Fulbright US Student Program: How to Get Started

1. Review the FAQs at the bottom of this page: https://onsf.utk.edu/fulbright-u-s-student-program/
2. Review the Fulbright website: http://us.fulbrightonline.org/
   a. Prospective applicants should in particular read the Country Summaries: https://us.fulbrightonline.org/countries/regions and Grant Types for countries of interest.
   b. Considering an English Teaching Assistantship? Refer to this page for a quick glance of language requirements and number of grants available by country: https://us.fulbrightonline.org/about/types-of-awards/english-teaching-assistant-awards
   c. In general, it’s not a bad idea to cast a wide net initially regarding a target country/award, bearing in mind eventually you will need to zero in on one country and one grant proposal.
3. Check out the Fulbright’s tutorials: https://us.fulbrightonline.org/tutorials
4. Watch at least one Fulbright webinar (recorded or live) at https://us.fulbrightonline.org/resources/recorded-webinars/ It is a great way to hear straight from the Fulbright about what makes a competitive application. Trust us on this. We watch them, too.
5. Attend an ONSF information session on the Fulbright. Dates are posted on the ONSF website: https://onsf.utk.edu/ and ONSF Fulbright page: https://onsf.utk.edu/fulbright-u-s-student-program/
7. Begin talking with your potential recommenders about the Fulbright. In addition to discussing the possibility of their writing one of your 3 required recommendations — ONSF provides tips for writers of Fulbright recommendations here: http://onsf.utk.edu/writing-recommendations-for-national-scholarships/ — see if they have suggestions about topics/countries/contacts for you to pursue. Indeed, while you will work with ONSF on your Fulbright application, the best applications are the product of close work with applicants’ faculty and ONSF, in concert.
8. For Study/Research applications only: Research contacts in your country of choice, and begin to identify potential sources for your letter of affiliation.
9. Complete the ONSF Pre-Application by May 14: https://onsf.utk.edu/2018-onsf-pre-application/
10. Work on your Personal Statement and Statement of Grant Purpose, start planning for any Foreign Language Evaluations (FLEs) you might need, and initiate your online Fulbright application in the Embark system: https://iie.embark.com/apply/fusp-2018

Questions?
Contact Andrew Seidler, Director of ONSF, at aseidler@utk.edu. Andrew is available during the summer to meet with you individually, talk via phone/Skype, follow up with your recommenders, provide feedback, etc.