



PRE-APPLICATION FOR FULBRIGHT GRANT

for Students in the School of General Studies • Columbia University

Recipients of the Fulbright grant work on a specific research project abroad while being affiliated with a foreign university. The grant covers maintenance costs for study abroad for one year. Students interested in applying for a Fulbright should familiarize themselves with the criteria and qualifications for the Fulbright by going to <http://www.iie.org/fulbright>, in other words, DO YOUR HOMEWORK. Applicants must be U.S. citizens, have an academic background in the subject or area of proposed study, and demonstrate competence to do sustained self-directed research.

The purpose of this pre-application is to assist you in preparing your application in a timely and thorough way. Complete the application questionnaire; all answers should be typed, not hand-written. In preparing your pre-application, please make sure:

- you thoroughly read through the Fulbright website to understand what is appropriate and what is not for a Fulbright grant;
- your project has an intellectual orientation that is research-oriented;
- you choose a university or academic institution in the host-country that would be an appropriate affiliation for your research project;
- you narrow your focus and provide us with precise information on region, topic, question, issue, institutional affiliation, and how your host country will benefit from the research your project will generate and how the U.S. might benefit from a better understanding of this aspect of this country.

Your GS pre-application must be received no later than 5:00 p.m., Friday, April 17, 2009. You may submit the application electronically gsfellowships@columbia.edu; if sending electronically, the subject line should read: "Fulbright Pre-application," and the application itself should be sent as an attachment, not as the content of the email. Students submitting the application electronically must call the office (212-854-2881) on April 17 to verify that the application has been received and is readable (if we cannot open your attachment, you will be required to bring in a paper copy). You may also hand in a paper application to Dean Andrea Solomon by April 17. Put the application in an envelope addressed "Fulbright Pre-application" and hand-deliver the envelope to the 408 Lewisohn Hall.

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Name:

Columbia PID:

Columbia Email:

Main phone number:

Citizenship:

Current Mailing address:

GS Academic advisor:

Major(s):

Departmental advisor:

Concentration:

How many points of transfer credit have you been awarded by GS?

How many credit points have you completed at Columbia to date?

Total number of credit points to date:

Cumulative GPA at Columbia:

**Combined GPA from all accredited institutions you
have been enrolled in (including GS) toward a degree:**

**Previous accredited institutions you have been where you
have been enrolled toward a degree prior to matriculating at GS.**

Other scholarships, fellowships, or grants for which you are applying:

Names and affiliation of 3-5 professors you would ask for references for the Fulbright.

THE COUNTRY

See the Fulbright website www.iie.org/fulbright for information about specific countries, their requirements, and affiliations within the countries for which you are applying. You should fill out a separate pre-application for each country you are considering.

Name of country you wish to study and conduct research in during your Fulbright year?

Will your preferred country support the kind of project you are proposing (as verified by you from information on the Fulbright website). yes no not sure

Main Language of the Country or Region you wish to study in:

What is your level of fluency in the language of this country?

Speaking: _____

Writing: _____

Reading: _____

Who can we contact to verify your language fluency (provide name, affiliation, phone number and email address)

Other relevant languages to your proposed project and country affiliation and your level of fluency:

What is the basis of your knowledge about this country and its language(s)?

Names of institutions and individuals you have been in contact with in the host country about your proposed project.

Institutions in this country you think would provide the best academic affiliation for your intended research project?

Faculty members or advisors at Columbia with whom you have discussed your interests and application for a Fulbright (please provide name and department).

RESEARCH PROJECT

Summary

Summarize your proposed research project. Your summary should also include attention to the following:

- What topic, question, or thesis do you propose to investigate?
- What methodology or theoretical framework will you employ in your investigation?
- How will this project and its findings benefit the larger community and contribute to the Fulbright goal of building mutual understanding?
- Why is this country the appropriate place for this study? If this project could be conducted elsewhere, why have you chosen this country?

Timeline

Provide an annotated timeline for your proposed project. It should be reasonable and demonstrate how you will use your time to reach your goal successfully within the fellowship year.

Relevant experience and research

Explain how you are qualified to carry out your proposed project. Include attention to the following:

- What background and experience do you have relevant to the research project?
- What relevant coursework and research have prepared you to undertake this kind of project?
- If you have been to the country or region of the world in which you are proposing to study, please explain in what capacity.

PERSONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Fulbrighters serve as cultural ambassadors representing the United States and building bridges of understanding. What qualities, strengths, and experiences do you have that prepare you for this important role?