**Short Essays**

The essays are your opportunity to describe why you have selected the particular country (or countries), how Fulbright fits into your career path, your cultural preparation, and your teaching preparation (if teaching is selected). The details you provide here should be clear and compelling and should complement the information in your project statement and CV/resume. You are encouraged to write these in a document before copying them into your application. Please be mindful of character limits [which include spaces and punctation].

**Country Selection (up to 2,000 characters)**

* Why is this country (or countries) the best match for your project?
* What experiences have prepared you to undertake your project in this country (countries)?
* Please describe your prior experiences in the host country/countries (if any).

**Career Trajectory (up to 1,500 characters)**

* How will this Fulbright award fit into your career path and future goals?
* What is the trajectory you have followed, and what are your plans for the future?

**Cultural Preparation (up to 2,000 characters)**

Please address your familiarity with the host culture, and any other global experiences that prepare you to adjust successfully to life in the host country.

* What challenges do you expect to face as a foreign national in the host country?
* How will you adapt, address, or manage them?
* Provide examples of your familiarity with the culture, your ability to be adaptable, culturally sensitive, collegial, and how you may serve as a cultural ambassador for the U.S.

**Teaching Preparation (only required if your award activity includes teaching) (up to 1,500 characters)**

* How you will make your teaching relevant to the culture(s) and language(s) of the host country?
* How will you adapt your materials and pedagogy to a different teaching environment in which your students’ first language may not be English?