


Fulbright Reimagined Summit ²⁰²⁶

● Artificial Intelligence Horizons:

Learning pathways for Tomorrow



Concept Note & Agenda

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The Fulbright Reimagined Summit 2.0 will convene thought leaders, innovators, and scholars to explore how education, politics and social development have been reshaped by artificial intelligence in the global landscape of work, governance, and knowledge. AI is not only a technological revolution, it is a cultural and institutional shift that demands new approaches to professions, ethical frameworks, and interdisciplinary collaboration.

In this sense, this summit will highlight:

- **AI as a driver of global futures:** From climate resilience to governance, AI is embedded in the agendas shaping tomorrow's world.
- **Emerging professions:** Data ethicists, AI policy advisors, human-AI interaction designers, and global knowledge brokers are redefining the labor market.
- **Fulbright's role:** As a bridge between cultures and disciplines, Fulbright scholars are uniquely positioned to lead conversations on responsible innovation and inclusive futures.

The event will combine visionary keynotes, expert panels, and reflective dialogues to inspire actionable pathways for academia, policy makers, industry and civil society.



Agenda

- **Date:** June 19th, 2026
- **Venue:** Universidad del Norte, Edificio de Ingenierías. Bloque K. Salón Boris Rosanía - 31K
- **Time:** 8:00 – 13:00

Registration opens at 7:00am (Coffee and snacks available)

Language: English

8:00 - 8:45 a.m. Keynote Address

Responsible AI: Addressing licensing risk in the era of Generative-AI software development

Dr. Pratyush Nidhi Sharma

- 30 minutes presentation + 15 minutes Q&A with [Dr. Pedro Villalba](#)

8:45 - 9:00 a.m. Opening remarks

Welcome Remarks

- Adolfo Meisel Roca (Rector, Universidad del Norte)

Framing the Summit

- Giovanni Anzola (Executive Director of Fulbright Colombia): Fulbright as a catalyst for reimagining futures

9:00 - 10:00 a.m. Panel Discussion

AI and Global Future Agendas: How AI Intersects Social Development, Governance, and Global Cooperation

- **Panelists:**

[Ricardo Arjona - Pasaporte a la Ciencia, 2015](#)
[Mariana Arboleda - Fulbright Visiting Scholar 2024](#)
[Natalia Barrero - Hubert H. Humphrey 2026](#)

- **Moderator:**

[Dr. Claudia García Wagner - President of Harvard MIT Association](#)





10:00 - 10:15 a.m. Coffee Break & Networking

10:15 - 11:00 a.m. Keynote Address

**Geospatial Data Science as a Pathway to the Future:
Insights from Antarctic Research**

Natalia Jaramillo Machuca

- 30 minutes presentation + 15 minutes Q&A with [Dr. Rafael Ricardo Torres Parra](#)

11:00 - 11:45 a.m. Keynote Address

**AI Horizons for Entrepreneurship and Employability: Scaling
the Talent of Tomorrow**

Gregg Bauer

- 30 minutes presentation + 15 minutes Q&A with Dean [María Clemencia Sierra](#)

11:45 - 12:45 p.m. Closing Panel:

From Adopters to Architects: Professions of Tomorrow

- **Panelists**

[Dr. Jose Fernando Florez - Visiting Scholar 2020](#)

[Dr. Camilo Vieira - Visiting Scholar 2022](#)

[Dr. Brian Gillikin - U.S. Specialist 2025](#)

- **Moderator**

[Dr. Pedro Guillermo Feijóo García - Georgia Institute of Technology,
Fulbright-Minciencias 2018](#)

12:45 - 1:00 p.m. Closing Remarks

- Adam J. Lenert (Acting PAO U.S. Embassy)
- Álvaro Urquijo (President of ICETEX)

