FULBRIGHT APPLICATIONS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON BOTHELL

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Fulbright website: [http://us.fulbrightonline.org/home.html](http://us.fulbrightonline.org/home.html)
Fulbright online application: [https://apply.embark.com/student/fulbright/usa/](https://apply.embark.com/student/fulbright/usa/)

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Please register your interest in applying at: [http://catalysttools.washington.edu/survey/scholarq/36305](http://catalysttools.washington.edu/survey/scholarq/36305)

All applicants who are enrolled at UW during Fall Quarter 2010 MUST apply through the UW Fulbright application process. Alumni are also welcome to go through the UW application process, but are not required to do so.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:

Fulbright applications are submitted online at the website listed above. Please review both the regular Fulbright and the application websites thoroughly before beginning the application process. It is highly recommended that you work on your essay drafts outside of the online application (i.e. in a Word document).

Once your online application is complete, you must submit it online. Any supporting materials (Creative & Performing Arts applicants only) must be turned in to the appropriate UW Fulbright Program Advisor (FPA) listed above.

Complete application instructions are available online. When working in the online application, be sure to save your work every few minutes, so that if you time-out or get disconnected, you don’t lose your work. You can always go back, change the information, and re-save it, up until the time you press the “Submit” button. If you submit the application to the campus FPA and wish to alter it, e-mail her and ask that the application be “unsubmitted” back to you for update.

UW INTERVIEWS:

UW interviews will take place on the Seattle campus Saturday, October 2, 2010. Please make sure your schedule is clear on that day. Interviews will be approximately 20 minutes long and the interview committees will be composed of faculty and staff from a variety of disciplines. You will be notified of your appointment as soon as we can set up the interview schedule. We will try to accommodate your schedule where possible, but you will be expected to make yourself available.

Interviews are yet another way to demonstrate to the national Fulbright screening committees that you can carry out the research/study/teaching you propose and that you will be a good ambassador. The interview committee will be interested in such things as the scope of your research, why you wish to pursue this research, why you need to go abroad to do this research, whether your proposal is
realistic, (i.e., can you complete it in a year’s time, are you prepared to undertake the research), why you have chosen the country you’ve chosen, how you will engage in the local community, etc.

TIPS FROM OUR OFFICE:

1. **Access UW Resources:**
   - **The Office of International Programs and Exchanges**, 459 Schmitz Hall, jpe@u.washington.edu, (206) 221-4404, can help you with the process of finding potential institutions to affiliate with in your selected country.
   - **Kirsten Aoyama**, UW Foster School of Business, fulbrightwa@comcast.net, is a Fulbright alumna, and may be able to put you in contact with other Fulbright Alumni who have been to the world region in which you are interested.
   - Your **departmental faculty** may also have colleagues in many foreign countries. Faculty are also the best people to review your proposal before you submit it. They have the academic background to know if something vital is missing. We cannot stress too much how vital faculty participation in your application is to the success of your application. It is even better to have more than one professor review your proposal.
   - Ask one of the **FPAs** listed above to give you feedback on your proposal and personal statement as well. They have significant experience with this application and can point out areas of strength or weakness in your materials.

2. **References Are Very Important.** This is how you demonstrate to people who will never see you that you are capable of carrying out the research you propose.
   - Ask prospective references if they can honestly give you a good recommendation. Academic references are better than non-academic. Someone who knows you well is better than someone who doesn’t. Make an appointment to talk to your reference letter writers about what you want to do with the Fulbright. Listen to their suggestions.
   - Give your references an abstract of your proposal and the cover form so they know what you are applying for and what is expected from them. **PLEASE NOTE:** The Fulbright office will not accept faxed or emailed letters of reference. If you can’t get a letter of reference to our office by the campus deadline, then a fax is okay but needs to be followed by hard copy.

3. **Follow Directions:**
   - Read directions thoroughly **BEFORE** filling out the application. Assemble application materials in the order specified. Do not include extra material that is not requested. Please collect the paper copies of the sealed reference letters and sealed official transcripts; turn them in with your printed copy of the application. This practice allows you to know that all your material has been submitted.
   - You do not need to attach the official transcript labels to your transcripts if you are applying through the UW. As long as you give the institution the correct name and address of the UW Fulbright Program Advisor, there should be no problem with the transcript reaching us.
   - Do not use staples or fancy folders. They just make it harder for your application to be prepared for review and are unnecessarily costly. Neatness counts, but fancy doesn’t earn extra points.
   - Save a copy of everything you submit. You may be able to use it for similar applications in the future.

4. **Submit on Time.** Applicants who wish to be assured of a campus interview must have the major part of their application in our office by the end of the day on the campus deadline date. No applications will be accepted after the campus deadline has passed. **At-large applicants** should be sure to have the paper application in New York by the national deadline date.

5. **Apply for Everything for Which You Qualify.** Competition can be fierce, so don’t put all your eggs in one basket. Apply for other fellowship opportunities. If you are or will be a graduate student at UW, The Graduate School has some fellowships that fund study abroad. If you are a graduating senior, the Office of Merit Scholarships, Fellowships & Assistantships is your resource for a variety of fellowships.

6. **Remember: Nothing Ventured, Nothing Gained.** This is work, but think of the potential reward. Also, the more experience you get at applying, the better you are at the process. Applying for the Fulbright can help you focus your goals. The interview process is also very beneficial.

7. **If at First You Don’t Succeed, Try Again.** Many fellowships allow you to apply more than once if you are not awarded funding the first time, including the Fulbright. Each year’s Fulbright competition is a blank slate and applicants are often stronger the second or third time around.