Dear Prospective Fulbright applicant,

At some point you expressed interest in applying for a Fulbright grant in the coming competition cycle. The WU campus application deadline is Tuesday, September 8 – roughly 3 months away – so take advantage of this time to make some decisions and, if you plan to apply, progress. Many of you haven’t yet begun the Embark on-line application and may or may not have begun drafting your essays, which is fine, but now is the time to get started. If you’ve decided not to apply this year, please let us know and we’ll take you off our email list. If you do still intend to apply, read on…

The goal of this and subsequent emails is to keep you on track so that you have time to let your ideas and essays mature before the application deadline. The WU Fulbright website, http://ias.wustl.edu/fulbright, has a lot of good information for all applicants and the more you click, the more you get. In addition, take good advantage of the information on the Fulbright website, http://us.fulbrightonline.org, particularly in the country summaries, and in this email.

Things to do now

For everyone:

- Start working on the on-line application. There is much information to corral.
- Decide who you would like to ask for a recommendation and ask if they are willing.
- Identify your Foreign Language evaluator, if relevant.
- Read (and re-read) the information about the country and type of grant for which you plan to apply to make sure you and your project meet their eligibility criteria and preferences.
- Check the Fulbright website (http://us.fulbrightonline.org/home.html) for upcoming relevant Webinars and other workshops.

For Academic (research and study) grant applicants:

- You should be defining your project ideas and starting to put them to paper.
- Get feedback on your ideas and essay drafts early and often, from people both within and outside your discipline. Dr. Suelzer is happy to read drafts or respond to ideas until mid-August. She cannot tell you what will be successful, but can work with you to define your project based on extensive experience with Fulbright.
- Letters of support and/or affiliation from abroad can be important, so start working to make those connections.
- Share your project details with your recommenders since ideally they should be able to comment on the feasibility of the project and your ability to carry it out.
- If you are applying in the Arts, start working on your portfolio.

For English Teaching Assistantship applicants:

- The Fulbright ETA is not just a funded year abroad before you go on to do something else! Fulbright looks for applicants with a desire to teach English as well as experience
that shows they are capable of successfully doing so. Increasingly, some countries are expressing strong preferences for students with previous English teaching/tutoring experience. Make sure you can speak to your qualifications as well as your interest.

- Remember that your recommenders must answer a set of defined questions – please make sure they are aware of this. Here they are: [http://ias.wustl.edu/files/ias/imce/eta_reference_questions.pdf](http://ias.wustl.edu/files/ias/imce/eta_reference_questions.pdf)
- Start brainstorming and/or drafting your essays.

Dr. Suelzer will be out of the office the week of June 8, but then in consistently until mid-July. During in-office times, she is available by phone, email or appointment.

Best wishes,

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