



## FULBRIGHT GRADUATE STUDENT PROGRAM

### Instructions for Completing the 2022-2023 Fulbright Foreign Student Program Application

Application: <https://apply.iie.org/ffsp2022>

**Read all instructions carefully before completing the application.**

Applicants may only apply for one award per application cycle.

**The submission deadline is May 16, 2021, until midnight Ukrainian time.**

The IIE/Kyiv Office currently works remotely due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

If you have any questions regarding the program, contact:

[ibarysh@iie.org](mailto:ibarysh@iie.org); [student.ukraine@iie.org](mailto:student.ukraine@iie.org); [office.ukraine@iie.org](mailto:office.ukraine@iie.org)

(please indicate "Student Program" in the e-mail subject line).

*Prospective Fulbright participants should be aware that public health conditions, availability of consular services and travel, as well as U.S. institutional operating status and policies may affect their ability to travel to the U.S. and participate in academic programs.*

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**Before you begin an application, must make sure you are eligible to apply:**

- Applicants should have Ukrainian citizenship and reside in Ukraine at the time of the Fulbright contest.
- Applicants cannot be U.S. citizens or permanent residents of the U.S. to participate in the Fulbright Foreign Student Program.
- Students already in the United States are ineligible for a grant.
- Candidate who have lived abroad for nine months or more during a calendar year are deemed to have resided abroad for that year.
- Candidates who have resided abroad for five or more consecutive years in the six-year period preceding the date of application are ineligible.
- Applicants or applicants' immediate family cannot have been employed by the stated organizations and/or agencies within the year prior to application.
- Preference will be given to candidates who have not had extensive recent experience in the United States. The preference for candidates without extensive previous experience in the United States applies at each stage of competition.
- Candidates who wish to pursue studies as medical students are not eligible. Candidates with medical degrees may receive grants for advanced academic study, but not for internships or residencies. Grants shall not authorize activity for which a license to practice medicine or nursing is required.
- **Note: The Fulbright Foreign Student Program is a generic international program** including two grant categories: **Fulbright Graduate Student Program** (master/degree-seeking students) and **Fulbright Research and Development Program/FRDP** (non-degree/visiting student researchers). If Fulbright alumni have already received their scholarships as part of the Fulbright Foreign Student Program, candidates are ineligible for another student grant, and can apply to the Fulbright Scholar program (if meet the criteria requirements).

**Please read all instructions carefully before completing the application.**

### **1. Learn requirements for submitting an application.**

You should use these **country instructions for Ukraine**: we customized the generic instructions and included our contact information, deadline date, eligibility requirements, specific information that is not currently requested on the generic online application.

### **2. Complete the application.**

The application is supported by all modern browsers. We highly recommend that you use a current version of [Google Chrome](#), which supports Windows, Mac, and Linux platforms.

To protect your privacy, **your session will time out within 60 minutes of using the application**. Please note however that much of the platform automatically saves your work, so you do not risk losing much work in the event of a session timeout.

You do not need to complete this application at one sitting. You can re-enter at any time and edit your application. Remember that once you submit (completed) your application, you can NO longer make changes to it.

All forms in this application are to be completed in English. Items must be answered completely and carefully.

#### **Some helpful tips:**

- Avoid using all capital letters when answering items, e.g. name, address, etc. It is better to use upper and lower case, e.g. Ron Smith.
- You can copy and paste information into all text boxes.
- In the text boxes, you must limit your responses to the space provided. Information that exceeds the space provided (the five-line word limit) will not display or print. If what you have typed or copied exceeds the size of the box, you must edit it. It is a good idea to ‘preview’ each page of your application to make sure that all your data displays.
- **Do not use any Cyrillic letters on any portion of the application** as these letters cannot be processed in the Fulbright online system and will be unreadable—and most readers in the U.S. will not be able to understand your entry.
- Prepare required documents and save them in PDF format. It is highly recommended that to preserve any formatting and special characters in your documents, you upload them in PDF format.
- Some questions are ‘required.’ They are marked with an asterisk (\*). In other words, you will not be able to complete and submit your application until all required items are completed.
- When you click on the “Review” button on the Home page, your application will be checked for completeness. You will be prompted to enter any missing information on required questions.

