Fulbright Application Procedures and Timeline

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Where do I apply?

If you are a full-time enrolled Temple student, you MUST apply through Fellowships Advising and meet the campus deadline. Information and advising are available at Fellowships Advising for Temple applicants. If you are not currently enrolled as a Temple University student, you MAY take advantage of the campus evaluation process or you may choose to apply as an at-large candidate directly to the Institute of International Education (IIE). At-large applicants should review information for at-large candidates available on the Fulbright US Student Program website at http://us.fulbrightonline.org/applicants/getting-started.

What is involved in the application?

The application, which must be completed on line, consists of the following:

- Statement of grant purpose-- two pages (only one page for ETA applicants)
- Personal Statement (one page narrative intellectual history of yourself)
- Clinton-Fulbright Fellowship requires an additional statement
- Three academic references
- Foreign Language Proficiency Evaluation (where necessary)
- Film/video, images, etc. as outlined in the “Supplementary Materials” section of the website for creative and performing arts applicants
- One official or unofficial academic transcript from each post-secondary institution from which you received a degree. Additional transcripts should be uploaded for coursework and grades not reflected on degree-granting transcripts.
- Letter(s) of support from faculty, researchers or universities overseas indicating that they have reviewed your proposal and can in some way be of assistance to you while you are abroad. These letters vary, depending on the proposal, but might, for example, be a letter of preliminary acceptance from a university where you would like to study, a letter from a library granting you access to archives, or a letter from a scholar with whom you wish to study.

Detailed instructions are available at: http://us.fulbrightonline.org/
First Steps: Gathering Information

The following is a list of preliminary steps to take if you are interested in applying:

- Schedule an appointment with Dana Dawson, Temple’s student Fulbright adviser. This is your opportunity to ask more in-depth questions regarding the Fulbright application process. Email dgdawson@temple.edu for instructions.
- Take advantage of the resources on the Fulbright program website (us.fulbrightonline.org). Here you can find directories of former winners with their project titles, current and archived Fulbright applicant newsletters, which include questions submitted by applicants and answered by program officers from IIE, and the most current information and program updates for the Fulbright Scholarship Program, Institute of International Education: us.fulbrightonline.org
- *UK Fulbright Commission (for updates on U.K. program): www.fulbright.co.uk
- *Additional site for Colleges and Universities outside the U.S.: http://univ.cc/
- Consult your academic advisor and professors about your plans. Get them acquainted with your ideas. Fellowships Advising can also help put you in touch with Temple faculty, staff, and students who have indicated a willingness to advise students with the Fulbright application process. Please do not hesitate to contact them.
- Familiarize yourself with the educational resources (universities, research institutes, faculty, archives, etc.) available in the country of interest. If your proposal will include studying or conducting research at a particular overseas university or institute, it is your responsibility to gain admission or access to that institution. As such, Fulbright applicants should try to obtain detailed knowledge of programs, courses, or other educational opportunities (particularly faculty members) available at their chosen institution. The Education Abroad Office has quite a bit of helpful information to get you started on this process, including some overseas university catalogs.

What is the application timeline?

Spring/Summer:

- Research overseas university systems and study opportunities.
- Consult your academic advisors and professors.
- Make your decision whether or not to apply.

If you decide to apply,

- Make an appointment to meet with Dana Dawson, Temple’s student Fulbright adviser.
- Contact potential recommenders.
- Participate in an IIE webinar.
- Solicit information from various overseas universities, organizations, and contacts pertinent to your project proposal.
- Assemble preliminary application, reviewing and revising materials.
- Individual advising appointments are available with Fellowships Advising. If available, please submit drafts of essays, activities list, and transcript prior to appointment.
- Send your recommenders reference forms and draft essays.
- Submit draft of application materials for Education Abroad comments and critique.
• Final revisions of essays.

March 31, 2015: 2016-2017 Fulbright competition opens

September 1, 2015: Preliminary application deadline. Applications completed by this date, including references and transcripts, will receive a preliminary review by Temple faculty and applicants will have the opportunity to receive feedback.

September 15, 2015: Final deadline for Temple applicants. The application, including all supporting documents, must be in the Fulbright Embark on-line application system.

September 28-October 9, 2015: Campus Interviews

October 13, 2015: Fulbright national deadline (for at-large candidates)

November-December, 2015: National screening committees meet to review applications

February 2016: Results of national screenings announced.

Spring/Summer 2016: Final Results from individual country programs announced.