Statement of Grant Purpose
Workshop
What is the Statement of Grant Purpose?

• A formal, academic document that sells *you*

• A two-page document that is formatted as follows:
  • Single spacing

  • Times New Roman font, size 12

  • Standard 1” margins

• A three-line heading that reads
  • STATEMENT OF GRANT PURPOSE
  • Name, Country, Field of Study
  • Title of Project (as it appears on page 2 of your application)

• Do not include any bibliographies, publications, citations, etc., except those that will fit in the two-page limit.
Getting Started, Part 1

• What do you propose to do? What is exciting, new or unique about your project? What contribution will the project make to the Fulbright objective of promoting cross-cultural interaction and mutual understanding?

• Why do you want to do it? What is important or significant about the project?

• With whom do you propose to work? (scholars/experts)

• When will you carry out your study or research? Include a timeline.
Getting Started, Part 2

• Where do you propose to conduct your study or research? Why is it important to go to the host country to carry out your project?

• How will you carry out your work? All students should discuss methodology and goals in their statements.

• How will your project help further your academic or professional development?

• Your project statement should contain a clear commitment to and description of how you will engage with the host country community.
Feasibility

• You must also demonstrate that the project research strategy is feasible, including its time frame:
  • How will the culture and politics of the host country impact your work?
  • How do the resources of the host country support your project?
  • If employing such research methods as extensive interviewing and the use of questionnaires, how will you locate your subjects?
  • Is your language facility adequate? If not, how will you accomplish your work?
  • What are your plans for improving your language skills, if they are not adequate at the time of application?
**GENERAL TOPIC OF WIDE INTEREST**
(Global Warming, Immigration Reform, Cancer, Etc.)

Brief Ref. to Literature I  Brief Ref. to Literature II

"**HOWEVER,** scholars in these fields have not yet adequately addressed XXXX..."

**GAP IN KNOWLEDGE**
1. **Urgency:** This gap is bad!!!
2. **Hero Narrative:** I will fill this gap!!!

**YOUR RESEARCH QUESTION**
“I am applying XXX to support my research on YYY"

**SPECIFICS OF YOUR RESEARCH**
(background info, location, history, context, limitations, etc.)

**METHODOLOGY**
(Discipline specific)

**TIMELINE**
(Month-by-month plan)

**ENGAGEMENT**
(How you plan to engage with the community)

**STRONG CONCLUSION!!!!**
(“I expect this research to contribute to debates on xxx” & “I plan to submit my completed project for publication at ZZZ journal"

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*Adapted from Karen Kelsky’s “Foolproof Research Proposal Template*
Break into pairs and evaluate the sample. Can you identify clear, concise, and elegantly phrased answers to the following questions?

- What is the proposed research, and why does it matter?
- Why does the research have to take place in the host country?
- Who are the affiliates, and what support/guidance/insights will they provide?
- What is the methodology and project timeline?
- What will the final outcome of this project be?
- How does the grant contribute to the applicant's future career plans?
- How does this project increase mutual understanding between the US and the host country?
Letters of Affiliation

• Host countries define what type of affiliation is acceptable (typically a university or research institution)

• Typically, only 1 letter is required for independent research projects, and no letters are required for study project.

• I strongly urge research applicants to obtain 2 LOAs and study applicants to obtain 1 conditional LOA

• Letters must be:
  • Typed on letterhead
  • Signed
  • Scanned as a pdf and uploaded by you into your application
Next Steps

• Complete the Preliminary Application and submit it via email by April 24, 2017
  • http://academics.lmu.edu/onif/studentresources/fulbright/

• Create a login in the Fulbright Embark application system
  • https://apply.embark.com/student/fulbright/usa/29//default.asp

• Start developing your ideas and researching potential affiliates

• Notify your recommenders of your intent to apply

• Mentor pairings will be announced by mid-May