UI FULBRIGHT APPLICANT SUMMER PRIORITY PROCESS (optional)
DEADLINES: THROUGHOUT JULY, 2017

The UI Campus Priority Process is for students seeking maximum feedback on their early application drafts, and to encourage their faculty recommenders to seek confidential feedback on their recommendations. All applicants are encouraged to submit early drafts of their Embark applications and selected materials by these deadlines (details below).

The UI Fulbright Campus Priority Deadlines are as follows:

- **July 1:** Undergraduate Application Priority Deadline
- **July 7:** Undergraduate Recommender Priority Deadline
- **July 15:** Graduate Application Priority Deadline
- **July 22:** Graduate Recommender Priority Deadline

**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 6, 2017, 4:30 p.m.**

**Materials to be completed by the Priority Deadline:**

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

1. References: (We will look at any references sent to us at this point. Three (3) references are required for your final Fulbright application, but you may not be able to get all three reference forms in—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 (CLEA if you are applying for this)
   - Official Transcript(s) if you are not taking courses this summer

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

- Completed Faculty Language Evaluation(s)
- Letter of Affiliation
- For Arts candidates: submission of creative materials
- Official Transcripts—but please include them if you are not taking courses this summer!

**Expectations for the Fulbright Application Process**

1. Bring your Fulbright checklist to all appointments with Karen Wachsmuth and Sonja Mayrhofer 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 time 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 or Sonja 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. For example, you can ask your faculty advisor, one of our UI Fulbright mentors, a fellow student in your department, or better yet, a student from another discipline, a family member, the Writing Center, etc.