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 Monday, September 8 – fewer than 3 months away** – and many of you haven’t yet begun the Embark on-line application and may or may not have begun drafting your essays. 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](http://ias.wustl.edu/fulbright), has a lot of good information and over the summer we hope to enhance the section for English Teaching Assistantships. In addition, take good advantage of the information on the Fulbright website, [http://us.fulbrightonline.org](http://us.fulbrightonline.org), 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.
- Check the Fulbright website ([http://us.fulbrightonline.org/home.html](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.
- 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. 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/ime/eta_reference_questions.pdf](http://ias.wustl.edu/files/ias/ime/eta_reference_questions.pdf)
- Start brainstorming and/or drafting your essays.
Dr. Suelzer’s time in the office will be intermittent until after the week of July 7, but then consistent from July 14 – August 9, and from August 18 until classes begin. During in-office times, she is available by phone, email or appointment.

Best wishes,

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