Dear Prospective Fulbright applicant,

The WU campus application deadline is September 8 – roughly 8 weeks away – and the full Fulbright application must be complete by that date. 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 give you the milestones you may need to stay on track. If you haven’t already consulted it, the WU Fulbright website may offer useful information, [http://ias.wustl.edu/fulbright](http://ias.wustl.edu/fulbright).

Some basic information
Key Fulbright resources:

- Dr. Amy Suelzer, WU Fulbright Program Advisor - administers WU campus Fulbright process and acts as liaison with IIE, the organization that administers the Fulbright US Student Program. Go-to person for general Fulbright questions, project questions, and essay feedback.
- Ms. Toni Loomis, WU Fulbright application coordinator - resident on-line application expert and campus process coordinator. Go-to person for on-line application technical questions and assistance.
- IIE Fulbright Program Managers, IIE staff members in New York with regional program responsibilities. Names and contact information are on the Fulbright website, [https://us.fulbrightonline.org/home.html](https://us.fulbrightonline.org/home.html) - click the “contact” section at the bottom. Often called upon by both applicants and campus FPA with questions that go beyond local knowledge.

Technical notes:

- The Fulbright on-line (Embark) application can be glitchy with some browsers, especially Google Chrome and Safari. If you are having difficulty, try using Firefox, Explorer, or another more mainstream browser.
- Scanned copies of transcripts of all colleges and universities attended must be uploaded to the Fulbright application and they must be legible. If you studied abroad through Washington University and received a transcript from a foreign university or one of our study abroad partner institutions, you can request a copy of that program transcript from Overseas Programs or Olin. If you have technical difficulty, ask Toni for assistance.

Things to do now
For everyone:

- Keep (or start) working on the on-line application. Make sure you list WU as your enrolled institution and Dr. Suelzer as your Fulbright Program Advisor since this will allow us to track your application.
- Identify and ask your recommenders for letters if you haven’t already done so. Make sure they know the campus deadline of September 8 is NOT flexible.
- Identify your Foreign Language evaluator, if relevant. Contact Dr. Suelzer for guidance if necessary.
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. Fulbright has a series of on-line tutorials, which are useful: http://us.fulbrightonline.org/tutorials

Start thinking about your personal statement (curriculum vitae) and perhaps putting ideas to paper. This takes more drafts than you think it will!

If you are in St. Louis, take advantage of our binder of successful application essays. It is available for consultation between 9 and 4, M-F. Check in with Toni in McMillan 254 to get access to the reading room. Only a very small subsection can be shared electronically, but if you are not in St. Louis and wish to see some examples of application essays, please contact us.

For research and study grant applicants:

- Shift from defining to 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. Dr. Suelzer is happy to (and prefers to) read drafts or respond to ideas before August 15.
- Continue working to make connections that will yield letters of support and/or affiliation from abroad.
- 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.
- If you are applying in the Arts, work on your portfolio.
- Remember that Fulbright recommends at least 8 weeks to develop a strong research/study application.

For English Teaching Assistantship applicants:

- Remember that your recommenders must answer a set of defined questions, available on the WU Fulbright website. Please use these questions to help you select appropriate recommenders and make sure they are aware of this!
- You should be able to demonstrate a nuanced understanding of your chosen country in your essays and interview. If you are only superficially familiar with it, start researching!
- Start/Continue drafting your essays.
- Remember that Fulbright recommends at least 4 weeks to develop a strong ETA application.

Dr. Suelzer will be more out of the office than in between July 14 and August 5 but will be trying to respond to emails as time permits. After August 6, she will be in the office consistently until classes begin. She is available by phone, email or appointment. Please send drafts before August 15!

Best wishes,
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