Europe and Eurasia Virtual Advising

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The Fulbright Program

-established 1946 to expand and strengthen the relationships between the people of the United States and citizens of the rest of the world

-sponsored by U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs and administered by the Institute of International Education’s Council for International Exchange of Scholars (CIES)
Eligibility for U.S. Scholar Programs

- U.S. citizenship
- Degree as required by award
  - Ph.D. or other terminal degree may be required
  - Many awards are open to applicants with a Master’s and professional or academic experience
  - Recent Master’s degree recipients and undergraduate degree holders are eligible for the Fulbright U.S. Student Program
- Open to professionals and artists outside academia with recognized standing and substantial accomplishments
- Teaching experience as required by award
- Candidates who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces are encouraged to apply
- New policies on previous Fulbright Scholar grants and waiting periods between grants
Selecting the Right Award

- Match your expertise, experience and proposal to the award description
- Regional experience and language ability
- Discipline preferences listed in the award
- Relevance of the project to the country; why will host country benefit from your project?
- Career level - early career, postdoctoral, mid-level, Distinguished Chair
Application Components

- Application Form
- Project Statement
- Curriculum Vitae or Resume
- Letters of Reference
- Additional components, depending on award
  - Course Outlines or Syllabi (for teaching awards)
  - Select Bibliography (for research awards)
  - Language Proficiency Report
  - Letter of Invitation
  - Supplemental materials for applicants in the Arts, Architecture, Writing and Journalism
Project Statement

- Your opportunity to lay out your proposed **project specifics** in as much detail as possible
- Why Fulbright and why this country/institution/organizations?
- Focus on what you plan to **do**; the specific courses you plan to teach/the methods and goals of your research
- Outcomes from the grant - impact on hosts, home institution and you
- How adaptable are you? How well will you deal with challenging situations?
Affiliations and Invitations

Host Institution:
- If a host is identified, it will be found under Location in the Catalog
- When a host is not identified, there are several resources to help find an affiliation:
  - International office on your campus
  - U.S. and Visiting Fulbright Scholar Directory
  - Review award description for suggested hosts or resources

Letter of Invitation:
- Non-binding expression of interest from proposed host abroad
- Should come from person with whom you will be collaborating
- Should be on host institution letterhead
Submitting a Competitive Application

- Address the Fulbright goal of promoting mutual understanding
- Why you are interested in a Fulbright and why in your proposed host country
- Professional expertise and skills you can offer; benefits to the host institution and host country; exchange of knowledge and experience
- Cultural diplomacy; demonstrated flexibility, adaptability
- Outcomes, impact, and multiplier effect
  - for your professional development, home campus, students, field at large; for your host institution
  - future collaborations; linkages: personal, professional, institutional; plans for sustaining relationships
  - internationalizing campus and curriculum
Review Process and Timeline

**SEPT. 16**
Application deadline

**SEPT.**
Program staff conduct technical reviews for completeness

**OCT. - NOV.**
U.S. peer review

**DEC.**
Applicants notified of status - Recommended applications are sent to host countries and to the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board

**JAN. – APR.**
Grantees notified of final approvals

**MAY – onward**
Grantees prepare for grants
Application Resources

- Fulbright Scholar Program website and Catalog of Awards

- Apply
  - Application and Application Instructions
  - Application Guidelines, Project Statement Guidance and Samples

- Learn
  - Webinars
  - The Fulbright Scholar Blog

- Connect
  - MyFulbright
Fulbright Scholar Program

Open Q & A
Frequently Asked Questions

Q: How can I contact you?
A: E-mail addresses are listed in the award descriptions.

Q: When is the application deadline?
A: September 16, 2019

Q: Can I apply to two or more awards in the same competition?
A: No, applicants must select one award.

Q: Is there a preference for teaching, research, or teaching/research? What proportion is required for teaching/research?
A: See award description for any stated preferences; generally open to design of project and capacity of host institution if not otherwise stated in award.
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