**Personal Statement (For both Fulbright ETA and Research/Study Applicants)**

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| Criteria | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| **How did you come to this point in your life? Does the essay give a portrait of your personal/academic development?*** Illustrates a depth and breadth of experiences
* Shows directly how your experiences contribute to your role as a Fulbrighter
* Demonstrates motivation, conveys dedication, and highlights strengths
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| **Where does the grant fit with your future plans? Is there a clear or evolving pattern of development in your academic** **work?*** Shows directly how Fulbright project builds on your prior studies and experiences
* Explains clearly how Fulbright project contributes to your future plans
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| **Does writing show clarity/richness? Is the intent of the statement clear?*** Central idea fully developed and engaging throughout. Richly detailed writing that supports main claim.
* Focused, engaging writing that avoids clichés. Varied vocabulary.
* Sincere, expressive voice shows commitment to topic and strong sense of individual.
* Well organized writing, with no grammatical or spelling mistakes.
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| **Does writing adhere to proper format?*** Length is limited to a maximum of one single-spaced page. Longer statements will not be presented to the screening committee.
* Use 1-inch margins and Times New Roman 12-point font.
* At the top of each page include:
	+ On line 1: Personal Statement
	+ On line 2: Your Name, Country of Application, and Field of Study (for ETA applicants, field of study is “English Teaching Assistantship Program”)
	+ On line 3: Project Title as it appears in the Biographical Data section of the application *(Research/Study Only)*
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\*Our comments in this section owe much to a helpful personal statement rubric prepared by the University of Arizona’s English Department (link will not copy, but you can find the original with a google search).