UI U.S. FULBRIGHT STUDENT PROGRAM
SUMMER PRIORITY DEADLINE

DEADLINE: JULY 1, 2015

The UI Campus Priority Deadline for Fulbright Grants (for Study/Research, Arts, or English Teaching Assistantships for this year’s competition) is July 1, 2015. All applicants are encouraged to submit early drafts of their Embark applications and selected materials by this deadline (specific details are below).

Why complete a Priority Deadline application?

Students who choose the priority deadline for their Fulbright applications allow time for review and feedback by International Programs staff. This allows both students and recommenders time to polish materials for a more competitive Fulbright application. The staff will evaluate student’s personal statement and statement of grant purpose, their online application, and letters of reference.

Priority applicants will have the opportunity to work more intensively on most aspects of their applications with Karen Wachsmuth well in advance of the final UI campus deadline. This provides time for revision and re-thinking of the many components of the application in order to make it more unified and well-organized. Students will continue to revise and refine until the final submission date for UI applicants of ALL MATERIALS: August 31, 2015, 4:30 p.m.

Specific details

For the Priority Deadline you will need:

1. Draft copies of 3 Letters of Reference (letterhead not required; please send references directly from faculty or other references as attachments to Karen Wachsmuth at karen-wachsmuth@uiowa.edu. (do not request that the letters be sent through the Embark system link at this point—faculty will not be able to revise them)
2. Draft of Embark Application Form: Submitted (this will look as if it is going directly to the IIE; instead it will be sent to F.P.A. Karen Wachsmuth)
   Included here will be:
   - Biographical Information
   - Draft of Statement of Grant Purpose
   - Draft of Personal Statement

For the Priority Deadline you will NOT need:

1. Completed Language Evaluation
2. Letter of Affiliation
3. For Arts candidates: submission of creative materials

Expectations for Priority Deadline Process

1. Bring your Fulbright checklist to all appointments with Karen Wachsmuth to track your progress.
2. Remember during your meetings to bring Fulbright application materials to discuss (essays, application questions, letters of reference questions, etc.). This is your meeting to work on your application materials.
3. Take notes at these meetings.
4. Check and respond to e-mails regarding the Fulbright process at least twice a week, even during the summer.
5. Send Karen Wachsmuth essay drafts at least one week in advance to ensure enough review time.
6. Have at least one or two people read the current draft of your Fulbright essays before submitting another draft to Karen. For example, you can ask one of our UI Fulbright mentors, your faculty advisor, a fellow student in your department, or better yet, a student from another discipline, a family member, the Writing Center, etc.