**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 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **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 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **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. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **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)* |  |  |  |  |  |  |

\*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).