Advice for Graduate Students from Fulbright Grant Recipients
University of Delaware 2015

- Follow your passion. Your project should be something you are genuinely passionate about, not a project that you think might be a hot topic.

- Do your homework. What institution is best for your research/degree program? Who would be best to work with there?

- Research the academic life of the proposed host institution. In what ways is it similar to and different from academic life in the US?

- Meet with faculty mentors at UD to find names of their colleagues abroad. Contact those potential mentors.

- In describing your research project, think beyond the benefits to you and the host institution. Think more broadly about ways your research will benefit both the US and the host country.

- Clearly articulate the value of your research/plan of study.

- What difference do you want to make? What will be your lasting legacy?

- Does your application present a coherent narrative? Do you communicate academically where you’ve been, where you want to go and how the Fulbright will help you get there?

- The Fulbright isn’t a scheduled, prescribed program. Rather it’s more like a choose your own adventure story. How flexible are you? How would you take advantage of unforeseen opportunities? Give concrete examples.

- The Fulbright is primarily a cultural exchange program with an academic focus. How will you interact with others while on the Fulbright grant? What would you propose to do outside of your research or classroom setting?