Fulbright Personal Statement: Pre-Writing Questions

What makes you **UNIQUE?**

Reflect on key experiences, both negative and positive, what shaped your life/career/research interests. How have they inspired you to change or persevere?

How has volunteering, service learning, or study abroad changed your thinking or goals?

What is your family like? Have they influenced your decision to apply for this opportunity?

What personal and individual strengths do you have that make you a qualified applicant?
How are you a cultural ambassador?

When did you first become interested in this particular country?

What experiences do you have working and/or studying in this particular country in the past?

Where else have you travelled and how did these travels affect your research interests/personal growth/understanding of the world?

How have you shared your understanding of another culture to students or your surrounding community in the US?
What pressing social needs or cultural concerns in the country to which you are applying are you familiar with? Why do those needs capture your attention?

What do you see in your future?

What do you want to accomplish with this fellowship?

How do you intend to contribute to your profession?

How will receiving the fellowship contribute to your career goals?

How does your research agenda match the mission and priorities of the Fulbright, or of the particular Fulbright fellowship to which you are applying?