2023 Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad (DDRA) Information Session

Pre-application information for PhD students considering a DDRA grant

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Welcome!

• Joy Campbell (she/her)
  • DDRA Project Director
  • Fulbright Program Advisor

• International education at MSU
  • Over 20 years at MSU, mostly working with Title VI programs like DDRA
  • Beginning 4th year as Fulbright advisor in International Studies & Programs (ISP)
  • Also serve as Peace Corps Prep Program Manager & MSU’s Peace Corps Recruitment Office Supervisor

• Long-term international experience
  • France – 3 years (teaching, studying)
  • Morocco – 2 years (Peace Corps, teaching)
Topics to Cover Today

• Overview of the DDRA program
  • Worldwide and MSU stats
• Eligibility
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• Grant administration
• Application approvals
• Important dates and deadlines
• Grant period

• Application components
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  • Human Subjects Research Narrative
  • Host Country Supporting Materials
  • Transcript(s)
Overview of the DDRA Program

• Mutual Education and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961
  • Commonly referred to as the Fulbright-Hays Act after Senator J. William Fulbright of Arkansas and Representative Wayne Hays of Ohio

• Designed to contribute to the development and improvement of the study of **modern foreign languages and area studies** in the US

• Over 6,300 fellowships awarded since 1964

• Provides funding ($15,000-$60,000) to doctoral students to perform **6 to 12 months of full-time research abroad** in modern foreign languages and area studies in order to complete their dissertations.
2021-22 DDRA Fellows Worldwide

World Areas:

- Western Hem. – 41
- Africa – 23
- South Asia – 12
- Near East – 16
- East Asia – 22
- Southeast Asia – 17
- Central/E. Europe & Eurasia – 7
Recent MSU DDRA Awards

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### Recent MSU DDRA Locations and Topics

| History – Cameroon, France, Taiwan | Cameroonian Citizen Diplomats and the PRC - Producing Knowledge and Navigating Friendship in the Cold War Era |
| History – Ghana, Burkina Faso, Senegal | Crafting Savanna Identity: Leatherwork as Everyday Technology in the Volta Basin |
| Anthropology – Mexico | Chineseness in Mexico: Transpacific Discourses in Tijuana |
| Teacher Education – Senegal | The Contested Terrain of Teacher Education and Employment in Senegal |
| History – Namibia, South Africa | Fenced Out: Labor Relations and Inter-Species Conflict on Sheep Farms in Apartheid-Era Namibia |
| Anthropology – Kenya | Intersectional Identity and the Development of Kenya's Technology Sector |
| History – Ghana | Living with Water: Recreating Identity and Adaptation in Nzulezo-Ghana |
| History – China (now Taiwan) | Consuming Medicine: How Public Health Campaigns Expanded the Definition of ‘Medicine' in Mao's China |
Eligibility

• US citizen, national, or permanent resident
  • If you were born abroad, you cannot propose research in your birth country
• Graduate student in good standing at MSU
• Admitted to candidacy in a doctoral degree program in modern foreign languages and area studies (except for Western Europe) at MSU when the fellowship period begins
  • Must be ABD when grant begins
• Planning a teaching career in the US upon completion of PhD
• Possess sufficient foreign language skills to carry out the dissertation research project
Benefits

• Round trip international airfare (for fellow only)
• Maintenance allowance for grantee (and dependents if any)
  • Varies by location and set by federal government; covers living expenses such as lodging, food, phone/Internet, local transportation
  • Dependents include legal spouse and unmarried children under 21
• Project allowance for research-related expenses
  • Books, digitizing/copying, affiliation fees, travel within country
  • Does not cover interpreters or research assistants
• Supplemental health and accident insurance
Grant Administration

• Administered by the International and Foreign Language Education Office (IFLE) of the US Department of Education (ED)
• Institutional grant awarded to MSU, not individual students
  • No direct communication between the applicant and ED
  • MSU disburses funds to fellows and reconciles expenses
• PI for the grant is Dr. Ashley Green
  • Assistant Dean of Administration, International Studies and Programs
• Project Director for the grant is Ms. Joy Campbell
  • Fulbright-Hays Project Director, International Studies and Programs
  • Fulbright Program Advisor, International Studies and Programs
Application Approvals

• Research narrative must be approved by dissertation advisor and project director
• Budget must be approved by project director and fiscal officer
• Human Subjects Statements must be approved by dissertation advisor and project director (and have an IRB plan)
• Application package must be approved by MSU’s Office of Sponsored Programs
  • The application package will not be held back to accommodate individual applicants who do not meet the deadlines.
Important Dates and Deadlines

