2021 University of Pennsylvania Fulbright Scholarship Process

The Fulbright U.S. Student Program seeks U.S. citizens driven to engage in educational & cultural exchange around the world. Grantees (which include BA-level, Master’s, and PhD students) receive financial support for 9-12 months to conduct independent research, pursue graduate study, or serve as English Teaching Assistants in one of 140+ participating countries, building international relationships of mutual respect.

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<td>Enroll in CURF’s Canvas site for Fulbright applicants and engage with the resources therein (please complete the first 2 Modules prior to your individual advising appointment)</td>
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<td>Schedule an appointment with Angie Estévez at CURF to discuss your Fulbright interest and have your initial, individual questions answered</td>
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Attend Fulbright informational events (live and/or archived), including CURF sessions and IIE webinars

Explore the Fulbright U.S. Student Program website and CURF’s Canvas resources for Fulbright applicants, and begin to make decisions regarding the Grant Type and Host Country you will apply for

Open a Fulbright U.S. Student Program online application 3/31/2021 onward

Consider signing up for CURF’s opt-in Fulbright “Accountability Buddies” peer matching program

Think about who you will ask to write your (3) required recommendations – you are encouraged to consult with CURF and to review relevant online resources. You will need to register each recommender in your online application, and recommendations must be submitted by Penn’s internal deadline.

Some applications will need a Foreign Language Evaluation – if yours will, make arrangements with an appropriate evaluator and register them in your online application. Foreign Language Evaluations must be submitted by Penn’s internal deadline.

Research & pursue host country Affiliation (Study/Research applicants only) – in doing so, you are encouraged to consult with faculty mentors and with CURF. Aim to have your Letter of Affiliation by Penn’s internal deadline.

Work on your Statement of Grant Purpose, Personal Statement, and responses to Program Information short answer prompts, giving yourself plenty of time for drafting, feedback, and ongoing revision

Aim to submit your drafts to CURF for feedback by our Priority Target Date for Fulbright Draft Review PTD: 7/11/2021

Gather transcripts from all institutions attended (unofficial transcripts are fine, as long as they include your name and the institution’s name on the document)

Thoughtfully complete (and proofread) the Biographical Data sections of your online application 8/18/2021

Remind your recommenders and foreign language evaluators of Penn’s upcoming campus deadline, and double-check that you have registered them in your online application

SUBMIT your COMPLETE application for Penn’s Campus Deadline! 8/30/2020

Also, submit CURF’s data agreement webform

CURF matches applicants eligible for Penn’s Campus Process with Fulbright Faculty Committee members and un-submits applications

Engage with Penn’s Campus Process - connect with your assigned Faculty Committee Member and make final revisions to your application September 2021

(Applicants who do not meet Penn’s campus deadline may still apply, and still apply “through Penn”)

SUBMIT your revised COMPLETE application for Fulbright’s National Deadline! 10/12/2021 by 5pm EST

(But CURF recommends submitting at least 24 hours in advance of the deadline to avoid last-minute technical difficulties!)

Study applicants apply to relevant graduate program by stated deadline or Jan 1 (whichever comes 1st)

Semi-Finalist decisions are released Mid-January 2022

Some countries conduct semi-finalist interviews Feb-April 2022

Finalist decisions are released country-by-country Feb-May 2022

Finalists submit a photo & bio to CURF

Finalists communicate with IIE Advisors & host country contacts for instructions re: next steps, and celebrate with the Penn community!