

Application Tips

Fulbright US Scholar Program 2009-2010

Step 1: Register on the Fulbright Website

Visit the Fulbright scholar website: www.cies.org and then click on the “request info” button on the top right corner. Be sure to select the “request e-mail updates” and “download information” options. It is important that you receive any program updates.

Step 2: Select an Award

- Think about your main activity: Research, Lecturing, Research and Lecturing, Professional.
- Decide on the appropriate level: Postdoctorate, mid-career, distinguished.
- Ensure your eligibility: US citizenship, previous experience abroad, previous Fulbright grants.
- Review opportunities by discipline and country.

- Review this overview of the Traditional Fulbright Scholar Program:
http://www.cies.org/us_scholars/us_awards/

- Review this overview of the Fulbright Distinguished Scholars Program
<http://www.cies.org/Chairs/>

- Review this overview of the Fulbright Senior Specialists
<http://www.cies.org/specialists/>

- Review this overview of the Fulbright German Studies Seminars
http://www.cies.org/award_book/award2009/award/Ful9251.htm

Step 3: Carefully Review the Application Guidelines

Three of the most important aspects of your application include:

- Summary of proposed activity (Abstract) (maximum 100 words)
- Project statement (3 to 5 single-spaced pages using 12pt font)
 - How, what, why and benefits of your project.
 - Emphasize the collaborative nature of your research, if possible.
- Letter of invitation
 - Check on the website and with the program officer **if a letter of invitation is recommended.**
 - ***get started early*** if a letter of invitation is recommended
 - The letter complements your application. The letter should be as enthusiastic and specific as possible regarding your proposed activities in country. It should also emphasize the benefits of your visit to the host university and the host country.

Carefully review this site: http://www.cies.org/us_scholars/

Step 4: Resources**A) The Fulbright website: www.cies.org**

In particular, carefully read these pages:

“Tips for Applying”

Traditional Fulbright Program http://www.cies.org/us_scholars/us_awards/Tips.htm

Fulbright Specialists Program – no specific tips so advise reading the Tips for the Traditional Fulbright Program, and reading background information on the FSP such as the newsletter, brochure and scholar stories at http://www.cies.org/specialists/ss_application.htm

Fulbright Distinguished Chairs <http://www.cies.org/Chairs/TipsForApplying.htm>

“Making Contacts Abroad” http://www.cies.org/us_scholars/us_awards/Tips.htm#Developing_Contacts

“Letters of Reference” - http://www.cies.org/us_scholars/us_awards/Tips.htm#Letters

B) Campus Resources

Contact Dr. Nicole Ranganath at the UC Davis international programs office for questions and advice (nranganath@ucdavis.edu). She can also refer you to the 60 UC Davis faculty Fulbright alumni for their experience and advice.

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Step 5: Prepare Your Application**Step 6: Submit Your Application****Step 7: Notify Us of Your Application**

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