

**Funding Opportunities *for*
Graduate International Studies Research**

**Fulbright-Hays
Doctoral Dissertation
Research Abroad
Fellowship**



Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad (DDRA) Fellowships

1. Name and Info URL

Name: Fulbright-Hays DDRA Fellowships

URL: <http://www.ed.gov/programs/iegpsddrap/index.html>

2. Deadline

Cornell campus deadline is Thursday **June 14, 2018, 12:00 a.m.** midnight.

*NOTE: Prospective applicants are required to contact the Einaudi Center at fulbright@einaudi.cornell.edu by **June 4** to indicate their intention to apply. Applicants must apply through Cornell and meet the university's submission deadline of **June 14, 2018**. Refer to the FAQ on the Einaudi Center website at <http://www.einaudi.cornell.edu/fulbright-hays-doctoral-dissertation-research-abroad-faq> for vital information about this fellowship.*

3. Description (Including types of grants/fellowships available)

This program provides grants to colleges and universities to fund individual doctoral students who conduct research in other countries, in modern foreign languages and area studies for periods of six to twelve months. Projects deepen research knowledge on and help the nation develop capability in areas of the world not generally included in U.S. curricula. Projects focusing on Western Europe are not supported.

4. Eligibility

The applicant:

- Is a citizen or national of the United States or is a permanent resident of the United States
- Is a graduate student in good standing at an institution of higher education in the United States who, when the fellowship begins, is admitted to candidacy in a doctoral program in modern foreign languages and area studies at that institution
- Is planning a teaching career in the United States upon graduation
- Possesses adequate skills in the language(s) necessary to carry out the dissertation project

5. Application procedure (How to apply, application components, URL applications)

For more information on how to apply, please visit the following websites:

Department of Education DDRA:

<http://www.ed.gov/programs/iegpsddrap/eligibility.html>

Mario Einaudi Center for International Studies:

<http://einaudi.cornell.edu/fulbright-hays-doctoral-dissertation-research-abroad-fellowships>

Application URL: <http://www.ed.gov/programs/iegpsddrap/applicant.html>

The following is a checklist of application components:

- Fully completed Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad application
- Curriculum Vitae
- 10-page narrative
- Bibliography, maximum 2 pages
- IRB narrative (Both exempt and non-exempt research projects must submit a narrative, see application package for instructions)
- 3 Electronic Graduate Student References – initiate the e-mail to your references
- 1 Electronic Language Reference for each language of research
- Letter of support from host institution
- Graduate School Transcripts

Submit your application to your institution's Project Director via e-Application well in advance of the closing date (contact your Project Director for information about internal deadlines).

When students submit the application through the Internet via the e-Grants website, they will receive an automatic acknowledgment via e-mail when their university's Project Director receives the application.

6. Selection Criteria

The maximum score for all of the criteria, including the competitive preference priority, is 105 points. The maximum score for each criterion is indicated in parentheses.

Quality of proposed project (60 points): The Secretary reviews each application to determine the quality of the research project proposed by the applicant. The Secretary considers:

- The statement of the major hypotheses to be tested or questions to be examined, and the description and justification of the research methods to be used (**15 points**)
- The relationship of the research to the literature on the topic and to major theoretical issues in the field, and the project's originality and importance in terms of the concerns of the discipline (**10 points**)
- The preliminary research already completed in the United States and overseas or plans for such research prior to going overseas, and the kinds, quality and availability of data for the research in the host country or countries (**10 points**)

- The justification for overseas field research and preparations to establish appropriate and sufficient research contacts and affiliations abroad **(10 points)**
- The applicant's plans to share the results of the research in progress and a copy of the dissertation with scholars and officials of the host country or countries **(5 points)**
- The guidance and supervision of the dissertation advisor or committee at all stages of the project, including guidance in developing the project, understanding research conditions abroad, and acquainting the applicant with research in the field **(10 points)**

Qualifications of the applicant (40 points): In determining the qualifications of the applicant, the Secretary considers:

- The overall strength of the applicant's graduate academic record **(10 points)**
- The extent to which the applicant's academic record demonstrates strength in area studies relevant to the proposed project **(10 points)**
- The applicant's proficiency in one or more of the languages (other than English and the applicant's native language) of the country or countries of research, and the specific measures to be taken to overcome any anticipated language barriers **(15 points)**
- The applicant's ability to conduct research in a foreign cultural context, as evidenced by the applicant's references of previous overseas experience, or both **(5 points)**

Priorities: This notice contains one absolute priority and two competitive preference priorities, which are explained in the following paragraphs. In accordance with 34 CFR 75.105(b)(2)(ii), these priorities are from the regulations for this program (34 CFR 662.21(d)).

