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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – Illinois Wesleyan University senior Emily Coles has been awarded a Fulbright grant to teach in Bulgaria.

Operating in 150 countries worldwide, the Fulbright Program is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. Envisioned by U.S. Sen. J. William Fulbright in 1945, the program promotes a mutual understanding between people of the United States and other countries of the world. Since its inception, more than 100,000 Americans have studied, taught or researched abroad with the program.

“Fulbright program participants possess strong academic merit, great leadership potential a passion for exploring and resolving international concerns,” said Fulbright advisor and Associate Professor of Hispanic Studies Christina Isabelli-Garcia.

“Fellowships are awarded competitively to candidates nationally who best and most clearly demonstrate how the Fulbright experience will enhance their future activities as well as impact the community where they are placed.”

Coles will begin her 10-month work teaching English in Blagoevgrad, Bulgaria, this September. “This is such an incredible program. It is such an honor to be chosen,” said Coles, who also plans to volunteer for a non-governmental organization while she is in Bulgaria. “I look forward to the chance to expand my experience in a new and challenging environment.”

An international studies and French double major from Champaign, Ill., Coles has traveled extensively throughout her college career, performing internships at the Dutch Parliament in The Hague, the World Health Organization in Geneva, Switzerland, and for the U.S. Embassy in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Coles has been named to several honors societies, including Phi Beta Kappa, the international honors society Phi Beta Delta, the national French honor society Pi Delta Phi and the national first-year honors society Phi Eta Sigma. She is a member of the Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity, and is an active volunteer for the Humane Society.



Emily Coles

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