

Undergraduate Fulbright Project Advice

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I discuss Fulbright Proposals with many students every year. This brief sketch captures the thrust of advice I generally discuss with students. It does NOT address the personal bio essay, just the Fulbright project.

First, get in touch with a range of Tufts faculty. Charles Inouye, John Jenke and many others at Tufts also have extensive experience with undergraduate Fulbrights. Get as much advice and feedback as possible. This is just my take on the process.

OVERALL: Write in the active voice as much as possible because it will enhance your clarity.

ORGANIZE your project material as follows:

1. Begin with a clear and powerful statement of the MORE GENERAL larger challenge / question your research will address. Let us know that this issue is IMPORTANT both to the US and the country of Fulbright location. Should be both brief and powerful. START BIG AND GENERAL
2. Follow up with a clear statement of your NARROWER / specific / exact approach to the above stated challenge / question should be more detailed with good, convincing data. Should reference key points from the relevant literature. MOVE TO NARROWER AND MORE DETAILED
3. This is HOW I will address this challenge (methodology, location, timing, specifics). Should demonstrate a good match of methodology to problem. METHODOLOGY SHOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO A 9 MONTH STUDENT FULBRIGHT, INNOVATIVE IF POSSIBLE, CLEARLY ARGUED AND THOUGHT THROUGH -- IF YOU HAVE IN-COUNTRY SUPPORT IT GOES IN THIS PART.
4. This is WHY I AM WELL QUALIFIED to do conduct this project successfully. (Languages, coursework, informal work, internships, specialized experience, skills)
5. This is HOW THIS PROJECT could INFORM POLICY CHOICES AT THE NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL LEVEL, HOW IT WILL DOVETAIL WITH POLICY GOALS OF THE FULBRIGHT LOCATION AND THE U.S.
6. This is how this project will ENHANCE MY LONG TERM GOALS as a U.S. citizen and as a person.

Good luck. Revised 8/03 jmp