2021 Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad (DDRA) Information Session

Pre-application information for graduate students considering a DDRA grant

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Welcome!

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

- International education at MSU
  - 18\textsuperscript{th} year at MSU
  - 16\textsuperscript{th} year working with Title VI programs
  - 2\textsuperscript{nd} year in ISP

- 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
• Benefits
• Grant administration
• Application approvals
• Important dates and deadlines
• Grant period

• Application components
  • Application Narrative (Project Proposal)
  • Budget
  • Bibliography
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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 6,000 fellowships have been 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.
2020-21 DDRA Fellows Worldwide

World Areas:

- Western Hem. – 41
- Africa – 18
- South Asia – 16
- Near East – 15
- East Asia – 11
- Southeast Asia – 7
- Central/E. Europe & Eurasia – 4
Recent MSU DDRA Awards

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# Recent MSU DDRA Locations and Topics

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Eligibility

• US citizen, national, or permanent resident
• 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 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, 2021 to March 31, 2023
  • Minimum time in field: 6 months
  • Maximum time in field: 12 months
  • Earliest departure date: November 1, 2021
  • Latest departure date: Late summer 2022
    (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 a TA-ship or other assistantship 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 Program 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 or more

• 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 5 bonus points)
• 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
Any Final Questions?
Next Steps

• Connect with me!
  • Joy Campbell, joycamp@msu.edu

• Visit the MSU Fulbright website: https://www.isp.msu.edu/fulbright
  • Complete the Fulbright Program Interest Survey
  • General information
  • DDRA-specific pages
  • Link to Dept. of Education DDRA page

• Speak with dissertation advisor about plans

• Begin drafting narrative and other documents