### **3. Submit the application**

Once you have entered all required information, including recommenders, review your application for errors. If all information is correct, submit your application. Once you submit you CANNOT make changes to your application.

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**Before you begin an application, please read these country specific instructions for completing a question or an item. In addition, please review the following important information.**

## **Creating Your Online Account**

1. To start, click *Create an account*.
2. Enter your email address, first name, last name, and select your date of birth (Month-Date-Year) from the drop-down menus. **Your name must be entered exactly the way it appears (or will appear) on your passport.**

3. **Note:** Use an email address that you will be able to access for at least two years after submitting your application. This is the email address you will use to log in to your application account. We recommend you do NOT use a work email address if you will not have access to it during your grant in the U.S.
4. Click *Continue*. You will receive an email from [apply@iie.org](mailto:apply@iie.org) confirming that you have started the application. The email will include a temporary PIN. Follow the instructions in the email to activate your account using the temporary PIN. You will be prompted to enter your pin and then create a password to complete login.
5. **Returning users:** Click *Log in* and enter your email address and password. If you do not remember your password, click *Forgot your password?* and follow the resulting instructions.

## Managing Your Application

### EDITING YOUR APPLICATION PRIOR TO SUBMISSION

1. You may log in at any time to review and edit your application form, upload documents, and enter recommender information.
2. Remember to save your application after completing each page by pressing the *Continue* button at the bottom of each page.
3. **Note:** The application will automatically log you out after 60 minutes of inactivity, so it is best to save your application frequently.

### REVIEWING YOUR APPLICATION AFTER SUBMISSION

1. After you SUBMIT your application, you CANNOT make any changes.
2. You may continue to log in to your account to view the information you have submitted, save a PDF of your application form, and manage your recommenders.
3. You can manage your recommenders by clicking on the *Recommendations* section of the online application.

### LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

1. Letters of recommendation will be submitted online directly to Fulbright by the recommenders you registered via your application.
2. Letters of recommendation and language evaluations may be submitted **before or after you submit the application**.
3. If your recommender is unavailable, you will have the option to exclude the recommender and add an alternative after you submit the application.

## Preliminary Questions

All questions are required. **These questions address essential program eligibility.** It is very important that the following questions be answered correctly:

1. Through which program country are you applying? Make sure that you properly identified your country of citizenship: **Ukraine**.
2. To which academic year are you applying? Please select: **2022-2023\*** Academic year 2022-2023 typically corresponds to initial grant periods between August/September 2022 and May/June 2023.
3. Have you reviewed and do you meet all program eligibility requirements for the country through which you are applying? If you have reviewed the country specific instructions for Ukraine before you proceeded, please select: **Yes**.

Click *Continue* to save your responses and advance to the next section.

**The Fulbright Office in Ukraine does not require applicants to check with them before beginning this online application.** In these country instructions for Ukraine, we included our contact information, deadline date, eligibility requirements, specific information that is not currently requested on the generic online application. Should you have any specific questions regarding the overall Fulbright Graduate Student Program or the application process, please feel free to email the Fulbright Office in Kyiv: [student.ukraine@iie.org](mailto:student.ukraine@iie.org); [ibarysh@iie.org](mailto:ibarysh@iie.org); [office.ukraine@iie.org](mailto:office.ukraine@iie.org) (please indicate “Student Program” in the e-mail subject line).

## Country Information

Please review all information in this section. Note country-specific and award-specific instructions for Ukraine for completing the rest of the application, including country website, deadline information, open application cycle, additional required materials.

1. You must select an *Award* before proceeding:

- Current Award: **Fulbright Graduate Student Program (Ukraine)**
- Click *Save*

2. **Recommendations:** 3 recommendations are required.

In order to register your recommendations, you must first complete the Reference Materials Waiver on the **Study Plan page** of the application.

- Please be assured that the reference form registration does appear, but you must first indicate whether you waive your right to access on the Study Plan page as this waiver relates to information required to place students at U.S. universities and associated application protections.
- You must answer this question before you are able to register any recommenders.
- Click *Continue* to proceed to the next section.

