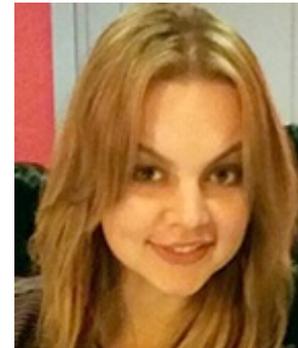


Profile of Success: Anastasia Korolkova, FWA Mentee Alum & Fulbright Winner

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If you know what a Fulbright scholar is, you know they rank as some of the most accomplished people in the world. Over 50 have won a Nobel Prize and 10 have been elected to Congress. Would you have guessed that the FWA had a hand in one young woman getting a Fulbright Scholarship?

Yes, the FWA's very own 'graduate' mentee, Anastasia Korolkova, has just been named a Fulbright scholar for study in Mexico. Born in the Ukraine, but raised in Brooklyn, Anastasia will soon earn her MS in statistics in 2015. Her accomplishments go on – but statistics is nearly enough! How did she do it? Read more to find out!



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Question: What made your family make the move from the Ukraine to Brooklyn?

A: My family moved for economic opportunity.

Question: How has being an FWA mentee benefited your life?

A: My FWA mentor, Pat Koza, has been a tremendous influence. She not only guided me professionally, providing advice on resumes and interviews, but has also shown great care for my personal development. I especially thank Pat for my connection to my Fulbright research site, since she informed me about the organization back in college, when I shared my interest in youth services and Spanish language.

Question: What is some advice you would give to other women who are first generation American looking to advance their careers?

A: Hard work matters, as does seeking out mentors, be they teachers, bosses, or formal guides; people who have reached the goal you seek can help navigate the necessary path.

Question: How will you leverage the prestigious Fulbright opportunity?

A: As a Fulbright grantee, I will research the effectiveness of peer education as a youth empowerment strategy in preventing teen pregnancy in Mexico. The application process began last April, when I consulted with Baruch advisers on a project proposal. Most of the writing and outreach for academic support in Mexico took place over the summer. In the fall, faculty and friends graciously reviewed my drafts, evaluated my language ability and provided recommendations. I was notified regarding candidacy in January, interviewed with the Mexican selection committee in February, and received selection notification in March.