UM Fulbright Application FAQs

1. Do the letters of affiliation have to be in English?
A letter of support or affiliation should be written in English. However, if it was originally written in another language, the candidate may either ask the author to provide an English translation, or have a professor or other third party provide a translation. Candidates may also translate letters of support or affiliation themselves.

2. Where can I find sample essays of successful Fulbright Applications?
You may e-mail the (prestigiousawards@miami.edu) for samples of successful Fulbright essays from former UM students.

3. Do I have to submit the 3 letters of recommendation by the Fulbright campus deadline?
Yes, all components of the application are due by the campus deadline, including 3 letters of recommendation. For Study Grant applicants, the letters of recommendation should be e-mailed or delivered via mail to the Prestigious Awards Office (do not submit them via the on-line Embark application system). Applicants for English Teaching Assistantships, however, must request that their references submit the recommendation forms in the on-line Embark system by the campus deadline.

4. Why are the letters of recommendation the only component of my application that has to be submitted directly to the Prestigious Awards office by the campus deadline, rather than in the on-line system?
For Study Grant applicants, the Prestigious Awards office recommends that letters of reference be submitted via e-mail or delivered by post by the campus deadline (refer to complete application instructions). When the UM Fulbright Committee reviews your application, its members may recommend changes to improve your application. In order to ensure that all aspects of your candidacy are presented, this may involve requesting a letter from someone else (your employer or thesis advisor, for example.) In other cases, references submit a letter and accidentally write the wrong fellowship name in the opening or concluding paragraph. Since it is difficult to make changes to a letter once it is submitted in the Embark system, submitting the letters in an alternate format by the campus deadline allows more flexibility for updates and changes before the national deadline.

(Note: Applicants for English Teaching Assistantships are responsible for ensuring that their three recommendation forms are submitted via Embark by the campus deadline).
5. **Will I be able to make changes to my Fulbright application after I submit it on Embark?**

Yes, when you submit your application on Embark by the campus deadline, you are not submitting your final application to the national Fulbright committee. By clicking ‘submit’, you are simply granting the UM Fulbright Program Advisor (FPA) the ability to view and print your complete application. Up until the national deadline, the FPA has the ability to ‘unsubmit’ applications so that an applicant can make changes. In the period between the campus interviews (mid-September) and the national deadline (mid-October), you will have a chance to edit your application.

6. **If I can make changes to my application at a later date, why do I need to submit the complete application by the campus deadline?**

It is in your best interest to submit the best, most complete application by the campus deadline because the UM Fulbright Committee will be completing the Campus Committee Evaluation Form (required for the national competition) based on the application you submit by the campus deadline and your campus interview.