1:00 p.m. Networking lunch



ANEXO FINAL: Short BIOS

Dr. Pratyush Nidhi Sharma

Dr. Pratyush Nidhi Sharma is Associate Professor of Information Systems at the Culverhouse College of Business, University of Alabama. His research focuses on the governance of generative AI in education and software development, human-AI collaboration, and digital compliance frameworks. He is the creator of DevLicOps, a governance model for managing licensing risks in AI-generated code, and has published in leading journals including the Journal of the Association for Information Systems and Decision Sciences, with more than 4,400 citations on Google Scholar. His work has been incorporated into SmartPLS, a widely used statistical software platform, and has been presented at premier conferences including ICIS, AMCIS, the Academy of Management, and INFORMS. He is the recipient of multiple research grants, including one from the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (ACFE) Research Institute, as well as the SeiR-F (2024) and PEG (2025) grants from the University of Alabama. Dr. Sharma also serves on the Dean's AI Research Committee and has led curriculum innovation initiatives, including the AI for Leaders Badge course for Executive MBA programs. His most recent work on AI governance was presented at the MIS Quarterly Executive Workshop in Nashville, and will be featured at the forthcoming **NASA + UA Technology Partnership Summit** - a collaborative event jointly hosted by the University of Alabama and NASA Marshall Space Flight Center - alongside speakers from NASA and leading aerospace companies.

PhD (c) Natalia Jaramillo Machuca

Fulbright Scholar and a Ph.D. student in Natural Resources at the University of Idaho's College of Natural Resources. Specializing in Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and remote sensing, her research focuses on monitoring Antarctic vegetation and assessing the environmental impacts of tourism on sensitive ecosystems. With over ten years of experience, she serves as a researcher for the Colombian Antarctic Program and has previously acted as a Scientific Advisor on Antarctic Affairs for the Colombian Ocean Commission. A recipient of the "Espíritu Antártico" Military Medal, Natalia integrates satellite imagery and UAV technology to support sustainable resource management. Her work has led her to implement spatial analysis technologies to assess the impact of human activity on polar regions.

Mr. Gregg Bauer

CEO, Scaup Labs | Expert in Startup Scaling and Digital Transformation. Technology innovation strategist and business transformation expert focused on how AI redefines business models and entrepreneurship ecosystems. His experience spans the scaling of startups in high-uncertainty contexts, with particular attention to emerging markets





in Latin America. Brings the private sector perspective on the competencies that organizations will demand in an environment dominated by generative AI, and on how academic programs — including Fulbright — must evolve to meet these needs.

Dr Ricardo Arjona - Pasaporte a la Ciencia, 2015

Ricardo Arjona Angarita, Ph.D., is a Computer Systems Engineer at Apple in Cupertino, California, where he specializes in embedded software and wireless systems. He holds a Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering from the University of Texas at Dallas, where his research focused on Internet of Things (IoT) platforms, Sub-1GHz wireless sensor networks, and interference reduction in TSCH networks. Previously, Dr. Arjona served as a Professor of Electrical and Electronic Engineering at Universidad Tecnológica de Bolívar in Colombia for over six years, leading research projects funded by COLCIENCIAS. A former Fulbright-Colfuturo scholar and AT&T Labs intern, his expertise spans the modeling, simulation, and optimization of wireless communications and advanced IoT backhaul architectures.

PhD (c) Mariana Arboleda - Fulbright Visiting Scholar 2024

Mariana Arboleda is a doctoral student in education at Universidad del Norte and a former Fulbright Visiting Scholar at the University of Virginia. Her research focuses on how students learn data science and machine learning. She holds degrees in Production Engineering and Engineering and has professional experience as a data scientist, as well as extensive teaching experience with children, adolescents, and university students in computational thinking, programming, and data science.

Mss. Claudia Garcia Wagner - Harvard-MIT Association

Claudia Garcia-Wagner is the President of the Harvard-MIT Club of Colombia and the Director of Innovation at Guerrero & Asociados PI. With over 20 years of expertise in intellectual property, technology transfer, and intangible asset valuation, she bridges the gap between academia, industry, and government. She holds an MBA from Universidad EAFIT and a postgraduate degree in Sustainability from Harvard University. Her distinguished career includes serving as an advisor to the Superintendence of Industry and Commerce of Colombia and consulting for the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO). Currently, she focuses on fostering strategic alliances and developing sustainable business models to drive innovation across Latin America.

Mss. Natalia Barrero - Hubert H. Humphrey 2026

International business professional with a master's degree in analytics, bringing over 12 years of experience in digital transformation, data analytics, and artificial intelligence applied to public policy. She currently serves as an Advisor on Digital Economy at MinTIC and is the co-founder of an impact-driven company focused on equitable access to data and AI. Her career spans the public sector, consulting, and academia.





Her project focuses on designing ethical frameworks and public policies for inclusive artificial intelligence, promoting the reduction of gaps and strengthening female talent in STEM.

