How to Choose Fulbright Grant Type Brainstorm

Do you have research experience since high school in the field in which you would like to carry out your project?

Possible Examples: Have received research grant such as: Davenport, Patricelli Center Grants, McNair, Mellon, planning to work on senior thesis or senior project, internship-related research, or Wesleyan Summer Experience Grants.

➢ If yes, consider a research grant

Do you have at least one semester of teaching experience since high school? Or, Are you currently enrolled (or have completed) a degree or minor in the Rossier School of Education?

Possible Examples: TA, tutoring, Supplemental Instruction, alternative breaks, coaching, summer camps, volunteering in classrooms, student teaching, Language Academy or international language partner.

➢ If yes, consider an ETA grant

How will a research grant or ETA impact your future professional career? A clear connection should be made for why a Fulbright experience is necessary for your future work.
How to Choose Fulbright Country Brainstorm

**Academic Reasons** Possible Examples: Does your major or minor focus on the world region or academic field you would like to study on Fulbright? Have you taken specific classes or conducted research on the country or region?

**Country Description Reasons** Some countries prefer applicants in specific fields of study or degree level. Do you meet the country preferences? Does your project align with the country’s best interest so that they will invite you to spend a year with them?

**Language Reasons** Do you meet the language preferences of the country?

**Country Uniqueness Reasons** Possible Examples: Is there something historically, geographically, politically, economically or new and innovative about the country that pertains to your project? Why do you need to go to this country and nowhere else in the world? (ETAs should understand what is unique about the host country education system.)

**Time In-Country Reasons** Fulbright prefers exposing applicants to a new country to provide an exchange opportunity they would not have otherwise. Participating in a study abroad program will not work against applicants, but spending over a year in the country (within last 2 years) may begin to diminish competitiveness.

**Personal Reasons** Possible Examples: Is your family from the country? Did you grow up with an exchange student from the country?

**Country Statistics Reasons** For 2016-17, the UK received 933 applications for 44 placements, a 4% success rate. Germany received 377 applications for 140 placements, a 37% success rate. [http://us.fulbrightonline.org/statistics](http://us.fulbrightonline.org/statistics)

**Future Career Reasons** Will you work with the country’s population once you return to the U.S.? Do you plan to have an international career?