How to Best Prepare for Fulbright Campus Interview

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Where are you planning to go?
Tell us a...

- Major current event that’s happening in the country
- Major/memorable historical event that happened in the 20th century
- Social custom
- Other
What is Fulbright Campus Interview?

- Final stage of Fulbright application
For Students ...

- Provide additional information
- Make it personal
For the Campus Committee...

- Assess you in person
- Gauge how ready you are for the challenges
- Provide information to national and to overseas screening committees
What to expect...

Faculty or administrators

- Familiarity with field, destination, Fulbright program
- Variety of international experiences
- Interest in the Fulbright program
Expected Questions...

- What are your academic or professional qualifications that will allow you to effectively pursue your project?
- How valid and feasible is your proposed project?
- What are your language qualifications to pursue your proposed project?
- Do you seem mature, motivated, and able to adapt to new cultural environments?
- What do you know about your host country?
- What sort of ambassadorial potential do you have in representing the US abroad?
Designed to address the expected questions...

- Are you open to new experiences and ideas?
- How do you meet challenges or difficulties?
- Do you interact with people easily?
- Why should you be given the scholarship?
- Can you tell us the main purpose and background of this scholarship?
Keep in mind…

- May be conducted in the language of the host country
- Demonstrate an interest in the host country beyond the specific disciplinary focus
Before the interview
assess yourself...

What do you **have** to pursue Fulbright?

- Experience, knowledge, skills or special training
- Aptitudes, experience, or personal traits
Take Time to Prepare...

- Review the content of your applications personal statement, curriculum vitae
- Think about supporting materials: recommenders, papers, projects, tutoring jobs, or a performance, courses
- Research on your host country
Basic Interview Tips...

- Expect to meet a person who only knows you through a paper
- Concentrate on being your best self
- Keep the six basic questions mentioned
- Feel free to take a moment to think before you answer a question or ask for clarification
- Say you don’t know if you can’t answer a question
- Make sure you address each of your answers to everyone in the room
Finally...

Enjoy the experience!
Fulbright Resources...

- Tutorial: Intro to the Fulbright U.S. Student Program: https://vimeo.com/71415347

- Tutorial: The English Teaching Assistant Program (ETA): https://vimeo.com/71415347