Inaishvili, the Batumi Office of the International Education Center

[Lilly O'Toole](https://www.linkedin.com/in/lilly-otoole/), Fulbright Scholar at the Batumi Shota Rustaveli State University

**11:30-14:00 – Panel: Post-graduate Education Opportunities in the US**

**Panel Chairs:** [Lilly O'Toole](https://www.linkedin.com/in/lilly-otoole/), Fulbright Scholar at the Batumi Shota Rustaveli State University**,** [Prof. Malkhaz Nakashidze](https://jeanmonnetchair.edu.ge/chair-holder-malkhaz-nakashidze/), Batumi Shota Rustaveli State University, Georgia

**Introduction presentation:** Lilly O'Toole, Fulbright Scholar at the Batumi Shota Rustaveli State University - “From Fulbright to Master’s Degree: Exploring U.S. Graduate Study Opportunities & Application Process”

**Panelists:**

1. [Kyle Estes](https://www.kyleestes.net), Fulbright Scholar (Ethnic/Minority Politics and Human Rights) (Bradley University)
2. [Sofia Poznansky](https://www.linkedin.com/in/sofia-poznansky-217b701b1/), Fulbright English Teaching Assistant in Akhaltsikhe (University of Houston)
3. [Isabel Cosby](https://www.linkedin.com/in/isabel-cosby/), Fulbright English Teaching Assistant in Telavi, Georgia (University of North Carolina)
4. [Maggie Brand](https://cadc.auburn.edu/apla-alumna-named-fulbright-award-winner/), Fulbright Scholar (Napirze Floodplain in Rustavi, Georgia) (Auburn University)
5. [Victor Swezey](https://www.linkedin.com/in/victor-swezey-6474701a6/), Fulbright Researcher (Columbia University)
6. [Lauren Williamson](https://www.linkedin.com/in/lauren-brinley-williamson/), Fulbright English Teacher (Connecticut College)
7. [Brody Eldridge](https://www.linkedin.com/in/brodycjeldridge/), Fulbright English Teaching Assistant in Kutaisi, Georgia

**14:00-14:15 – Closing Remarks**

\*The Event is organized by Department of Strategic Development and International Relations of the Batumi Shota Rustaveli State University and Jean Monnet Chair (EUCONST) of the Faculty of Law and Social Sciences.