To:   Doctoral Students  
From: Sue Lorenz, Director, Fulbright Programs  
Date: 03/30/16  
Re: Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship  

CAMPUS DEADLINE: FRIDAY, APRIL 29, 2016 BY 5:00 p.m.


The Fulbright-Hays DDRA provides grant support for doctoral students for 6 to 12 months of dissertation research to be conducted outside the U.S. These fellowships provide opportunities for full-time research abroad in modern languages and area studies. “Area studies” is defined as a “program of comprehensive study of the aspects of a society or societies, including the study of their geography, history, culture, economy, politics, international relations and languages.”

An applicant must be a graduate student in good academic standing who has or will have attained Ph.D. candidacy status by the beginning of the applicant’s proposed grant period. Eligibility requirements include U.S. citizenship or permanent resident status and adequate foreign language skills to accomplish the proposed research.

As part of its FY 2016 budget request, the Administration proposed to continue to allow funds to be used to support the applications of individuals who plan both to utilize their language skills in world areas vital to United States national security and to apply their language skills and knowledge of these countries in the fields of government, international development, and the professions. Therefore, students planning to apply their language skills in such fields and those planning teaching careers are eligible to apply to IHEs for funds from this program.

Project Period: The institutional project period is 18 months, beginning October 1, 2016 and ending March 31, 2018. Students may request funding for a period of no less than six months and no more than 12 months within that time period.
**Absolute Priority:**

For FY 2016, a focus in one or more of certain geographic regions is an absolute priority. Only applications that meet this priority will be considered eligible:

*Specific Geographic Regions of the World.*

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:**

*Competitive Preference Priorities:* Within this absolute priority, we give competitive preference to applications that address one or both of the following priorities.

Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(2)(i), for FY 2016, we award an additional three points to an application that meets Competitive Preference Priority 1 and two points for an application that meets Competitive Preference Priority 2 (up to 5 additional points possible).

These priorities are:

*Competitive Preference Priority 1: Focus on Priority Languages (3 points).*

A research project that makes use of any of the 78 priority 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, Bamanankan (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).

A research project conducted in the field of economics, engineering, international development, mathematics, political science, public health, science, comparative or international education, or technology.

Application Information

The application for the Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Program is an institutional application; Sue Lorenz in Office of International Programs coordinates the University of Kansas application.

1. For detailed information and application inquiries, contact Sue Lorenz, Office of International Programs, 300 Strong Hall, 864-6161, or slorenz@ku.edu.

2. All applications must be submitted online through the government’s G5 application portal. To establish an account and begin the application process, go to:

   http://www2.ed.gov/programs/iegpsddrap/applicant.html

   The application portal can be located directly by going to: http://www.g5.gov

3. **Internal Deadline:** The KU deadline for individual applications is **Friday, April 29 by 5:00 p.m.** All applications and supporting documentation must be electronically submitted through the G5 portal by 5:00 p.m. on that date. **Faculty members writing letters of recommendation will need to submit their letters by April 29 as well.**

4. All official post-secondary academic transcripts must be scanned and uploaded in a single file to the e-grant application this year. Paper transcripts are no longer needed or accepted.

5. Dissertations involving research with human subjects will require the applicant to submit a human subjects protocol statement to Sue Lorenz. Please contact her for details.