3. **Supplemental Forms:**

- **Information Concerning Foreign Student Academic Records.** Do not complete this form.
- **Transcript Release Form** (for post-secondary U.S. transcripts only): PDF Version. This form is needed for those students who attended a post-secondary program (undergraduate or graduate) in the U.S. Please upload (if applicable) on the *Academic Materials page* of the application.
- **Report on Proficiency in English:** To evaluate your command of the English language. Word Version | PDF Version. This form is not required. Optional. Complete only the top section of this form and have the remaining portion completed by one of the types of certified English language evaluators listed on the form or a qualified teacher of English. Your language evaluator should send this form directly to the Fulbright Office.
- **Letter of Reference Form:** As directed, to be provided to your Recommender.

## Contact Information

Enter all required contact information.

1. Name: It is very important that you **list your name exactly as it appears (or will appear) on your international passport.** Please use upper and lower case when entering your name, e.g. Ron Smith. Also, do not use diacritical markings as this can sometimes create computer-related problems.
2. Email: The email address used to create your account will appear in the primary email address field and **will not be editable.**  
You may provide an Alternate/Secondary Email that can be used to contact you if Fulbright Program Coordinators cannot reach you via your primary email address.  
**Note:** All system-generated emails will continue to go to your primary email address.
3. Emergency Contact in Your Home Country: **The emergency contact in Ukraine is required** of you at the time of application submission.

Enter your contact numbers, including the country code. If the field turns red, please review the numbers that you have entered to identify any errors.

4. Entering emergency contact information in the United States is not required. If you have emergency contact(s) in the United States at this time, please enter the appropriate information.  
Click *Continue* to save your responses and advance to the next section.

## Academic & Professional Information

This section collects information about your academic and professional background, including your curriculum vitae/resumé, academic degrees, professional experience, awards and recognitions, and experience abroad.

**Prepare and upload documents in PDF format** as required. Note any page limits and ensure your documents do not exceed page limits.

### Curriculum Vitae/Resume

**Upload your curriculum vitae/resumé in PDF format that does not exceed four (4) pages.**

**Note:** If your file exceeds 4 pages, an error message will appear on the Review page and will prevent submission of your application.

Feel free to use this page to give additional information about yourself. In this section, you may want to attach a professional resume (usually required for professional degrees such as law and architecture) or a complete curriculum vitae (sometimes required for students pursuing theoretical academic fields). While there is no 'header' on this page for which you need to leave space, it is still advisable that you **preview your information to check the formatting before submitting your application (!)**.

### Academic Background

**Please list all post-secondary institutions attended in reverse chronological order** (putting the most recently attended first). **Secondary (high school) institution information should not be included.**

Do not include any short-term certificate programs. These should be noted on your CV/Resume. List all post-secondary educational institutions from which you have received a degree or academic credential. You **MUST** include any education institutions you are currently attending (even if you have not yet completed your educational program) and estimated date of graduation/completion.

- a. Provide the website of the institution (optional)
- b. Select the U.S. equivalent of the degree or diploma earned (e.g., BA – bachelor's degree)
- c. If a degree is in progress, list expected end date of academic program
- d. To add additional entries for post-secondary educational institutions, click *Add Institution* and follow the bulleted instructions above.

### Professional Experience

Identify your current position or occupation. Please select from the drop-down menu the position title, which best describes the activity in which you are currently (or most recently) involved. **List positions held, beginning with the most recent employment.**

If you have more than one current position, click *Add Experience* and follow the instructions above.

### Awards and Recognitions

Enter a list of the following items into the text boxes provided (all text boxes have a 250-word limit). If you do not have anything to add, leave text boxes blank:

- a. Any scholarships and/or fellowships you currently or previously received (include the source or sponsor, amount, where held and duration)
- b. Any academic honors and prizes that you have received in the text box (include any titles and/or dates)
- c. Any books, articles, and/or thesis published by you, particularly in your proposed field of study (include the title, place, and date of publication)

- d. Any teaching experience (current or previous positions)
- e. Any research you have completed or in which you are currently involved.

