Dear (Prospective) Fulbright applicant,

The WU campus application deadline is September 9 – roughly 3 weeks away. If you’ve decided not to apply this year, please let us know. If you do still intend to apply, read on…

The goal of this and subsequent emails is to give you the milestones you may need to stay on track. If you haven’t already consulted it, go to the WU Fulbright website: ias.wustl.edu/Fulbright. This may help answer some questions.

A couple of general application notes:

- In the section about past employment, you need only include experiences relevant somehow to your application. Internship experiences or research positions count and can be included in this section, even if they were unpaid. Jobs that taught you a particular skill set you intend to employ in your project can be included, even if the job itself is not directly relevant. You needn’t include a history of jobs taken for the simple purpose of making money for your studies, books, etc. unless you feel they are important somehow to your application. Don’t feel the need to pad this section. If you don’t have experiences that fit, leave it blank.
- In the section about foreign experience, Fulbright will be interested in longer and/or more substantive experiences rather than the two-week family vacation to 5 countries in Europe or Spring Break week on the Riviera Maya. Study abroad, service or educational trips, or time living/working/researching abroad should definitely be included, as should repeated visits to family members abroad, if applicable.
- Dr. Suelzer has extremely limited time to respond to drafts now that the semester has, for all practical purposes, begun. You may send them, but she cannot promise a timely response.
- Binders of successful past proposals are available for consultation in a reading area outside of McMillan 259 during regular business hours. Look for the red binders labeled Fulbright. The two binders have the same content.

Things to do now
For everyone:
- Please remember that Fulbright recommends at minimum 3 weeks to complete a strong ETA application and at minimum 8 weeks to craft a strong Academic grant application. If you are just beginning the application process, know that you probably do not have as much time as would be ideal for the application to come together.
- Keep working on the on-line application; START IT NOW IF YOU HAVEN’T ALREADY DONE SO! It will take you a lot longer than you anticipate.
- Finalize your 3 recommenders and ask for letters if you haven’t already done so.
- Identify your Foreign Language evaluator, if relevant.
- Check the Fulbright website (http://us.fulbrightonline.org/home.html) for upcoming relevant Webinars and other workshops, as well as a variety of blogs,
videos, Twitter feeds, podcasts and transcripts of interviews on different topics in the Multimedia section of the website.

- Continue drafting your personal statement. This takes more drafts than you think it will!
- After submitting your application electronically by 1pm on September 9, all WU applicants MUST meet with Ms. Loomis to review it for completeness and complete an interview scheduling form. To arrange a meeting, please go to https://asapps.artsci.wustl.edu/appts/ Use your Webstac Login; the password for her account is 'loomis'. Meetings will be held Sept. 9 – Sept. 13, 2013. She is in room 254 of McMillan Hall.

For Academic (research and study) grant applicants:
- Continue refining your project ideas and work on drafts.
- Get feedback on your ideas and essay drafts early and often, from people both within and outside your discipline.
- Continue working to make connections that will yield letters of support and/or affiliation from abroad, but know you don’t have an infinite amount of time. Any letters not received by mid-October cannot be considered in the Fulbright National Screening process. Letters received between the WU deadline and mid-October can be added to your application.
- 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 your focus shifts, make sure your recommenders are kept up to date so that their letters accurately reflect your project.
- If you are applying in the Arts, work on your portfolio.

For English Teaching Assistantship applicants:
- Do look at the new content for ETA applicants on the WU Fulbright website, ias.wustl.edu/Fulbright
- Remember that your recommenders must answer a set of defined questions – please make sure they are aware of this.
- Continue drafting your essays. Make sure you can articulate why you have chosen the specific country to which you are applying. Also make sure you are specific about what experiences, talents, and qualities you have that prepare you to be a successful teacher abroad.

Dr. Suelzer expects to be in the office consistently until classes begin and is available by phone, email or appointment. For an appointment, please call 314-935-5958.

Best wishes,

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