

Fulbright timeline 2025-26 (for programs 2026-27)

Sept. 1 – 5 Meeting with Dean Bruce to discuss status of application

Sept. 12 Drafts of all statements, proposals, etc., as required by your particular program (shared via Google).

Your drafts should be highly polished, nearly ready to go. If they are a little too long, we can work with that—but the content needs to be ready! You should have someone else read your work. The campus review committee will be reading your materials closely in anticipation of meeting with you.

- Teaching awards <https://us.fulbrightonline.org/applicants/application-components/eta:>
 - Program Information
 - Why you? Why this country? Why this specific program? Why now?
 - Statement of Grant Purpose
 - There's a lot here about *teaching experience*. Such experience can take many forms, though! What will you take with you to the country and into the classroom? Ideas and examples?
 - How will you thrive in a new cultural environment? What personal qualities and skills do you have that will help you succeed? (Can you tell a quick story?)
 - Fulfilling the Fulbright Mission
 - Flexibility and adaptability: recognize the challenges and talk about how you've demonstrated such qualities before.
 - Community engagement: What do you look forward to experiencing outside the classroom? What do you hope to bring back and how will you share the experience with others?
 - Impact of Fulbright: How does pursuing a Fulbright work into your goals and plans? How will you share your experience with others?
 - Note **character limits** for the responses!
- Research awards <https://us.fulbrightonline.org/applicants/application-components/academic:>
 - Program Information
 - Abstract / proposal: what is your research plan—and why at this institution and this country?
 - Statement of Grant Purpose
 - Be detailed in your discussion of your scholarly pursuit. Highlight your past interest and development of research / intellectual question, comment on why *exactly* you need to be in that country or program (with whom you will work, opportunities not found elsewhere, etc.).
 - Fulfilling the Fulbright Mission (as above)
 - Note any supplementary materials, ethical requirements
- Supporting information
 - List of your three recommenders (**You must have contacted them by this point!**)
 - If required by your program, confirmation that you are actively working on the foreign language form.

Sept. 15 (Monday): Applicants must **LOCK** their application in the Fulbright portal by Monday. After the meeting with the campus review committee (below), we will **UNLOCK** the application for you to continue working.

Sept. 17 – 24 Meeting with campus review committee (faculty members)

The purpose of this meeting / conversation is to help you develop your application; it is a formative process. That said, the review committee will be preparing an evaluation form to be submitted to Fulbright, and this is the one time the committee will meet with you. It's not a formal interview wherein you have to worry about answering every question perfectly, but a clear lack of preparation may lead to a lack of endorsement. So again be sure your draft documents are highly polished and that you've reflected upon your own purpose and goals.

Sept. 26 Nearly final draft of application due to Dean Bruce. **Someone else** needs to have read it to assist you!

Sept. 29 – Oct. 3 Meetings with Dean Bruce for feedback on application essays

Oct. 7 Final application due to Fulbright program, 4:00 PM Sewanee time!

(Semi-finalists are notified by January of status; recipients are notified as late as April.)

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