FULBRIGHT U.S. STUDENT PROGRAM OVERVIEW

http://us.fulbrightonline.org/

WHO: Fulbright scholarships are available to US citizens who are seniors, recent BA graduates, current graduate students, and artists.

WHAT: Grants for opportunities abroad include:

- English Teaching Assistantships (ETA): recipients assist in the teaching of English and a complementary project.
- Study/Research Grants: students may conduct research, whether in an academic or institutional setting or pursue study with a complementary project. Candidates will need a host country affiliation with the institution or organization.

WHY: The Fulbright program provides an unparalleled opportunity to teach, study and conduct research in order to increase mutual understanding among nations through educational and cultural exchange. Grants normally provide round-trip travel; book and research allowances; a living stipend; supplemental health and accident insurance; tuition if applicable; language or orientation courses if applicable.

WHERE: More than 130 countries participate in the Fulbright program. Review the website, beginning with the country specifics, as language requirements and project preferences vary.

WHEN: The Carnegie Mellon campus deadline is September 8, 2015. We cannot nominate applicants who are unable to meet this deadline. We will upload the final online submission to the Fulbright Commission whose deadline is October 13, 2015.

HOW: The Carnegie Mellon campus process involves the following preliminary steps:

- READ the website for programs, tips, resources and applicant newsletters.
- MEET with Carnegie Mellon campus Fulbright Program Advisor, Joanna Dickert (joannad@andrew.cmu.edu) to discuss your project ideas and application details.
- CHOOSE your host country carefully after reading the country specifics and preferred candidate profiles online.
- CREATE a research project statement following Fulbright proposal guidelines.
  o Consult faculty, at least one with discipline-specific expertise and one with country-specific knowledge.
  o Whether applying for an ETA or full grant, create a plan for culturally engaging with your host country.
- DEVELOP a personal statement. What in your personal and academic life has led you to your proposed plan of study in your proposed country?
- IDENTIFY three faculty members for letters of recommendation, including one who knows you and one who knows your research area.
  o Provide them with a copy of your essays.
  o All three should be able to address your project.
- OBTAIN letters of affiliation if required for your project. Start your search now.
- TEST your language proficiency. Plan to upgrade your proficiency level as much as possible before your departure.