SAMPLE FULBRIGHT TIMELINE

There is no one right way to apply for the Fulbright. You may very well be able to complete the application successfully in less time than suggested here. This sample timeline is simply meant to give you an idea of what is involved in the application and a general sense of when to get started and how to move along in the process so as to avoid the inevitable stress of an impending deadline.

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Winter Quarter –
- Begin thinking of where you’d like to go and what you’d like to do
- Thoroughly read through the Fulbright website, including country descriptions for those countries you’re interested in
- Plan Spring & Summer quarter coursework, and courses for the following academic year, that will fill in any language or other gaps in your preparation for this experience

April/May –
- Attend Fulbright information sessions
- Meet with campus FPAs to discuss your plans and ideas
- Attend Fulbright writing workshops
- Attend Fulbright Alumni brown-bag lunch conversations, or connect with Fulbright Alumni in some other way
- Brainstorm project ideas and potential affiliations and discuss with faculty/mentors
- Consider whether the Critical Language Enhancement Award is appropriate for you
- Online application form becomes available May 1

June –
- Make contacts with potential affiliations
- Begin drafting personal statement & project proposal
- Continue working on the online application. Seek feedback on the resume portions and CLEA essay (if applicable).
- Request letters of recommendation
- Request language evaluation(s)
- Order transcript(s)

July –
- Firm up affiliation(s) and request letter.
- Continue drafting personal statement & project proposal (and CLEA). Seek feedback from FPAs, faculty, mentors, others.
- Finalize language evaluation(s)
- Finalize online application, but do not submit

August –
- Receive affiliation letter(s)
☐ Continue drafting personal statement & project proposal
☐ Continue seeking & receiving feedback on all portions of the application
☐ Check in with recommenders and language evaluators to make sure all are on track to be completed

📅 September –
☐ Finalize everything and confirm submission of all letters and evaluations
☐ Submit online application and save a complete copy
☐ Campus deadline – Sept. 10, 2013
☐ Campus interviews – Friday & Saturday, Sept. 27-28, 2013
☐ You will regain access to your online application after the interviews on Sept. 28 to do any necessary revising, as suggested by the interview committee.

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For English Teaching Assistantship proposals:

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☐ Begin thinking of where you’d like to go and what you’d like to do there, in addition to teaching
☐ Thoroughly read through the Fulbright website, including country descriptions for those countries you’re interested in
☐ Plan Spring & Summer quarter coursework, and courses for the following academic year, that will fill in any language or other gaps in your preparation for this experience. Consider tutoring, mentoring, or other activities that will prepare you to be an ETA.

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Discuss your plans with faculty/mentors
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Begin drafting personal statement & project proposal
Continue working on the online application. Seek feedback on the resume portions.
Request letters of recommendation
Request language evaluation(s)
Order transcript(s)

July –
Continue drafting personal statement & project proposal. Seek feedback from FPAs, faculty, mentors, others.
Finalize language evaluation(s)
Finalize online application, but do not submit

August –
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