The UI Campus Priority Deadline for Fulbright Grants is July 1, 2016 (for Study/Research, Arts, or English Teaching Assistantships for this year’s competition). 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:

**UI Campus Deadline: September 7, 2016, 4:30 p.m.**

**For the Priority Deadline you will need:**

(IMPORTANT: Do not request that the letters be sent through the Embark system link at this point—faculty will not be able to revise them. Therefore please do not put your faculty email addresses in the Embark system yet.)

1. References: (Three (3) references are required for your final Fulbright application, but you may not be able to get all three reference forms in by July 1—this is fine):
   - For Study/Research/Arts: Ask your references to send a draft copy of their letters of reference (letterhead not required directly as an attachment to Karen Wachsmuth at karen-wachsmuth@uiowa.edu)
   - For ETA: Ask your references to send a draft copy of the ETA Fulbright Reference Form (pdf version only!) directly as an attachment to Karen Wachsmuth at karen-wachsmuth@uiowa.edu
   - Please note that this process is confidential: at no time will applicants view these references

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 Fulbright Program Advisor Karen Wachsmuth)

   Included here will be:
   - Abstract, Community Engagement, and Biographical Information (Extracurricular, Awards, etc.)
   - Draft of Statement of Grant Purpose essay
   - Draft of Personal Statement essay
   - Language Self-Evaluations

**For the Priority Deadline you will NOT need:**

1. Completed Language Evaluation(s)
2. Letter of Affiliation
3. For Arts candidates: submission of creative materials
4. Official Transcripts—but please include them if you are not taking course this summer!

**Expectations for Fulbright Application 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.