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Funding Opportunities *for* Graduate International Studies Research

Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship



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Fulbright-Hays Fellowships

1. Name and Info URL

Name of Fellowships: Fulbright-Hays Fellowships

URL: <http://www.ed.gov/programs/iegpsddrap/index.html>

2. Deadline

Cornell campus deadline for electronic applications, **using e-Application** <http://e-grants.ed.gov/>, **and** to submit transcripts is November 20, 2009. Forward transcripts to Uris Hall 158.

3. Description (including type of grants/fellowships available)

This program provides grants to colleges and universities to fund individual doctoral students who conduct research in other countries, in modern foreign languages and area studies for periods of six to 12 months. Projects deepen research knowledge on and help the nation develop capability in areas of the world not generally included in U.S. curricula. Projects focusing on Western Europe are not supported.

4. Eligibility

- Is a citizen or national of the United States or is a permanent resident of the United States;
- Is a graduate student in good standing at an institution of higher education in the United States who, when the fellowship begins, is admitted to candidacy in a doctoral program in modern foreign languages and area studies at that institution;
- Is planning a teaching career in the United States upon graduation; and
- Possesses adequate skills in the language(s) necessary to carry out the dissertation project.

5. Application procedure (How to apply, application components, URL applications)

For more information on how to apply, please visit the following websites: Department of Education DDRA: <http://www.ed.gov/programs/iegpsddrap/eligibility.html>

Mario Einaudi Center for International Studies:

http://www.einaudi.cornell.edu/funding/fulbright_hays.asp

Application URL: <http://www.ed.gov/programs/iegpsddrap/applicant.html>

The following is a checklist of application components:

- Fully completed Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad application
- Curriculum Vita
- A narrative (Check Closing Date Notice for page limitations)
- 3 Electronic Graduate Student References – initiate the e-mail to your references
- 1 Electronic Language Reference for each language of research
- Letter of support from host institution
- Graduate School Transcripts (submit to: Project Director, 158 Uris Hall, for mailing well in advance of the Closing Date)

Submit your application to your institution's Project Director via e-Application well in advance of the Closing Date (contact your Project Director for information about internal deadlines).

When students submit the application through the Internet via the e-Grants Web site, they will receive an automatic acknowledgment via e-mail when their university's Project Director receives the application.

6. Selection Criteria

The following selection criteria for this competition are from federal register, 34 CFR 662.21: The maximum score for all of the criteria is 105 points. The maximum score for each criterion is indicated in parentheses.

Quality of proposed project (60 points): In determining the quality of the research project proposed by the applicant, the Secretary considers

- (1) The statement of the major hypotheses to be tested or questions to be examined, and the description and justification of the research methods to be used (10 points);
- (2) The relationship of the research to the literature on the topic and to major theoretical issues in the field, and the project's originality and importance in terms of the concerns of the discipline (10 points);
- (3) The preliminary research already completed in the United States and overseas or plans for such research prior to going overseas, and the kinds, quality and availability of data for the research in the host country or countries (10 points);
- (4) The justification for overseas field research and preparations to establish appropriate and sufficient research contacts and affiliations abroad (10 points);
- (5) The applicant's plans to share the results of the research in progress and a copy of the dissertation with scholars and officials of the host country or countries (10 points); and
- (6) The guidance and supervision of the dissertation advisor or committee at all stages of the project, including guidance in developing the project, understanding research conditions abroad, and acquainting the applicant with research in the field (10 points).

Qualifications of the applicant (40 points): In determining the qualifications of the applicant, the Secretary considers

- (1) The overall strength of the applicant's graduate academic record (10 points);
- (2) The extent to which the applicant's academic record demonstrates a strength in area studies relevant to the proposed project (10 points);
- (3) The applicant's proficiency in one or more of the languages (other than English and the applicant's native language) of the country or countries of research, and the specific measures to be taken to overcome any anticipated language barriers (15 points); and
- (4) The applicant's ability to conduct research in a foreign cultural context, as evidenced by the applicant's references or previous overseas experience, or both (5 points).

Competitive Preference Priority: An additional five (5) points may be awarded to an application that meets this priority. This priority is: A research project that utilizes one or more of the following critical languages: Arabic, Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Russian, as well as Indic, Iranian, and Turkic language families.

7. Funding Period

Students may propose research for 6 to 12 months. The fellowship may not be renewed.

8. Funding Amount (including expenses covered, number of awards)

- Travel expenses, including excess baggage to and from the residence of the fellow to the host country of research.
- Maintenance and dependents allowances based on the cost of living in country(ies) of research for the fellow and his or her dependent(s).
- Project allowance for research related expenses such as books, copying, tuition and affiliation fees, local travel and other incidental expenses.
- Health and accident insurance premiums.

9. Contact details

Contact Elizabeth Edmondson, Fulbright Administrator, 607-255-8933, fulbright@is.cornell.edu to make an appointment for counseling with Professor Gil Levine, Fulbright Advisor.