

## Fulbright Project Essay

Here is a sure-fire outline for your project essay. Try it. If you find you don't have the information to write any of these 7 paragraphs, you've got some more digging to do.

Think of this essay as a business plan, not a mini-dissertation. Write down what is here, no more and no less, and you, too, will be a Fulbright Scholar!

Most people spend too much time writing about the importance of their project. This is because they're writing to themselves (as a novice) and not as an expert who wastes no words speaking to the bank.

Leave emotion out of this essay. Emotion belongs in the other essay, which is literary in nature. This one has to be a no-nonsense, plainly stated plan.

1. I am going to do \_\_\_\_\_
2. This project is important because \_\_\_\_\_
3. I'm the one to do it because \_\_\_\_\_
4. It has to happen in \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_
5. This is how I'm going to do it. (This is the most important part of your essay).
  - a. I will work with \_\_\_\_\_ (Be sure you make a contact in the host country and mention him/her here. In some cases, you will also need to affiliate with an institution. You have to take care of this yourself.)
  - b. I will do \_\_\_\_\_ (Give details of how you will proceed)
6. This is what the result will be. (This should be something that communicates what you've done so the Fulbright committee gets a maximum yield from their investment in you. A report. An article. A piece of a larger project. Ask yourself, "What would I have to do in order to call my year as success?").
7. The meaning of this experience for my future career is \_\_\_\_\_.

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