2022 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
  • In 20th year at MSU, mostly working with Title VI programs
  • In 3rd year as Fulbright advisor in International Studies & Programs (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
- Curriculum Vitæ
- Graduate Student References
- Foreign Language Evaluation(s)
- 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 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.
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

![Bar chart showing MSU Applicants and MSU DDRA Awards for the years 2014-15 to 2021-22.](chart.png)

Legend:
- MSU Applicants
- MSU DDRA Awards
## 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
• 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, 2022 to March 31, 2024
  • Minimum time in field: 6 months
  • Maximum time in field: 12 months
  • Earliest departure date: November 1, 2022
  • Latest departure date: Late summer 2023 (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 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!
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Office hours
Schedule appointment

Visit the MSU Fulbright website:
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