Quick Tips for Prepping a Fulbright Grant Application

• **START EARLY** – Begin by pondering which country you would like to live/work in for 9-12 months. Think about what you might want to do in that country. Reflect on your passions, your skills, and your hobbies.

• **LEARN** – Browse the [Fulbright US Student Programs Web site](https://www.fulbrightus.org/) to learn about application requirements. Visit country profile pages to become familiar with the types of grants that are normally offered in your desired host country. Visit the [Fairfield Fulbright Web page](https://www.fairfield.edu/fulbright) to learn about past award winners that graduated from Fairfield. Contact your campus Fulbright advisers led by Dr. Mary Frances Malone and Mr. Jermaine Griffin for an advising appointment. Also meet with faculty and staff advisers that can mentor you through the early stages of your proposal. Give yourself enough time to know your topic well.

• **PLAN** – Ideally, you should begin developing your Fulbright proposal in the spring semester. If you intend to apply for a research/study grant, then you will want to share a version of your project proposal with institutional contacts in your proposed country. You want to convince them that your idea is worthy of an outstanding letter of affiliation. Begin cultivating support in the summer, well in advance of the campus deadline, which is July 15, 2014. In addition, you will need three recommendations from professors, advisers, and/or supervisors that can attest to your potential as a Fulbright scholar. Make sure you give your recommenders ample time to respond to your request for a recommendation.

• **EXECUTE** – Be mindful of our campus application deadline – July 15, 2014. It is ideal to have good working drafts of your project proposal and personal statement complete two weeks before the application deadline. This should provide ample time for edits and revisions. Once you have submitted your application, begin preparing to give a presentation about your proposal before a Fulbright campus review committee in September. Make sure you incorporate feedback from your committee before the final application submission in early October.