The project statement (Statement of Purpose) is the most important component of the Fulbright NEXUS application. The statement of purpose must be the equivalent of 3 to 5 pages, single spaced, in 12-point or larger font size.

- The statement of purpose should be submitted as a PDF attachment.

The statement of purpose is your opportunity to explain your specific strengths as a candidate to reviewers and potential hosts. It must be persuasive and compelling. Below are some items to consider as you write. You may use headers and/or bullets to organize and convey key elements.

Applicants should submit a statement of purpose that addresses at least one of the

Fulbright NEXUS collaborative research areas you selected:

- Renewable Energy, including Micro-Grid Innovations
- Social and Behavioral Adaptation to Climate Change
- Measuring Climate Change and its Impact (Metrics and Standards)
- Climate Change and Biodiversity
- Climate Change and Food and Water Security

All applicants should address:

- Your ability to perform collaborative research in a multidisciplinary team-based setting.
- What you believe the public policy impact and practical significance of the selected research area(s) is to the Western Hemisphere.
- How your collaborative research in the selected area(s) will advance understanding of regional development to improve quality of life in local communities and regions across the Western Hemisphere.
- How local stakeholders from a range of sectors (i.e. NGO’s, government, private industries) could be identified to collaborate as “program implementers” in collaborative research efforts.
- How you would integrate student and/or youth outreach in the collaborative research
• How you will benefit from and contribute to the goals and objectives of the NEXUS program.

**Statements of Purpose should specifically describe:**

• The academic and professional context of the research area(s); include a bibliography (not exceeding 3 pages) referring to the leading works by others and the current state of the field.

• What teaching and professional experience prepared you for this type of program.

• Why the research needs to be done; what significance it holds for your discipline, your personal and professional development, and the region’s benefit.

• Why it should be done in the country(ies) you selected.

• How you would disseminate the results of your research.

**Previous Fulbright Scholar grantees should also address:**

• What accomplishments and contributions resulted from your earlier grant(s).

• How a second grant will build on your previous Fulbright experience.

• What you will accomplish with a second grant.