Dr. Jose Fernando Florez - Visiting Scholar 2020

Jose Fernando Florez is the Director of the Ph.D. program in Political Studies at Universidad Externado de Colombia. A Colombian political scientist and policymaker, he was a Fulbright Visiting Scholar in 2020 at Johns Hopkins University. He was selected as a 2025 Eisenhower Global Fellow for his contributions to the technological modernization of the Colombian public sector. He is recognized for his active engagement in academic communities and his analysis of how institutional modernization and digital tools influence political landscapes.

His academic contributions emphasize the intersection of governance, public policy, and democratic stability. In the context of the summit, he brings an essential perspective on how the regulation and adoption of artificial intelligence must be framed within the social sciences to ensure technology serves the public interest and strengthens the rule of law.

Dr. Camilo Vieira - Visiting Scholar 2022

Camilo Vieira (Fulbright Visiting Scholar 2022) is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Education at Universidad del Norte and coordinator of the Educational Informatics research group. He holds a Ph.D. in Computer Science and Engineering from Purdue University and was a Fulbright Visiting Scholar at the University of Virginia in 2022. His research explores the development of computational thinking across educational levels and the use of computational methods to study learning and teaching processes.

Dr. Brian Gillikin - U.S. Specialist 2025

PhD Fellow at the United Nations University – MERIT and Maastricht University, as well as a data scientist and technical leader at IBM. His work focuses on applying data analytics, AI, and socio-technical approaches to challenges in sustainable development, disaster resilience, and data-scarce environments.

Dean María Clemencia Sierra

Dean of the Business School since 2021, with an extensive professional background in finance, negotiation, and strategic management. Her experience has enabled her to hold leadership positions across the public and private sectors, as well as in multilateral organizations. She has led strategic planning processes, financial structuring initiatives, bond issuances in both domestic and international markets, and mergers and acquisitions. She has also managed relationships with a wide range of stakeholders, including credit rating agencies, financial institutions, investors, and government





entities. She currently serves as a member of the Financing for Growth Committee of the Barranquilla Chamber of Commerce, the Steering Committee of Caribe Exponencial, the Board of Directors of Endeavor Caribbean Region, and the Board of Directors of Banco Serfinanza.

Dr. Rafael Ricardo Torres Parra

Physical Oceanographer and Hydrographer with an MSc in Oceanography and a PhD from the University of Southampton (UK). With over 20 years of experience, he has contributed to the training of human talent in marine sciences, working with several research groups and publishing scientific articles. As a former naval officer, he reached the rank of Captain and held positions such as Director of two naval oceanographic research centers in Colombia, located in Cartagena and Tumaco, and Vice-Rector for Academic Affairs at the Colombian Naval Academy “Almirante Padilla.” He also served as Scientific Director of two Colombian research expeditions to Antarctica (2016–2017). Since 2018, he has been a full-time professor in the Department of Natural Sciences at Universidad del Norte. His research interests include physical oceanography, particularly regional sea level variability, water masses, and the influence of climate change on the ocean, as well as nautical-related topics. He currently coordinates the Marine Sciences Doctoral Program at Universidad del Norte.

Dr. Pedro Guillermo Feijóo García

Dr. Pedro Guillermo Feijóo García is a Lecturer at the School of Computing Instruction (SCI) at Georgia Institute of Technology. His work integrates human-centered computing and computer science education, with a particular focus on designing interactive, AI-supported learning environments. A Fulbright scholar and Colombian native, he earned his Ph.D. from the University of Florida, where he conducted pioneering research on intelligent virtual agents to support the mental health of students in computing-related fields. He is the director of the People-Agents Research for Computing Education (PARCE) Lab, where his research focuses on human-AI interaction, computer science education, the hidden curriculum in computing education, software engineering education, and agent-supported learning environments. Dr. Feijóo García has more than fifteen years of teaching experience in higher education institutions across North and South America, contributing to teaching and learning processes in engineering, computing, and technological innovation.

Dr. Pedro Villalba

Pedro Javier Villalba Amaris, Ph.D. in Biomedical Engineering, is an Associate Professor in the Department of Medicine at Universidad del Norte and Academic Coordinator of its Biomedical Engineering programs. His work focuses on the intersection of engineering, medicine, and health innovation, with research interests in biomedical



technologies, medical devices, biosensors, and translational healthcare solutions. Through his teaching and research, he promotes interdisciplinary solutions to improve healthcare systems and patient outcomes.

