

## **2. REQUESTING APPLICATIONS**

After narrowing down your choice of institutions to a limited number (approximately 5 - 10), write to the Office of Admissions at the institutions in which you are interested. You can find the addresses and deadline dates in the free Peterson's book or in other handbooks available at the Fulbright Commission.

To contact the university you can send a completed copy of the form "Request for Application Material" (the RAM-form) to the admissions office. It does not cost anything to submit the RAM-form, and at this stage you should not enclose any other documents. Naturally you can write a personal letter or send an e-mail instead and include the same information as you would on the RAM-form.

Under item 8 on the RAM-form, clearly indicate whether you primarily intend to study for only one year as a special student/non-degree student, or if you want to earn a degree. Under item 11, you can indicate if you want to apply for financial aid from the university.

As a special student/non-degree student you are not enrolled in a degree program but are usually free to choose and combine courses in which you are interested. If you apply to a degree program, there are a number of compulsory courses in various fields of study that you need to take in order to fulfill the requirements for your degree. Not all universities admit students as one-year special students/non-degree students.