

ATTENTION: JUNIORS, SENIORS, & GRADUATE/PROFESSIONAL STUDENTS

“PRIORITY” CAMPUS DEADLINE for

FULBRIGHT GRANTS

(for research, study, or English teaching beginning in Fall 2009)

July 1, 2008

To apply for the *Fulbright*, Illinois applicants should submit the following materials to:

The Office of Scholarships for International Study, 321 International Studies Building,
MC-480, 910 South Fifth Street, Champaign, IL 61820

1. Transcripts from *all* colleges attended.
2. 3-4 Letters of Recommendation –primarily academic These may be draft letters sent directly via email to scholarships@uiuc.edu. **Do not request letters online through the Fulbright system.** A form required for English Teaching Assistantship applications is at www.ips.uiuc.edu/scholarship/priorityFulbright.shtml
3. A complete Fulbright Application, submitted online When submitted, the application comes directly to our office, and we can release it back to you. No supplementary materials or foreign language reports are needed at this time. The crux of the application are the ***Essays:**
 - a) Personal Statement of no more than two pages, double-spaced: Describe who you are; your intellectual growth, past experiences, and goals; especially as they relate to the Fulbright program.
 - b) Statement of Proposed Study or Research of no more than four pages, double spaced: Where are you planning to go? How are you going to spend your time overseas (especially addressing feasibility)? Who (or what institution) will you be working with? Why is your work best conducted at this overseas location?

**Note:*

Be creative and interesting. Strong essays paint a picture, tell a story, or demonstrate rather than simply tell the reader about your area of proposed study and your reasons for pursuing a Fulbright. As such, the personal statement should not amount to a narrative rendition of your resume! How do you hope to make a difference to your discipline and/or to the betterment of society? For additional tips, peruse our website: www.ips.uiuc.edu/scholarship/ and www.ips.uiuc.edu/scholarship/Fulbrightprocess.shtml

Why should I submit a priority application? A campus committee will review application materials submitted by the priority deadline and provide feedback on your application’s strengths and weaknesses. Applicants and recommendation writers may then revise their work over the summer before officially submitting an application before the required campus deadline of September 3.

What if I miss the priority deadline? You are still encouraged to submit materials before the autumn deadline. The difference is that you will receive feedback solely from the scholarships office and not from other reviewers across campus.

PRIORITY APPLICATIONS ARE DUE BY 5PM. TUESDAY. JULY 1.