Fulbright U.S. Student Program – 2019-2020 Cycle

**Important Dates**
1) First Week of April 2018: Online application opens
2) August 31, 2017: Campus application deadline for Faculty Committee Interviews/Mentor
3) Last two full weeks of September (Sep 19-28, 2018): Faculty Committee Interviews on UT Campus
4) October 5, 2018: National application deadline
5) January 2019: Semifinalists notified by national committee
6) March-May 2019: Finalists notified by national committee
7) May 2019: Health and Safety Orientation for awardees on UT Campus
8) June 2019-January 2020: Begin program

**Types of Programs**
1) Open Study/Research
   a. See country summaries for awards available
      i. Design your own project
      ii. Master’s program
      iii. Doctoral program
   b. Field Specific Awards
      i. Business, Journalism & Communication, Sciences and Public Health
   c. Graduate Degree Grants
2) English Teaching Assistant
   a. kindergarten to university level placement
   b. 12-20 hours/week
   c. Co-teaching
   d. Community project encouraged
3) Fulbright-Clinton Public Policy (see website)
4) Fulbright-Nat Geo Fellowship (see website)
5) Critical Language Enhancement: Supplemental Grant

**Application Components**
1) Biographical Data
   a) Open to U.S. citizens only
2) Statement of Grant Purpose
   a) ETAs write one page
      i) Make sure you read country summary to find out the type of placement and number of hours in the classroom
         (1) Universities
            (a) They want an excellent model of English
            (b) May be students wanting to do grad school in the US
            (c) You are a shiny example of America
               i) What can you bring in terms of cultural exchange
            ii) They’ll want you to do some kind of community project or engagement
               (1) Volunteer work, sports, community groups
   b) Research
      i) Need concrete project that can be accomplished in grant time period
         (1) Who, what, why, when, where, how
         (2) Resources, archives, museums, interviews
            (a) How will you get people to talk to?
               i) Using in country contact
            (b) Interviews- IRB process
               i) Human subjects
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3) Affiliation Letter
   a) Only needed for Study/Research
   b) Universities, research institutes, government ministries, arts academy, etc.
      i) Letter should come from professor at foreign university or professional in your field
      ii) Contact professors at UT to see if they have any contacts
      iii) Cold call or email individuals you are interested in working with

4) Personal Statement
   a) A one-page novel about your life
   b) Show adaptability with anecdote
   c) After UT, no one gets to meet you
   d) Think of it like an interview, who are you as a human being
   e) Underlying goal is to create cultural ambassadors abroad
   f) Come across as person who will hit the ground running, get engaged, really interested in country applying to

5) Foreign Language Forms
   a) Different requirements for each country
   b) Contact UT professor who last taught you this language
      i) If you need a Spanish eval, contact Madeline Sutherland-Meier in the Spanish and Portuguese Dept here:
         madelinesm@austin.utexas.edu.
   c) Will you be able to carry out project after short period of immersion

6) References
   a) 3 letters of reference, preferably from professors
      i) Work references only if they are in your field or related field
   b) ETA is an invitation to an online form, short amount of info
   c) Research-talk about the project in the letter
      i) Why this is a good project, why the plan is feasible, why you’re a good candidate

7) Transcripts: must be official

8) Select Countries: Critical Language Enhancement Award Statement
   a) China, Egypt, India, Indonesia, Jordan, Morocco, Russia
      i) Say you’re applying for this on application, statement of grant purpose, and self evaluation
      ii) Shows you’re really interested and country

9) Supplementary Materials
   a) Only for Creative and Performing Arts
      i) Architecture, Creative Writing, Music, Performing Arts, Visual Arts

Timeline FAQs
10) Have you opened up application?
11) Have you looked at Fulbright website?
12) Application Process at UT
   a) Online application
      i) Submit by August 31
   b) Often 3 letters of ref late
      i) Get them in by the time you’re interviewed
   c) Interviews-last 2 weeks of September
      i) Meant to be helpful, not grilling
      ii) 30-45min
      iii) 1-4 interviewers who have read your application
      iv) Do short intro of project

   v) Committee makes suggestions
   d) Post interview
      i) We “unsubmit” your application
      ii) Make corrections
      iii) Rarely huge overhaul
      iv) Will receive email saying someone has been assigned as your mentor
      v) Send MENTOR your changes
      vi) Resubmit
   e) Selection process at national level
      i) Will hear if you’ve made it to round 1 in late January
      ii) Application goes to host country
   f) International level

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i) Awardees will hear from fulbright between March and May, but sometimes as late as June

ii) Contact Area Advisor for specific questions

iii) Multiple applications-later applications usually improve, area advisors may remember you, usually a good thing

iv) Once it’s in the host country, it’s the best of the best