FULBRIGHT APPLICATION OVERVIEW

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July 1: Drafts Due to ONIF, Create Embark account, & Submit ONIF Waiver
July 1*: If Applicable, Schedule Language Evaluation
August 1*: If Applicable, Obtain Letter(s) of Affiliation
August 24: Submit Availability for Campus Interviews
August 24: Optional Before You Submit Webinar at 12 p.m. PST
August 31: Campus Deadline, All App Materials Submitted in Embark
September 10-21: Campus Interviews
October 9: 2 p.m. PST, National Application Deadline

*Recommended deadline
FULBRIGHT FACULTY MENTORS

• DO NOT replace faculty support from within your discipline
• Help you refine your proposal and essays
  • WILL NOT define your proposal for you
• Are Fulbright “experts,” and will help you bring out the Fulbright selection criteria in your application
• May assign their own deadlines and checkpoints
• Refer to the mentee guidelines if you have questions

If you do not wish to work with a mentor, please let ONIF know ASAP!!
FULBRIGHT SELECTION CRITERIA

• Extent to which the candidate and the project will help to advance the **Fulbright aim of promoting mutual understanding among nations** through engagement in the host community, among other activities

• Quality and feasibility of the proposal as described in the **Statement of Grant Purpose**

• Academic or professional record

• Personal qualifications

• Language preparation

• Requirements of the program in individual countries
KNOW YOUR COUNTRY: THE GRANT PAGE

• Know your country grant page backwards & forwards!
  • When will your grant will begin? Check the grant page.
  • What does “intermediate” language skills means? Check the grant page.
  • Where will you be placed in-country? Check the grant page.
KNOW YOUR COUNTRY: RESEARCH

- Who governs the people?
- What is the current political climate?
- Are there trends or innovations in your discipline in X country?
- Create a Google alert (see attachment) to keep up-to-date on current affairs in your host country
ETA AWARDS

• What is your teaching experience?
  • How will you engage your students?
  • What is your approach to teaching?

• What is your community engagement project or activity?

• Why have you selected to teach in X country?
  • Age group of students?
  • Culture?
  • Politics?
  • Religion?
RESEARCH/CREATIVE AWARDS

• Letter(s) of Affiliation

• Feasibility
  • What is your project timeline? Week by week? Month by month?
  • Do you need an IRB/are you proposing to work with human subjects?
  • Does your project fulfill the Fulbright mission?
  • Karen’s Famous and Foolproof Research Proposal Template—see attachment.

• Do you have a back-up grant in mind?
STUDY AWARDS

• Incorporate all tips and suggestions from the research/creative arts slide
  • Letter(s) Affiliation = Pre-Admission Letter
  • Even if it’s not required, DO IT

• Most require you to apply to the graduate program directly, as well as to Fulbright
  • YOU MUST MEET THE MINIMUM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS OF THE PROGRAM

• Study awards, in many cases, are the most competitive of Fulbright grants

• Do you have a back-up grant?
FAQS

Q: When should I select a FINAL Country/Grant?
A: ASAP. It's okay to have a back-up in case your first choice

Q: What are some common application issues?
A. ETA- not demonstrating HOW you will engage your students in the classroom and not addressing in detail WHY you have selected to teach in X country

Study- not applying for admissions into the graduate program and NOT addressing in detail WHY you need to study in X country and HOW it meets the Fulbright mission

Research/Creative Arts- not proposing a feasible project given the timeline and NOT addressing in detail WHY your project needs to take place in X country and HOW it meets the Fulbright mission
FAQS

Q. How many LMU students have been offered grants?
A. 

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Q. Can other LMU students/alumni still apply if they haven’t contacted ONIF?
A. It depends. If they are interested in an ETA award, yes. If they are interested in a Study, Research, or Creative Arts award, they should contact ONIF ASAP.
APPLICATION ADVICE FROM LMU FULBRIGHTERS

“Start early so you can have as many people as possible read over your application. Reach out to your support network at LMU, they have a wealth of knowledge.” – Andrea Castellanos, 2018-19 ETA to Spain

“The most challenging part of the application was being able to consolidate the many experiences I’ve had and connecting it to the country I applied to.” – Jesse Jovel, 2018-19 ETA to Colombia

“Keep telling yourself that you can do it! If you believe this process is possible then you will eventually reap the benefits of your labor.” – Simone Wilson, 2018-19 ETA to Korea

“A lot of people will tell you that the odds are low that you will receive the scholarship, do not listen to those people. Take the constructive feedback from your mentor and professors and use it to create the best application that you can. Remain focused throughout the entire process.” – Nadine Iskandar, 2018-19 Study Award to Belgium
REVIEW OF APPLICATION COMPONENTS

• **Embark Fulbright Online Application** - Register by July 1

• Statement of Grant Purpose
  - 1 page (ETA) or 2 page (Study/Research/Creative Arts) document outlining why you are interested in teaching English to non-native speakers in X country

• Personal Statement
  - 1-page narrative that gives the reviewers a picture of you as an individual

• Foreign Language Forms, if applicable

• 3 Reference Forms

• Unofficial transcript(s) uploaded to Embark

• Creative Portfolio, if applicable
ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

• Fulbright [website]
  o Tutorials & Upcoming Webinars
  o Embark Online Application

• Instructions for ETA Reference Writers
  o ETA Reference Request Form (Optional)

• Instructions for Study/Research Reference Writers
  o Study/Research Reference Request Form (Optional)

• Foreign Language Evaluation Instructions

• LMU ONIF Connections LinkedIn Group

• LMU’S Office of International Students & Scholars (OISS)
  o Connect with international students studying at LMU

• Faculty
  o LMU Faculty Fulbrighters Directory

• Career Professional Development

• Mango Languages App, Duolingo Languages App, Rosetta Stone
  (Reserve Rosetta Stone for free at your local library)

✓ Additional Fulbright-Like Opportunities
QUESTIONS

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