Fulbright U.S. Student Program Grants for 2020–21 Grant Year
Application Procedure for Current Princeton Graduate Students

April–June 2019: Make an appointment to meet with Dr. Steve Gump, associate director of fellowship advising, to discuss your plan for applying to the Fulbright. (Visit Dr. Gump’s WASE calendar, or email him at gump@princeton.edu.) Bring a résumé (or curriculum vitae), any application materials you may have begun preparing, and any questions you may have.

As you begin to map out your project, be sure to consult the Fulbright website, especially the application timeline, components, and relevant country-profile page. Fulbright offers a variety of helpful webinars throughout the application cycle; they are listed on the Fulbright website. You may also consult samples of project statements and personal statements of past Fulbright recipients: These essays are available upon request. Dr. Gump will help you understand the application process and provide feedback on drafts of your application essays.

June–August: Meet again (in person or via phone or Skype) with Dr. Gump to review and discuss your project and to arrange for some guidance over the summer. You should also plan to be in contact with your academic adviser(s) and other mentors regarding your proposal over the summer.

Thursday, August 1, by 1:00 pm: Deadline for graduate students to submit a completed Fulbright Interest Form to gump@princeton.edu to indicate your intent to apply. (This fillable PDF is available under “Related Content” on the Fulbright Grant detail page on the OIP website.)

August 1–30: Continue revising your Fulbright essays; be in contact with institutional affiliates in your target host country.

Thursday, August 15: Deadline to meet with Dr. Gump if you would like comments on your Fulbright essay drafts before the next deadline.

Friday, August 30: Deadline to submit strong, complete drafts of your Fulbright essays to gump@princeton.edu. These drafts will be shared with a member of the Graduate School Fellowships Subcommittee, and Dr. Gump will inform you of your pairing and share further instructions.

September 3–23: Graduate applicants are required to schedule an interview with their assigned Graduate School Fellowships Subcommittee member during this time. A Graduate School dean will also join your interview. After the interview, you should expect to spend some time revising and finalizing your Fulbright application (so you’re better off, if possible, scheduling this interview earlier rather than later in this window).

Tuesday, September 24, by 1:00 pm: Campus deadline to submit completed applications via the Fulbright application portal (online), including three letters of recommendation, language assessments (where relevant), letter(s) of institutional affiliation, and transcripts. After this point, you will no longer be able to access your application online.

Tuesday, October 8: National deadline for Fulbright.

All applications are evaluated in a preliminary national screening; the results of which will be communicated by the middle of January. Candidates who receive notification that their application was recommended for further consideration will usually receive the final decision via email between March and May (but please be aware that notification can come as late as June). Recipients of Fulbright Grants should accept or decline the offer as promptly as possible. Please be in touch with Dr. Gump or Dean Willey before declining a Fulbright offer or accepting another award that would conflict with a Fulbright offer.