How to Choose Fulbright Grant Type Brainstorm

Do you have college-level research experience in the field in which you would like to carry out your project?

*Possible Experience Examples: Received USC or external research grant such as: Provost, Rose Hills, SURF, SOAR or REU; Plan to complete a senior thesis, internship-related research, participation in Problems Without Passports and/or Maymester course.*

➢ If you have had similar experiences, consider a research grant

Are you interested in attending graduate school outside of the U.S.?

*Possible Experience Examples: Received USC or external research grant such as: Provost, Rose Hills, SURF, SOAR or REU in academic field you plan to pursue; Plan to complete a senior thesis in area of interest, participated in study abroad program in country and/or university of interest; have had interactions with a faculty member in program of interest.*

➢ If you have had similar experiences, consider a graduate degree study 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 Experience Examples: JEP, Teaching Assistant for college-level course, Supplemental Instruction Leader, alternative breaks, TIRP, coaching, tutoring, Troy Camp, volunteering in classrooms, Language Academy or International Academy language partner.*

➢ If you have had similar experiences, consider an ETA grant

Finally, how will a research, study or ETA grant impact your future professional career? A clear connection should be made for why joining the Fulbright community 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 while 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 Ability Reasons** Do you meet the language requirements and/or 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** Fulbright is very transparent about number of applicants received in each category compared to number awarded. [https://us.fulbrightonline.org/statistics](https://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? Will the research you conduct while on Fulbright directly apply to your career?