







The following are some key recommendations on the types of interview questions and criteria to use when preparing for the candidates' interviews. The applicants should be selected for an interview based on the following criteria listed herein.

| INTERVIEW CRITERIA The candidate must demonstrate: | |
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|  | Ability to articulate reasons for pursuing chosen field of study in the US |
|  | Recognition of the benefit of field of study to home country development |
|  | Potential for being a successful cultural ambassador in the U.S. for his/her country |
|  | Interest in and commitment to cross-cultural exchange |
|  | Evidence of adaptability |
|  | Ideal candidates will often illustrate leadership potential |

Sample Interview Questions

INTENDED FIELD OF STUDY

- Why do you wish to pursue x degree/graduate study in this field?
- Why do you think it especially important to do so in the US?
- What are your career goals and how will study in the U.S. help you achieve them?
- What distinguishes you from other candidates that supports awarding you a grant?

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE

- What kind of professional experience have you had that has prepared you for graduate study in your field?
- Tell us about an experience you have had working or conducting research in English.
- Describe your professional or personal experience with diversity, in and/or outside your country.

ADAPTABILITY

- Tell the panel about a situation where you had to adapt to a new environment or unfamiliar situation, and how you handled it (overseas study or a new academic or work situation, for example).
- What do you think will be the most difficult aspect of adjusting to life in the US?
- The Fulbright program values geographic and institutional diversity when placing nominees at US institutions. How do you feel about studying in “a smaller town” as opposed to a major city?

Sample Interview Questions

COMMITMENT TO HOME COUNTRY

- Upon completion of your Fulbright program, how would you plan to implement what you have learned?
- How would you share the academic and cultural knowledge that you gained in the US, in your home country?
- How would others in your field/home country benefit from this?

COMITTMENT TO CULTURAL EXCHANGE

- How will you be a good ambassador for _____ (country) in the U.S.?
- How would you plan to share your culture and traditions with your classmates and campus community in the US?
- What would you share about your country?
- How will you share your U.S. experience with your home community?

LEADERSHIP

- Explain a situation where you have served as a leader. Explain in detail your role and how individuals responded to your leadership.
- What sort of leader would a team say that you are?
- Tell us about a situation where you have mentored or coached someone to help achieve a goal.
- Provide an example of how you plan to use your leadership skills to contribute to your U.S. or home community as a Fulbrighter.