Fulbright U.S. Student Program
What is it?

- Mutual exchange program
- Grants to teach/research abroad
- 140+ countries
- Nearly 2,000 awards annually
History:

• 1945 – Senator William J. Fulbright writes bill proposing “international goodwill” through mutual exchange program

• 1946 – Harry Truman signs bill into law; program is sponsored by U.S. Govt.
Grants Available

- English Teaching Assistant (ETA)
- Research/Study Grant
English Teaching Assistant (ETA)

- Assist local English teachers
- Students range from kindergarten to university
Research/Study Grant

• Individually designed research/study project
• Typically work closely with advisers from foreign universities
• In some cases, may use to complete graduate degree
Grant Covers…

• Travel expenses
• Medical insurance
• Monthly stipend
  – Varies by country
  – Enough to “lead a graduate lifestyle”
  – For example, Germany is €800
Eligibility

• U.S. citizen
• Current student
  – Complete bachelor’s degree by the time program starts
  – Not have earned a doctoral degree at time of application
• Language proficiency (not required in most countries)
Timeline

• Several months before due date:
  - Research programs/countries—research/study or ETA
    – Develop statement of proposed study (research grant) or grant purpose (ETA grant)
    – Develop personal statement
  – Gather three letters of recommendation
  – Gather academic transcripts
Timeline - continued

• Mid-September: UNC Charlotte campus deadline

• Late September: Campus review panel interview

• Mid-October: Fulbright deadline
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