- Publication date of the Notice Inviting Applications varies widely
  - Once the NIA is published, we expect a 60-day period before the deadline.
- Start planning now!
  - Talk to dissertation advisor
  - Let me know you are planning to apply
- Interim deadlines and information sessions will be announced after NIA
- Award notification expected in late August to mid-September; comes from project director

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Grant Period

• Grant timeline coincides with Federal fiscal year
• October 1, 2023 to March 31, 2025
  • Minimum time in field: 6 months
  • Maximum time in field: 12 months
  • Earliest departure date: November 1, 2023
  • Latest departure date: Late summer 2024 (would allow six-month stay plus post-grant reporting and evaluations)
Important Considerations

- Must comport yourself as appropriate for a representative of the US and MSU
- Must remain at research site for duration of grant
  - All dependents must travel with fellow to and from research site
  - No permission to attend conferences, even if research-related
- May not hold an assistantship (GA, TA, RA) while you are doing your DDRA
- Except for death in immediate family, fellow will not be able to return to the US
  - No family reunions, weddings, or family visits even in dire circumstances
- Grant is put in hiatus status if fellow must leave research site
  - Hiatus period is added to the end of grant to complete actual research period
- Must maintain contact with Project Director, Fulbright Commission, and US Embassy
- Must conform with Fly America Act
- Award is taxable
Application Components

- Application Narrative (Project Proposal)
  - Addresses program selection criteria following a strict outline
- Budget
  - Applicant drafts budget, which is then approved by fiscal officer and OSP
- Bibliography
- Curriculum Vitae
  - Tailored to this specific project
- Graduate Student References (3)
  - One must be from dissertation advisor
- Foreign Language Evaluation(s)
  - One for each language of research
- Human Subjects Research Narrative
- Host Country Supporting Materials
  - Letter(s) of support from host institution(s)
- Transcript(s)
  - Graduate transcripts must be included
  - Undergraduate transcripts may be submitted if they demonstrate language and/or area studies coursework
Application Narrative (Project Proposal)

• Describes proposed project while addressing program selection criteria listed in NIA
  • 10 letter-size pages maximum, double spaced, 1-inch margins, 12-point font (Times New Roman, Courier, Courier New, or Arial)
  • Narrative should clearly parallel Technical Review Form and answer all questions thoroughly
    – Quality of proposed project (60 points, 6 questions)
    – Qualifications of the applicant (40 points, 4 questions)
    – Competitive preference priorities (up to 7 bonus points last year)
• Consider host country political sensitivities, visa requirements, safety and security concerns
Budget

• Budgets must be submitted to me and approved by the fiscal officer.
  • We will provide a sample budget and hold an information session.

• Budget categories
  • International airfare
  • Maintenance allowance (including dependents, if applicable)
    – Calculated by location using federal worksheet
    – Rent, food, local transportation, phone, Internet
  • Project expenses
    – Photocopies, travel between research sites, archive fees
  • Health and accident insurance
References and Language Evaluation

• Graduate Student References
  • Three required, one of which must be from the dissertation advisor
  • Each referee completes form online and uploads letter

• Language Evaluation
  • Required for language(s) of research
  • Each evaluator completes form online and uploads reference explaining how evaluation was conducted
  • If your language of research is English, or your native/heritage language, you may not be eligible for points in the language question on the technical review form.
Host Country Supporting Materials

- Letter of invitation, affiliation, or other support from the international host institution or organization
- Applicant uploads as a single PDF (even if multiple letters) online
- Letters must be on official letterhead, and should include a written signature as opposed to electronic
Other Application Components

- **Bibliography**
  - 2 letter-size pages maximum (in addition to the 10-page narrative)
  - Same formatting specifications as narrative

- **CV**
  - No prescribed length
  - Highlight area studies courses and language training on first page

- **Human Subjects Narrative**
  - Brief narrative justifying exempt or non-exempt status of proposed project.
  - You do not need to have IRB approval to apply, but you will need it before research begins.

- **Transcript(s)**
  - Graduate transcripts required; undergraduate may be included if there are significant area studies or other related courses
Next Steps

**Connect with me!**

Joy Campbell
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Schedule an appointment
Visit 216 International Center

Visit MSU’s Fulbright site:
isp.msu.edu/fulbright

Speak with your dissertation advisor about plans and timing

Begin drafting your narrative and preparing other documents

Complete the Fulbright Program Interest Survey
General information
DDRA-specific pages
Link to Dept. of Education DDRA page
Any Remaining Questions?