2021 Fulbright US Student Program Application Screens Walk-Through

Application information for students and alumni applying for a 2022-23 Fulbright grant

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Topics to Cover Today

• Assumptions
• Important dates and deadlines
• Your IIE application so far
  • Covered in other sessions
  • New sections: academic information, awards and achievements, professional information, experience abroad
• Next Steps
Assumptions

• You attended or have viewed a pre-application information session
  • Missed them? Check MSU Fulbright website for recordings
  • May 12 recording is the most current session

• You have watched the “Getting Started” video
  • On MSU Fulbright website homepage under “Recorded Events”
  • Video is dated April 6
  • Walks through searching for awards and starting an application online
Important Dates and Deadlines

• **Ongoing throughout summer** → Weekly office hours, communications from me, one-on-one advising, GroupMe or other peer contact, “write-ins” and other application sessions

• **Ongoing until deadline** → Keep an eye on upcoming IIE webinars
  • May 31 → Draft of personal statement due
  • June 15 → Draft of statement of grant purpose due
  • July 15 → Draft of “Host Country Engagement” section due
  • July 31 → Draft of “Plans Upon Return to the US” section due
  • August 15 → Draft of “Abstract” section due

• **September 1 by 11:00pm** * → MSU deadline (entire application, including letters)
  • Throughout September → Campus interviews

• **October 12 by 5:00pm** → National deadline

* All times Eastern Time Zone
Your IIE Application So Far

- Getting started webinar covered:
  - Welcome page
  - Preliminary questions
  - Country and award selection
Covered in “Getting Started” Video

• Personal information
  • Biographical, demographic, and citizenship information
  • Misconduct or convictions

• Contact information
  • Address(es), phone numbers, email addresses, emergency contact

• Program information
  • Title, abstract, host country engagement, plans upon return, statement of grant purpose, personal statement
  • More on these written sections to come in future presentations!
IIE Application: Academic Information

- Academic information screen walk-through
  - Academic history section
  - Transcripts
IIE Application: Awards & Achievements

• Awards and achievements screen walk-through

• Honors, fellowships or awards
  • Dean’s List, Asian Studies Center Best Paper Competition, Cole International Study Award, National Merit Scholarship, James Madison College Field Experience Scholarship, Red Cedar Scholarship

• Extracurricular/community engagement activities
  • MSU Model United Nations, Sparrow Hospital Volunteer, Turkish Students Association, Spartan Science Olympiad, Eagle Scout, Girls on the Run, Volunteer Classroom Aide, Chief Financial Officer of MSU International Relations Organization

• Publications, exhibitions, performances or presentations
  • MSU Research Exhibition, 2017, presented research finding on human trafficking laws
  • MSU Model United Nations Conference, 2019, UN Women Committee, Chair/Moderator
  • Presented research at MSU undergraduate research forum, 4/2018
IIE Application: Professional Information

- Professional information screen walk-through
  - Begin with most recent position
    - If any jobs overlap, be consistent in how you order them. Either list them in order by the start date for all positions, or by the end date for all positions.
    - The application and PDF views may differ
  - List up to eight jobs/internships that are relevant to your application
  - Type of work means the general field of the position, for example Education, Political, Hospitality, Field Research
IIE Application: Experience Abroad

• Experience abroad screen walk-through
  • Begin with most recent experience
  • Purpose abroad dropdown
    • Family visit vs. vacation
      • Family visit is longer, travel to visit family abroad, e.g., spending summer with a grandparent in Mexico
      • Vacation is shorter (even if visiting a cousin in Italy for a week), even if you are traveling with family members
    • Military assignment – yours, not a family member’s assignment
  • Additional comments box
    • List additional experiences or further information in linear format (no hard returns)
Next Steps

• Keep in touch with me
  • Joy Campbell, joycamp@msu.edu
• Regularly review the MSU timeline document to stay on track
• Check your award description page regularly for updates and new perspectives
• Start your application online
• Work on your statement drafts
• To be covered in upcoming sessions and/or emails
  • More on writing statements and short answer responses
  • References and language evaluations
  • Other ideas? What would help you most?