## Experience Abroad

List any travel, study or residency you have had abroad (in any country other than your own) for more than one month. This can include time overseas for education, research, business, vacation, etc.

If you have more than one trip abroad to enter, click *Add New* again, and follow the bulleted instructions until all entries have been saved.

- a. Select 'yes' or 'no' to indicate if you have previously entered the United States on a J-1 or J-2 visa
  - If 'yes', you are required to select the J category of sponsorship from the list and upload a copy of your previous DS-2019

- b. Select 'yes' or 'no' to indicate if you have previously been awarded a Fulbright grant.

**Note:** Preference for Fulbright student opportunities will be given to candidates who have not previously received a Fulbright student grant.

*If Fulbright alumni have already received their scholarships as part of the Fulbright Foreign Student Program (for a master's degree study or a non-degree visiting student researcher's program), candidates are ineligible for another Student grant, and are welcome to apply to the Fulbright Scholar program (if meet the criteria requirements).*

- If 'yes', you are required to list the grant(s):
  - Click *Add Grant*
  - Select the Fulbright award type from the dropdown menu provided
  - If you select "Other (please specify)", enter in the name of the Fulbright grant that you received in the "Other, please specify" field (*Fulbright FLTA, Fulbright TEA, etc.*)
  - Select the academic year that corresponds to the year in which you received the Fulbright grant
  - Click *Save*

## Academic Materials

This section collects copies of your transcripts and/or diplomas. **Please upload scans of all available transcripts and diplomas from post-secondary institutions you have attended.**

1. **Applicants** should upload scanned copies of their academic documents (transcripts/diplomas and supplements to diplomas/transcripts of records) covering the entire period of study at universities and other post-secondary institutions. Transcripts must list all courses and/or subjects taken and the grades received. **Transcripts should be in the official language of the country unless the school provides an official transcript in English.**

If you have more than one transcript, please upload all your transcripts as a single document. **Please do not send hard copies** of your academic documents to the Fulbright Program Office.

2. **Finalists** must submit official, complete and certified academic documents certified by the school directly covering the entire period of study at universities and other post-secondary institutions. Copies of diplomas certified or notarized by a third party (i.e. public notary) will not be accepted as official. US schools only accept academic documents verified by the university's Director of Archives, Dean, Secretary, or Vice Rector.

**Finalists** will have to provide **certified English translations of the academic documents if your diploma is not bilingual (Ukrainian/English)**. If a translation is necessary, it can be issued by the school or by a qualified translator. Translations must be literal - not interpretive.

**Note:** For those individuals studying in Europe and completing a Bologna-compliant degree, a diploma supplement in English is also needed.

- Select the corresponding institution from the list. If you do not see an institution that you attended below, please first return to the Academic & Professional Information page and update your academic background.
- Review the institution information (which you provided on the previous page). If this information is incorrect, please return to the previous page to edit.
- Select *Choose File* and locate the desired file on your computer. Click *Open*.
- You may upload transcripts/diplomas as a multi-page documents or upload single page documents. PDF, JPEG, and TIFF image files are all accepted.
- Click *Save*. Repeat these steps for all applicable institutions.
- Click *Continue* to save your responses and advance to the next section.

## Language Skills

This section collects information about your native language, English language skills, and any additional languages that are relevant to your project proposal.

- Select your native language from the dropdown menu provided.

## English Language Proficiency

If your native language is not English, a section collecting your English language proficiency will appear.

- Rate your English language proficiency in Reading, Writing, and Speaking. Select Native, Advanced, Intermediate, Beginner or No Ability from the dropdown menus as appropriate.

**Note:** Report on Proficiency in English form is optional, and not required.

## Additional Language Skills

- Select the number of additional languages that you would like to include that may be of use for your project or study plans.
- Select the language you are reporting from the dropdown menu and rate your proficiency in Reading, Writing, and Speaking. Select Native, Advanced, Intermediate, Beginner or No Ability from the dropdown menus as appropriate.
- Click *Continue* to save your responses and advance to the next section.

