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# **Presenting Your Credentials in Your Fulbright Application**

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## **TODAY'S WEBINAR: WHAT TO EXPECT**

- **An overview of the Fulbright application process**
- **Highlights of various parts of an application**
- **An opportunity to ask questions! Type any question into the question module on your screen. We will answer as many questions as possible at the end of the presentation.**
- **A review of the materials posted on the CIES Website, [www.cies.org](http://www.cies.org)**

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## Senator J. William Fulbright (1905-1995)



“In the long course of history, having people who understand your thought is much greater security than another submarine.”

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## **General Facts About the Fulbright Scholar Program**

- **Established in 1946**
- **Sends U.S. academics and professionals overseas**
- **Brings scholars and professionals from abroad to the U.S.**
- **Sponsored by U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs**
- **Administered by the Council for International Exchange of Scholars (CIES), a division of the Institute of International Education (IIE)**

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## How to Apply for the “Traditional” Fulbright Program

- **Go to CIES Web site:**  
[www.cies.org/us\\_scholars/us\\_awards/](http://www.cies.org/us_scholars/us_awards/)
  - **Use online Catalogue of Awards and application**
  - **Read program overview, Guidelines, Frequently Asked Questions and Tips for Applying**
  - **Consult Web site for updated award information (DEADLINE AUGUST 2, 2010)**

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## **CIES WEBSITE**

- [www.cies.org/us\\_scholars/us\\_awards/](http://www.cies.org/us_scholars/us_awards/)
- **Core (Traditional) Fulbright Scholar Program**
  - **1/2/3 Page**
    - 1– Eligibility, FAQ’s, Awards Catalog**
    - 2 – Tips, Content Guidelines, Review Criteria, Additional Info.**
    - 3 – Checklist, Application Notification Timeline**

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## **Components of the Online Application**

- **Application Form**
- **Project Statement**
- **Curriculum Vitae or Resume**
- **Course Outlines or Syllabi (for teaching and teaching/research awards)**
- **Select Bibliography (for research awards)**
- **References**
- **Supplemental Materials (depending on award)**
  - **Language Proficiency Report**
  - **Letter of Invitation**
  - **Additional Materials for Applicants in the Arts, Architecture, Writing and Journalism**

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## **PROJECT STATEMENT**

- **Self-introduction to the reviewers.**
- **Opportunity to provide answers to the questions reviewers will have about you.**
- **For example:**
  - **Why you are interested in a Fulbright and why in this particular place?**
  - **What professional experiences and skills do you offer a host institution and host country?**
  - **What do you hope to gain from the experience, i.e., the lasting impact on you?**
  - **How adaptable are you? How well will you deal with challenging situations?**

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## **Project Statement**

- **Three “Cs” rule**
  - **Complete**
  - **Clear**
  - **Compelling**
- **Do your homework: research host country and institution and award particulars**
- **Tell the reviewers why you seek the experience and in this particular place**

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## **ONLINE RESOURCES FOR PROJECT STATEMENTS**

- **Tips for Applying**
- **Content Guidelines**
- **Webinar Presentation: Crafting Your Project Statement.**  
**(Archived video and PowerPoint presentation)**
- **Project Statement Guidance** –
- **Excerpts from various project statements divided into groups, by topic.**
- **Samples not shared to suggest that you copy their approach or even tone. Each project statement is unique.**
- **Some excerpts have been modified to remove personally identifiable information. This helps to emphasize their overall communicative qualities, not the particular applicant or proposed host country.**

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## **CURRICULUM VITAE or** **RESUME**

- **Very important part of the review process in US and abroad**
- **Fills in the biographical information that there is no space for in the Project Statement**
- **Up-to-date**
- **Fulbright Scholar Program – 6 pages**  
**Distinguished Chairs Program – 8 pages**
- **Well organized – typically by topic**
  - **Education, Employment, Publications, Service**

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## **COURSE OUTLINES or SYLLABI**

- **For teaching and teaching/research awards**
  - **Two or three course syllabi or sample course outlines**
  - **Relevant to your planned grant activity**
  - **Designed by you**
  - **Expressive of your philosophy of teaching**
  - **Indicate when they were used or that they have been developed for your application.**
- **Syllabi and reading lists should be no more than a total of 10 pages.**

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## **SELECT BIBLIOGRAPHY - RESEARCH**

- **You should attach a bibliography relevant to your proposed project.**
- **It should reflect the current state of research on the proposed topic.**
- **Reflects your knowledge of the field and the current state of research in it.**
- **The bibliography should not exceed 3 pages.**

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## **LETTERS OF REFERENCE**

- **3 Letters for all applications**
- **Teaching or Teaching/Research awards – one reference should address teaching**
- **Teaching reference should be written by someone who has observed your teaching, usually department chair or dean**
- **Should speak to who you are, your work, your interests, your commitment, your project and its impact**
- **Best if there is a mix of referees between home institution and those outside the home institution**

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## **SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS**

- **Depends on the award – not necessary in many cases**
- **Language Proficiency Report**
  - **Teaching – Francophone Africa, Latin America**
  - **Research – ability to conduct research**
- **Letter of Invitation/Interest**
  - **Some country programs require or recommend**
  - **Indicate contact made and applicant is welcome at the hosting institution**
  - **Typically does not involve financial obligation for hosts**
- **Additional Materials for Applicants in the Arts, Architecture, Writing and Journalism**

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## Other Fulbright Programs

- **Fulbright U.S. Student Program**  
for recent graduates, postgraduate candidates up through dissertation level  
and developing professionals and artists to study and research abroad  
managed by Institute of International Education, IIE  
[www.fulbrightonline.org/us](http://www.fulbrightonline.org/us)
- **Fulbright Teacher Exchange**  
principally for primary- and secondary- level educators  
managed by Academy for Educational Development  
<http://www.fulbrightteacherexchange.org/>
- **Fulbright-Hays Awards**  
for faculty research, group projects and seminars abroad in certain social  
sciences and humanities fields  
managed by the International Education and Graduate Programs Service of  
the U.S. Department of Education  
[www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/iegps](http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/iegps)