



## PRE-APPLICATION FOR A GRADUATE STUDY/RESEARCH FULBRIGHT GRANT

Putting together your own independent project takes a lot of thought and work. The purpose of this pre-application is to assist you in preparing your application in a timely, thorough, and critically reflective fashion while breaking up the essays into more manageable pieces. **Completing this pre-application is an important step in creating a successful application.**

The Fulbright Scholarship Program offers academic-year awards to over 135 countries. Opportunities exist worldwide for independent study, research, formal degree study, and more. Co-sponsored awards are also available at a number of partner universities in the UK. Each country has its own requirements, so please review the country summaries with care. For more information about Fulbright, see the IIE Web site:

<http://us.fulbrightonline.org/>

Name:	Cell Phone:
College & Class Year:	Student ID:
Major:	

Anticipated **recommenders** for the Fulbright (*all must be professors who have taught you or supervised your research; no more than one from outside of CSULB*):

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- Name and department of **language evaluator** (if applicable):

### FRAMING YOUR GRANT PROPOSAL:

- Be prepared to talk about **FEASIBILITY!** *From Fulbright:* "If there could be any question regarding the feasibility of your project or your background or ability to conduct the project, **address the issue directly in your statement.** Enrolled students are urged to consult professors in their major fields and their FPAs about the feasibility of their proposed projects."
- Country** where you want to study:
- Summarize your proposed research/project, including your thesis, and the **importance of this type of project in the larger community:**
- Briefly describe **your knowledge of the local language and/or the country:**
- Why is it necessary that you conduct your research/project in this country?:**
- Check here that you have verified that your preferred country will support your type of project:
- University/research institute/organization where you plan to secure **affiliation:**  
Please see the Fulbright Web site at <http://us.fulbrightonline.org/home.html> for further information on affiliation and country requirements.
- What **professors or other appropriate research supervisors** have you or do you plan to contact at the university/institute/organization abroad?
- Please explain what **methodology** you will use for your project. If pursuing research, what theoretical framework will you employ? If planning interviews, is this acceptable to the host country? How will you devise a valid interview instrument?:
- Please provide a reasonable **timeline** and explanation of how you will successfully carry out your project:
- Explain how you are qualified** to carry out your project:
- What research have you done** that supports and/or informs this type of project/methodology?:



- **What other experience** do you have that qualifies you to carry out this project?:
- FULBRIGHT'S GOALS:
- *From Fulbright:* "Your project statement should contain a **clear commitment to and description of how you will engage with the host country community.**"
- How will you and your project fulfill Fulbright's goal of **mutual understanding**?:
- What experiences or strengths have prepared you to be a **cultural ambassador**?:

#### POST-FULBRIGHT:

- What are your longer-term goals, and **what might you carry forward from the Fulbright experience** toward those goals?:
- **How might the community in which you hope to conduct your Fulbright continue to enjoy the impact of your time/work there even after you leave?**

#### FINALLY:

- What might be a **weakness in your application**, and how do you plan to address it?:
- If you have any challenging circumstances or particular questions not addressed above that you would like to discuss with the FPA, please describe them here:

#### NOTE ABOUT THE PERSONAL STATEMENT (submitted in addition to the Grant Proposal):

- Before seeking an appointment with CSULB'S Fulbright Program Advisor, begin thinking about how you might approach your Personal Statement. *From Fulbright:*

"The Personal Statement should be a narrative giving a picture of you as an individual. Remember, applicants are not interviewed on the national level. The Personal Statement is your opportunity to 'talk' about yourself and to tell the committee more about how you came to this point in your life and where you see yourself in the future. There is no single 'right way' to approach the Statement; rather [candidates] will consider what they think is important for people reviewing the application to know about them.

The Statement can deal with your personal history, family background, influences on your intellectual development, the educational and cultural opportunities (or lack of them) to which you have been exposed, and the ways in which these experiences have affected you. Also, you may include your special interests and abilities, career plans, and life goals, etc. It should not be a recording of facts already listed on the application or Statement of Grant Purpose. It is more of an autobiography, and specifically related to your aspirations."

Fulbright Program Advisor (FPA), Linda Olson Levy, will assist you throughout the entire application process. Please keep in close contact with her at: [linda.olsonlevy@csulb.edu](mailto:linda.olsonlevy@csulb.edu), Center for International Education Study Abroad Office (FDN-215). Te: (562) 985-2192.