## Test Scores

This section collects information about standardized test scores that you have taken or will take in the future. Standardized tests include TOEFL, GRE, GMAT and IELTS. Standardized test scores are often required for admission to U.S. institutions.

- Select *Add Test*.
- Select the test type from the dropdown menu.
- Select the test date from the dropdown menu (Month-Day-Year format).
- If you have not yet taken the test, enter the date that you are registered for the test.
- Enter your test scores, if you have the results from the test.
- Click *Save*. Repeat these steps for all applicable standardized tests.
- Click *Continue* to save your responses and advance to the next section.

**Note:** Fulbright finalists are required to pass the TOEFL iBT (Internet-based Test of English as a Foreign Language) and GRE General Test (Graduate Record Examination) in October-November 2021.

## Plagiarism Agreement\*

**Review the plagiarism agreement and acknowledge that you understand and will comply with the agreement.**

The Fulbright Program seeks applicants that have developed a sense of personal integrity and are original thinkers. Plagiarism is using someone else's words, ideas, or research as your own without crediting the source. The following application includes several opportunities to express your own thoughts, ideas, and opinions in essay responses. **Plagiarism in any of your answers to these questions will result in your disqualification from participating in the program.**

- ✓ *By indicating 'Yes' in the question below, you are acknowledging that you understand both what actions constitute plagiarism in this application, and the consequences resulting from any plagiarism found in your submission:*
- I have reviewed and understand the above information on the importance of presenting my own original work in the Fulbright Program application. I agree to properly cite any outside sources from which I take words or ideas in the composition of my essay responses. I understand any falsification or plagiarism found in my Fulbright application will result in my dismissal from the Fulbright Program. \**

## Study Plan

This section collects information about your proposed plan of study in the U.S. Make sure that you **identified your degree objective correctly**; otherwise, your application can be considered for the wrong program.

- a. **For which degree objective are you applying?** From the drop-down menu of choices, please select:
- **Master's** (if you want to study at a U.S. university for 1 or 2 years to achieve a master's degree). Please note: The length of study depends on the field chosen and specific program requirements, and ordinarily programs of study are limited to one or two years. Most MFA programs require a minimum of 3 years, but total grant length should not exceed three years.
  - **Doctorate** (if you request to apply to a Ph.D. program). Please note: In compliance with Fulbright Program policy limiting participation to one degree, you can apply for a master's program leading to PhD. It is expected that your master's program under Fulbright sponsorship will take 2 academic years to complete. J-1 visa sponsorship will be provided for the length of your Fulbright program only. After two years, the host U.S. University will be expected to cover the remaining expense toward completion of the Ph.D., but it is always contingent upon availability of funds. You will be also required to transfer to the university visa sponsorship.
- b. **What is your proposed major field of study?** From the choices, select the field of study most appropriate to your study objectives. You can briefly elaborate on the exact nature of your objective in the text box that follows. Please note: if your field is not included on the list of the disciplines for Ukraine, you will not be eligible for the program.
- **Note: Business and related fields or Financial management (in business applications) are not eligible fields** for grant support under the Ukrainian Fulbright Student Program grant announcement; Fulbright/ IIE will not honor any preferences for U.S. Business schools or to any program where an MBA will or might be awarded.
  - Some fields, such as Arts and Architecture, will trigger a message that you are required to upload portfolio materials as part of your application. You will be able to upload materials on the next page.
- c. **Intended grant period.**
- Please indicate 1-2 years to achieve a master's degree (the length of study depends on the field chosen and specific program requirements). Please indicate August 1/September 1, 2021 as your approximate arrival date to the U.S.A.



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## Study/Research Objective

**Upload a copy of your study/research objective. Please write a clear and detailed description of your study/research objectives and provide your reasons for wanting to pursue them. This statement is required.**

The study/research objective description that you provide is an essential and highly important part of your application. It helps the reader better understand your proposed study goals. You should take great care to write a clear and very detailed description of the program you want to pursue. Clearly identify the area(s) within your field of study in which you want to specialize or concentrate; what you want to accomplish during your program, why you want to specialize or concentrate in your field, what aspects of the field interest you most. Describe the kind of program you expect to undertake and explain how your study plan fits in with your previous training and your future objectives.

