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## UI FULBRIGHT FACULTY MENTORS INFORMATION SHEET 2025

Fulbright Faculty Mentors are always available to help undergraduate and graduate students with their Fulbright applications – do not hesitate to speak with them several times over the coming months.

### MENTORS ARE AVAILABLE TO:

- Discuss your preliminary ideas if you're thinking of applying for Fulbright
- Help you to decide on the type of grant, topic, and country for which you would be best suited
- Help you locate other resources at the UI, including a faculty member in your academic discipline who can also help you with your application process and essays
- Help you with the process of locating contacts abroad
- Read drafts of your essays

However: Mentors are not to be your only readers. It's very important to also work with a faculty member **in your own department or major**, and to work with Karen Wachsmuth and Sylvia Dean.

### WHAT'S THE BEST WAY TO CONTACT MENTORS?

- Go to their office hours or make an appointment to discuss your interests and the grant application process
- Don't worry about whether or not the mentor is in your field. Fulbright applications are read by generalists, so having someone who's not in your field can be a bonus.

### HOW SHOULD YOU FOLLOW UP?

- Check in with the mentor to see how they would prefer to work together in the future—in person or by email, for example. Do remember that faculty need time to read your drafts before giving feedback.

If you have questions about the process, please contact **Karen Wachsmuth** at [karen-wachsmuth@uiowa.edu](mailto:karen-wachsmuth@uiowa.edu)

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