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IRVINGTON, NEW YORK, USA, August 22, 2022 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The Okinawa Institute for Science & Technology (OIST) Foundation in partnership with the Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology Graduate University's Center for Professional Development & Inclusive Excellence (C-HUB), the Wilbury Theatre Group, and University of California Science to Policy, with funding from The Japan Foundation names:

The Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology (OIST) Foundation, the Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology Graduate University's Center for Professional Development & Inclusive Excellence (C-HUB), the Wilbury Theatre Group, and University of California, Riverside Science to Policy --- named 22 Fellows for the inaugural Japan-U.S. Science Communication & Policy Fellowship Network Program, funded by The Japan Foundation.

The new Fellows, who are based in Japan and the U.S., represent a broad spectrum of scientific disciplines and research areas, ranging from PhD students to assistant professors and scientists. All were selected for their scientific achievements, commitment to strengthening Japan-U.S. relations, and desire to communicate effectively and strategically about scientific discoveries and research to policymakers and the public.

Through the program, these early-career scientists from Japan and the U.S. will engage in bilateral training and exchange for effective communication towards strategic collaboration with



policymakers. Selected Fellows will participate in a year-long cohort experience and receive training to communicate science-informed policy to a wide audience, promoting meaningful cooperation between the two countries on global challenges by bridging a critical gap between science and policy.

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OIST C-Hub | <https://groups.oist.jp/c-hub/about-c-hub>

OIST | <https://www.oist.jp>

Wilbury Theatre Group | www.thewilburygroup.org

UCR Science to Policy | <https://sciencetopolicy.ucr.edu>

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PhD Candidate | Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology – Materials Science & Engineering

Lilian Azer

PhD Candidate | University of California, Riverside – Cognition and Cognitive Neuroscience

Sandra Liliana Atehortua Bueno

PhD Postdoc Researcher | Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory – Chemistry

Sarah Bobardt

PhD Candidate | University of California, Riverside - Genetics, Genomics, and Bioinformatics

Marcy Cage

PhD Candidate | Center for Lung Biology, University of South Alabama College of Medicine – Lung Biology & Air Pollution

Miles Desforges

PhD Candidate | Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology Graduate School – Neuroscience

Yuna Hattori

PhD Candidate | Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology – Fluid Mechanics

Michael Izumiyama

PhD Candidate | Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology – Marine Biology

Takehito Kamata

PhD Professor | Sophia University – Higher Education

Ruvi Lecamwasam

PhD Postdoc Researcher | Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology – Quantum Metrology

Natalie Linton

Epidemiologist | State Public Health – Infectious Disease Modeling

Albert Mufundirwa

PhD Postdoc Researcher | Japan Synchrotron Radiation Research Institute – Materials for Fuel Cells

William Makoto Ota

PhD Candidate | University of California, Riverside – Freshwater Urban Ecology

Jamila Rodrigues,

PhD Postdoc Researcher | Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology – Embodied Cognitive Science & Anthropology

Jenna Roper

PhD Candidate | University of California, Riverside – Bioengineering

Collin Stecker

PhD Professor | Institute for Chemical Reaction Design and Discovery, Hokkaido University – Materials Science

Maki Kohata Thomas

PhD Candidate | Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology – Marine Biophysics

Agnes Varghese

CCST Science and Technology Policy Fellow | California Governor's Office of Emergency Services – Disaster Recovery

Tiffany Victor-Lovelace

Assistant Scientist | Brookhaven National Laboratory – Biological Chemistry

Katherine Yanagi

PhD Postdoc Fellow | Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center – Cellular/Molecular Biology & Genetics

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PhD Graduate | University of Michigan – Climate & Space Sciences & Engineering

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