

2) SPECIAL SECTION FOR STUDENTS

- I. The Fulbright Commission no longer offers grant extensions as a result of changed priorities for more new grants. If you plan to stay on beyond your Fulbright grant please explore other sources and institutions. Unfortunately, all Fulbright benefits including transportation and health insurance will cease as originally announced.
- II. **Proof of matriculation:** We need proof of your matriculation status for the winter semester 2009/10. Please send us a copy of your student ID (e-copy or p-copy), if you haven't done so already.
- III. **Proof of achievement:** For each semester, please send us copies of your "Scheine" or transcript as proof of successful academic work. Doctoral candidates should send us a short report on their dissertation work and have their German dissertation advisor send us a short "Gutachten" on their progress.
- IV. **Duration of grant:** At some universities the *Vorlesungsende* (end of classes) of the summer semester is scheduled before the grant expiration date. If you intend to return home at this time (between the end of classes and the termination of your grant) please submit a request to us. If this is approved, your grant benefits will have to be adjusted accordingly (if more than 7 days before the grant ends). Of course, you may stay until the end of your grant period as given without loss of benefits.

Some universities have decided to hold classes beyond the end of your official grant period. If you stay on to complete your courses you may request an extension of your full-maintenance grant for the time period until the official end of the summer semester (*Vorlesungsende*).

The deadline for those requests is April 30, 2010. Later requests cannot be considered. Please check your Fulbright grant authorization, item 3, for the exact duration of your grant before applying. Travel-Only grantees should check with their maintenance sponsors. See details under "Westbound transportation" in this Circular.

- V. **Visa or Aufenthaltsgenehmigung.** Please note that you must extend your residence-permit if you plan to stay on regardless of how few days. There is no such thing as a "tourist" status, or any other regulation that would turn or extend your stay into a legal situation: only an application for an extension of your Aufenthaltsbewilligung will satisfy the legal requirement. If in doubt, please check with your Ausländeramt.
If you apply for an extension, the Ausländeramt will usually ask for proof of maintenance funding (about Euro 700/month are required for a single person), of health insurance (we might be able to offer you Victoria health insurance at your own costs), and of student status (your summer semester status should cover you until September 30).