The goal of the Fulbright Program, while firmly based on academic excellence and scholarship, is not necessarily first and foremost the improvement of the grantees' academic standing and scholarly advancement. Please explain what benefit will be to your field of study in Ukraine, or to Ukrainian society when you complete your course of study. Remember, this is your opportunity to state what you hope to achieve during your program.

The essay should be at least one page and no longer than two pages.

**Please use your own words. If you are planning to use someone else's works or research, you must credit the source at all times.** Avoid plagiarism.

**DO NOT mention the names of any U.S. universities you wish to attend in your Study/Research Objectives.** The University Preference Sheet is included for that purpose.

**Preview your essay to check the formatting before submitting your application (!).**

- Click *Choose File*
- Locate and select the file that you previously saved to your computer
- Click *Open*
- Click *Upload* to complete the file upload

## Personal Statement

**Upload a copy of your personal statement. This is a required document.**

This should not be a CV (curriculum vitae) or resume. The personal statement is a narrative statement in which you can include information about your education, practical experience, special interests, career plans, and your purpose in applying for study in the U.S. It should not be a mere listing of facts. Your personal statement essay should discuss how your life experiences and background have contributed to your desire to pursue study in your field, and your purpose in applying for study/research in the U.S. Describe any significant factors that have influenced your educational or professional development.

The essay should be at least one page and no longer than two pages.

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## Writing Sample

**Upload writing sample, if prompted based on degree objective and/or field of study.**

The academic writing sample (*a research paper, published article, academic paper, etc.*) will be submitted along with the rest of your application materials to the universities. It should be a minimum 10-page piece of work that demonstrates your ability to write in English on topics in your field of study.

All applicants will be able to see the writing sample upload section, **but it will only be required for all doctoral and highly recommended for the following of master's fields:**

- Anthropology
  - Archaeology
  - Area Studies
  - Art History
  - Biology
  - Communications
  - Demography
  - Education
  - Film/Cinema Studies
  - Gender Studies
  - Genetics
  - Geography
  - History
  - Humanities
  - Interdisciplinary Studies
  - International Relations
  - Journalism
  - Language
  - Liberal Arts
  - Linguistics
  - Literature
  - Mathematics
  - Medical Sciences
  - Museum Studies
  - Music Studies
  - Neuroscience
  - Philosophy
  - Political Science
  - Psychology
  - Public Health
  - Religious Studies
  - Social Sciences
  - Social Work
  - Sociology
  - Theology/Religion
  - Urban Planning
  - Urban Studies
  - Virology
  - Writing
- Click *Choose File*
  - Locate and select the file that you previously saved to your computer
  - Click *Open*
  - Click *Upload* to complete the file upload

## Letter of Invitation (optional)

Upload a letter of invitation from a U.S. institution, **if your intended degree objective is Visiting Student Researcher**, and if you have received one. This is NOT a requirement.

## University Preferences

**It is highly recommended that you indicate your U.S. university preferences.** If you do, please complete this page as fully as possible. Do not just list the name of a university in which you are interested. Be specific. Provide the name of the department and the specific program within that department in which you are interested. If you have been in contact or correspondence with professors, please provide names and email and/or phone contacts for each one.

**Please do not include your preferences exclusively for top-ranked, competitive and expensive programs.**

List up to four (4) institutions at which you would like to study in the U.S. in priority order. **Include specific departments and/or programs and provide specific reasons for your choice.**

**Note:** Your preferences will be taken into consideration insofar as possible. **However, there is no guarantee that your application will be sent to the institutions that you list.** Fulbright/IIE will take into account all preferences a candidate has expressed if we believe they fit the goals of the program and have good academic/research/faculty

fit. We will not be able to honor any of the preferences if a candidate's test scores are not competitive for admission.

