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FULBRIGHT



Fulbright Application References and Language Requirements

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TODAY'S WEBINAR: WHAT TO EXPECT

- **A brief overview of the Fulbright Program**
- **Information concerning references and the language proficiency report**
- **An opportunity to ask questions! Type any question into the question module on your screen. We will do our best to answer as many questions as possible at the end of the presentation.**
- **If there's time, a guided tour of the CIES Website, www.cies.org**

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.”

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)**



CIES

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a division of the Institute of International Education

What is the “Core” Fulbright Program?

- **The original (“Traditional”) core of the Fulbright program**
- **Over 800 awards each year for U.S. applicants**
- **Grants for Teaching, Research, or both**
- **Lengths vary from 2 to 12 months**
- **Seminars 2 to 3 weeks**

Eligibility Requirements

- **U.S. citizenship**
- **A Ph.D. or equivalent professional/terminal degree in your field**
- **For professionals and artists outside academia, recognized professional standing and substantial accomplishments**
- **Teaching experience as required by award**
- **Limits apply to prior Fulbright Scholar grantees**

How To Find the Right Award for YOU

Use Catalog Search Tools

- **Decide if you want to teach, research or do both (referred to as “Activity”).**
- **Search the online [Catalog of Awards](#) by World Area and Country.**
- **Use the Awards by Discipline Index search.**
- **Discipline Index lists available awards in that field starting with All Disciplines openings.**
- **For non-academics, limit your search by clicking on Ph.D. Required: No (or Doesn't Matter: Match All).**
- **Contact CIES program officer(s) for more information about awards and countries.**

Letters of Reference

- **Type varies by award activity-need three letters for both research and teaching**
- **Research Awards – three letters of reference**
- **Teaching or Teaching/Research Award – one teaching report and two letters of references written by different individuals**
- **Travel Only Teaching or Teaching/Research Award - one teaching report, names and addresses of other referees who can be contacted by CIES, if necessary**

Recommendations Concerning References

- **Share a copy of your proposal with your referees.**
- **References should be from persons able to evaluate your professional work, including teaching effectiveness; the abilities you bring to your project; your ability to adapt; and the merits of the project.**
- **At least one letter should be from a colleague in your field who is outside your home institution.**
- **The departmental chair, dean, or other appropriate individual at your home institution should complete the teaching report.**
- **If you have recently moved to a new home institution, one of the reference letters should be from your previous institution.**
- **If your doctorate or master's degree is recent or you are early in your career, one reference should be from the supervisor of your graduate program.**
- **Referees should keep an electronic copy of the letters they submit.**

References and Requirements

- **The applicant is responsible for notifying referees of their request for letters and for ensuring those letters are submitted to CIES by the August 2nd deadline.**
- **All references must be in English.**
- **The online application allows referees to submit their letters electronically and use of this system is required (fill out page 5). You may start your application now and register your referees in the online application so that the system will send the request to them. They do not have to submit the letters before you submit your application. If the problems are encountered, referees should contact FSPonline@iie.org or the Program Officer for assistance.**
- **Do not exceed the indicated number of references for the type of award you have chosen.**

General Information About the Language Proficiency Report

- **Applicants for awards that require knowledge of a foreign language must submit the Language Proficiency Report.**
- **Consult the awards catalog for specific requirements for your award.**
- **Some countries/programs maintain flexibility in their requirements, especially if you secure a letter of invitation indicating flexibility with regard to language or you can demonstrate that a proposed project can be executed with limited language skills. Consult the appropriate CIES program officer.**
- **If you have questions such as whether a language report is required for a host where English is typically used or if you have native speaker fluency, contact the appropriate CIES program officer.**

Submitting a Language Proficiency Report

- **The Language Proficiency Report has two sections – Part I is completed by the applicant. Part II is completed by an appropriate individual who is in the position to evaluate the applicant’s foreign language ability.**
- **No specific test or assessment, how your referee evaluates your proficiency is up to him/her.**
- **Make sure the report comes from someone who can evaluate, accurately, your language skills.**
- **Technical guidelines for submitting the Language Proficiency Report can be accessed by reviewing online application instructions via http://www.cies.org/us_scholars/us_awards/ApplicationInstructions.htm**

Language Reports by Region

- **English is sufficient for most lecturing awards.**
- **Research awards require knowledge of language as appropriate for project.**
- **Latin American countries may require Spanish or Portuguese. However, there may be some flexibility.**
- **Francophone and Portuguese-speaking Africa generally requires proficiency, but there are exceptions.**
- **Some awards in the Middle East may require Arabic.**
- **For concrete details, contact the appropriate CIES program officer.**

Q&A

Note: We will answer as many questions as we can during today's broadcast. If we do not get to your question, please send an email to agreenwell@iie.org

Thank you for your time today

- **Fulbright Scholar Webinars are held each Wednesday at 2 PM Eastern (through July 2010), and include World Region Workshops and Application Workshops.**
- **Visit www.cies.org for the remaining Webinar schedule and Campus Workshop schedules.**

For More Information . . .

- **Explore the Core U.S. Fulbright Scholar Program via http://www.cies.org/us_scholars/us_awards/**
- **For helpful updates and information be sure to sign up for My Fulbright by going to our [website](#) and registering for an account.**



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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
- **Fulbright Teacher Exchange**
principally for primary- and secondary- level educators managed by Academy for Educational Development
<http://www.fulbrightteacherexchange.org/>
- **Fulbright-Hays Award**
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/oie/iegps