## How to Apply

#### PLAN AHEAD! IT WILL TAKE WEEKS OR MONTHS TO ASSEMBLE A QUALITY APPLICATION.

- 1. Attend an information session (See <u>calendar</u>) or view an <u>Online Presentation</u>
- 2. <u>Sign up for Yale's Fulbright newsletter</u> to get regular tips and reminders throughout the application process
- 3. Explore the Fulbright website
  - The 'Countries' and 'Applicants' tabs provide region-specific application information and advice about different application components.
  - The '<u>Award Search</u>' tool allows you to filter by common criteria to see what grants might be the best fit.
- 4. Start campus process registration in <u>Yale Student Grants Database</u> (only for students who will be currently enrolled during Fall 2023)
- 5. Begin your application in the Fulbright portal
  - Start early to plan for the project's size and scope. This will make securing affiliations and requesting recommendations much easier.
- 6. Research & contact affiliations abroad (Study/Research applicants only)
  - Reference the 'Countries' tab on the Fulbright site for information about host country affiliation requirements.
  - Even if the country page states that a letter of affiliation is not required, know that you
    will be at a competitive disadvantage without one. <u>The best affiliation letters</u> are strong
    and specific.
- 7. <u>Request recommendations:</u> Recommendations must be requested via the Fulbright application portal. Applicants are **strongly encouraged** to communicate early and often with recommenders and to formally request letters **at least 3 weeks** before the deadline.
  - Study/Research applicants: Three (3) people who can speak to the applicant's ability and preparedness to conduct the proposed project.
  - ETA applicants: Three (3) people who can evaluate cultural adaptability and/or the applicant's teaching/education background. Note that this recommendation will be a *form* rather than a traditional letter.
- 8. Complete language evaluation
  - Certain host countries will require applicants to complete a language evaluation.
  - Contact your most recent language instructor or, if not applicable, the Center for Language Study to arrange the evaluation (allow at least 3 weeks before deadline).

<sup>\*</sup> The Yale Campus Process is only open to current YC seniors.

### Timeline and Deadlines

March 31, 2023	Application opens on Fulbright website
August 16, 2023	Deadline to submit draft applications for review by the Fellowships Office
September 5, 2023	Deadline to opt-in to campus process via Student Grants Database AND by submitting
	completed application via the Fulbright application portal – 1pm ET
Mid-September	Study/Research Grant applicants participating in campus review are informed of their
	campus faculty reviewer and individually arrange a 1:1 interview.
Late September	English Teaching Assistantship Grant applicants participating in campus review are
	informed of the date and time of their interview with the Yale ETA committee.
September 30,	Interviews complete by this date. Fulbright applications will be released back to applicants
2023	for final revisions.
October 10, 2023	National Deadline for receipt of applications, recommendations, and affiliations – 5pm ET
Late January 2024	Semi-finalists results are announced
March-June 2024	Finalists are notified. Notification deadlines vary greatly by country

# Tips and Suggestions

### **RECOMMENDATIONS/LANGUAGE EVALUATIONS**

- [1] Discuss your plans for Fulbright EARLY ideally in the spring. This way your recommender will know to expect the formal request. Enter recommenders' information in the system *as early as possible* to give them more time to complete the reference. Give at least 3 weeks of notice and a copy of application materials and a resume to help them write a strong, specific recommendation. Remind them that the Yale campus deadline is EARLIER than the national deadline. Feel free to refer them to <a href="mailto:fellowships@yale.edu">fellowships@yale.edu</a> if they have questions.
- [2] Recommenders receive instructions (and forms as needed) directly from the Fulbright online application system; these emails are often caught by spam filters and wind up in junk mail folders. Be sure to check that all recommenders have received an email from Fulbright.

### TRANSCRIPTS (YALE COLLEGE AND OTHER)

- [1] The applicant is responsible for obtaining transcripts from institutions outside of Yale (if any) and combining those as a single pdf file along with the Yale College transcript. This single pdf file should be uploaded to the transcripts section of the application.
- [2] Currently enrolled seniors may use records from SIS for the initial campus deadline in early September, but must provide Fulbright with an official Yale transcript for the national deadline.

Yale Graduate/Professional students apply through the Graduate School (<u>studentgrants.yale.edu</u>).

YC Alumni apply directly, but may receive support from the Office of Fellowships and list Yale in the "Award Information" section.

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