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Three recent University of Dayton graduates have been awarded prestigious grants — including two Fulbright scholarships — for international study.

Milena Pisani will travel to Honduras on a Fulbright Full Grant. She will return to Honduras to continue work that began last year through the engineering department’s ETHOS program (Engineers in Technical Humanitarian Opportunities of Service Learning). Pisani will work on a prototype rain collection system to supply water to a vegetable garden and construct similar systems in two additional villages. She received an undergraduate degree in civil engineering this month.

Andy Roberts will travel to Thailand on a Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship. Roberts will teach English and American culture. Roberts also received an undergraduate degree in education and allied studies this month.

Luke Bowman was awarded an Austrian Ministry of Education’s Teaching Assistantship by the Austrian-American Educational Commission. Bowman will teach English class and American culture. Bowman graduated this year with a master’s degree in English.

The Fulbright Program is the flagship international educational exchange program sponsored by the U.S. government and is designed to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and other countries.

"These programs are very competitive; only about 17 percent of Fulbright applicants win an award," said Laura Cotten, University of Dayton associate director for fellowships and graduate school. "We are proud that three of our students are being honored with these prestigious awards."

Cotten, who assists students in applying for Fulbright grants and other scholarships, said this year's grants bring the total number of Fulbright scholarships won by University of Dayton students to 15.

For more information on the Fulbright program or other scholarships, contact Laura Cotten at honorsinfo@udayton.edu.