Absolute Priority: Since FY 2013, the following has been an absolute priority. Only applications that meet this priority were be considered.

This priority is:

A research project that focuses on one or more of the following geographic areas: *Africa, East Asia, Southeast Asia and the Pacific Islands, South Asia, the Near East, Central and Eastern Europe and Eurasia, and the Western Hemisphere (excluding the United States and its territories)*. **Please note that applications that propose projects focused on the following countries are not eligible:** *Andorra, Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, San Marino, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, or Vatican City.*

Competitive Preference Priorities: Within this absolute priority, competitive preference was given to applications that addressed one or both of the following priorities. An additional five points will be given to an application for each competitive preference priority it meets **(up to 10 additional points)**.

These priorities are:

Competitive Preference Priority 1: Focus on Priority Languages (3 Points)

A research project that focuses on any of the 78 languages selected from the U.S. Department of Education's list of Less Commonly Taught Languages (LCTLs), as follows:

Akan(Twi-Fante), Albanian, Amharic, Arabic(all dialects), Armenian, Azeri (Azerbaijani), Balochi, Bamanakan (Bamana, Bambara, Mandikan, Mandingo, Maninka, Dyula), Belarusian, Bengali(Bangla), Berber(all languages), Bosnian, _ Bulgarian, Burmese, Cebuano(Visayan), Chechen, Chinese(Cantonese), Chinese(Gan), Chinese (Mandarin), Chinese(Min), Chinese(Wu), Croatian, Dari, Dinka, Georgian, Gujarati, Hausa, Hebrew (Modern), Hindi, Igbo, Indonesian, Japanese, Javanese, Kannada, Kashmiri, Kazakh, Khmer(Cambodian), Kirghiz, Korean, Kurdish(Kurmanji), Kurdish(Sorani), Lao, Malay(Bahasa Melayu or Malaysian), Malayalam, Marathi, Mongolian, Nepali, Oromo, Panjabi, Pashto, Persian (Farsi), Polish, Portuguese(all varieties), Quechua, Romanian, Russian, Serbian, Sinhala(Sinhalese), Somali, Swahili, Tagalog, Tajik, Tamil, Telugu, Thai, Tibetan, Tigrigna, Turkish, Turkmen, Ukrainian, Urdu, Uyghur/Uigur, Uzbek, Vietnamese, Wolof, Xhosa, Yoruba, and Zulu.

Competitive Preference Priority 2: Thematic Focus on Academic Fields (2 Points)

Research projects that are proposed by applicants in the field of *economics, engineering, international development, mathematics, political science, public health, science, comparative or international education, or technology*. Program Authority: 22 U.S.C. 2452(b)(6).

Invitational Priority (Minority-Serving Institutions): For purposes of this invitational priority, Minority-Serving Institution means an institution that is eligible to receive assistance under part A of title III, under part B of title III, or under title V of the Higher Education Act. of 1965, as amended.. *Note: There are no points awarded for this priority*

7. Funding Period

Students may propose research for 6 to 12 months. The fellowship may not be renewed.

8. Funding Amount (Including expenses covered, number of awards)

- Travel expenses, including excess baggage to and from the residence of the fellow to the host country of research.
- Maintenance and dependents allowances based on the cost of living in country(ies) of research for the fellow and his or her dependent(s).
- Project allowance for research related expenses such as books, copying, tuition and affiliation fees, local travel and other incidental expenses.
- Health and accident insurance premiums.

9. Contact Details

Contact Elizabeth Edmondson, Fulbright Administrator, 607-255-8933, fulbright@inaudi.cornell.edu to make an appointment for counseling with Prof. Gil Levine, Fulbright Advisor.