

Fulbright U.S. Student Grant – K-State Campus Application Instructions -- 2024

1. Begin as soon as possible! Some aspects of the Fulbright application require advance planning.
2. Use the excellent Fulbright website at <https://us.fulbrightonline.org> where you can learn about general application information, individual country details and requirements and the selectiveness of various countries.
 - a. Under “Applicants” the “Award Search” may help you find countries/programs that fit you.
 - b. The “*Statistics*” link on the navy banner at the bottom right to see 3 years of competition statistics for the countries/programs that interest you.
3. The actual application is the last item under the “Applicants” tab on the Fulbright website.
4. The campus deadline is **August 9, 2024**, BUT communicate with me as early as possible.

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5. When you start your application, you will be asked if you are applying through a university or “at large”. Please select Kansas State for this question. Once you do this, I can see you as an applicant on my Fulbright dashboard.
6. A complete application is comprised of the following:
 - A. Online application form (biographical and résumé information).
 - B. An uploaded *Narrative Autobiography* (one page)
 - C. An uploaded *Statement of Grant Purpose* (two pages for study/research applicants / one page for ETA applicants).
 - D. Three letters of reference. Consult with me regarding who to ask.
 - E. Foreign language evaluation if applicable. Ditto.
 - F. Unofficial transcripts (will also accept official transcripts)
 - G. Letter of Affiliation if applicable (study/research grants only)
 - H. Portfolio if applicable (for Creative/Performing Arts categories only)
7. The Fulbright website provides a great deal of helpful guidance on what they would like to see in the “Application Components” section.
8. I have samples of successful applications in my office (including letters of affiliation)
9. The Fulbright application allows the FPA, me, to view your application and we can use the system for me to provide feedback as you work on it. When you hit “Submit”, I can return the application to you so that you can make further revisions.
10. Fulbright requires three letters of reference. Entering their name and contact info generates an automated e-mail that prompts each referee to upload his/her letter. Ask them nicely before you send the prompt! Communicate the campus deadline to them so that we have their letters by August 15. They SHOULD NOT send a copy directly to my office. However, I’m happy to discuss recommender choices with you.
11. Consult the *Country Summaries* on the Fulbright website to determine language expectations for each host country. You always need a language evaluation for a language that is required. If it is recommended and you have some ability, get an evaluation. The language evaluator registration system works the same as it does for referees.

12. Fulbright wants **all** college transcripts. Unofficial is acceptable. This includes transfer work and study abroad transcripts. They are uploaded as PDF files. I have a scanner if you need one.
13. Letters of Affiliation mostly apply if you are doing research abroad. This letter confirms that they will support your project if you are awarded the grant. Digital copies should still be signed and on letterhead. If you or your affiliate have a question about what makes an effective letter, please consult with me.
14. We will schedule campus interviews for September 2024. After the campus deadline, I will reach out to you about availability for interviews.
15. **How to learn more about the Fulbright:** Fulbright is likely to be a new concept for most students. To understand it better, do the following:
 - a. Attend information sessions hosted by K-State's NCS office posted on our website: <https://www.k-state.edu/nationalscholarships/>
 - b. Attend Fulbright help sessions posted on their website: <https://us.fulbrightonline.org/applicants/information-sessions>
 - c. Spend time reviewing the Fulbright website: <https://us.fulbrightonline.org>
 - d. ASK QUESTIONS! There are no wrong or stupid questions- just information that you don't have yet.
 - e. Reach out to me, I am here to help! Beth Powers, bethpowers@ksu.edu, (785) 532-3422