Admission decisions will depend on many reasons: the overall competition, academic fit, the estimated cost of study there for the 2022-23 academic year, offers of financial aid from the schools (cost-sharing). **All admissions decisions will be presented to IIE/Fulbright for review and final approval for any placement recommendations.**

**Please also do not apply directly to any US schools once you have submitted your application for a Fulbright competition.** If you have applied to a U.S. university within the past three years, please list the programs and the results. If you have letters of admission, letters of invitation, or other correspondence from a school, especially a preferred program, please upload a letter of invitation, or forward a copy (not the original) of this correspondence to the Fulbright Program Office.

If you do not have a clear idea, which US programs will be the best fit, you should leave the University Preference Form blank. IIE Placement staff possesses field specific expertise and, after conducting extensive research on the programs that will best meet the candidates' goals, will recommend a range of suitable programs.

- Enter institution name
- Enter name of department
- Enter the degree type that you are interested in at this institution
- Enter your preferred specialization or concentration
- Enter your specific reasons for listing this institution and any contact information for professors at the institution with whom you have already communicated
- Click *Save*

## Authorization of Release of Information

Type your full name into the space provided to indicate your authorization of release of the information you have provided in this application.

## Reference Materials Waiver

- Select 'yes' or 'no' to indicate whether you waive your right to review the information contained in the evaluations submitted by recommenders on your behalf.
- Click *Continue* to save your responses and advance to the next section.

**You must answer this question and press "Continue" before you are able to register any recommenders. Once recommenders are registered, you will not be able to modify your response.**

## Grant and Travel Plans

*In a typical year, many Fulbrighters embark on their Fulbright experience with their families. This year, prospective Fulbright participants should be aware of the additional challenges they may face if traveling with dependents to their U.S. host communities.*

## Financial Information

This section gathers information on your personal finances, additional funding you may have applied for/received, passport, and accompanying dependents.

**Do not complete the first part of the form “Family Funds.”** The Fulbright grant that may be awarded to you will cover all your expenses. You may need to provide funds from your own or other sources just for any unforeseen expenses only.

## Passport/Travel Document and Dependents

Please upload a copy of your passport or travel document.

- Click *Choose File*
- Locate and select the file that you previously saved to your computer
- Click *Open*
- Click *Upload* to complete the file upload

Please be aware that the Foreign Fulbright Student program **does not provide financial support for dependents**. Should dependents accompany you, you will be responsible for providing travel, adequate insurance, and support for them from non-Fulbright sources.

**Note:** Only the spouse and unmarried children under 21 years of age qualify for J-2 visa sponsorship. If required, upload a copy of your passport or travel document.

Please list each accompanying dependent:

- Select the number of dependents you intend to have accompany you the U.S. (select 0 if you do not have dependents or your dependents will not accompany you to the U.S.).
- Enter required information for each dependent, including relationship to you, name, and intended length of stay in the U.S. (in number of months)
- Enter information for how you will provide for your dependents during your time in the U.S. in the text box
- Click *Continue* to save your responses and advance to the next section.

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**Do not complete this form.** The Fulbright grant that may be awarded to you will cover all your expenses. You may need to provide funds from your own or other sources just for any unforeseen expenses only.

- Please be aware that the Foreign Fulbright Student program **does not provide financial support for dependents**. Should dependents accompany you, you will be responsible for providing travel, adequate insurance, and support for them from non-Fulbright sources.
- If this is the case, you should indicate “**Yes**” in the section “Will these dependents accompany you to the U.S.?”
- **Please indicate your dependents accompany you to the U.S.** Only the spouse and unmarried children under 21 years of age qualify for J-2 visa sponsorship. Please add comments in the box provided on the form “How you intend to provide for them during your year of study in the U.S.”

## Additional Information

### Additional Documents/ Country-Specific Materials/Supplemental Forms

The Fulbright-Ukraine Office **does not require specific information/documents** to be uploaded to this page. You can upload any additional documents you would like to include in your application, but only if they are essential in providing evidence of your skills or add substance to your application.

You can upload a **work sample** (*i.e. portfolio of slides of art work, video, film, music, sample of journalistic work, etc.*), often required for study in the arts or art-related fields as well as in communication and/or journalism; or **additional academic documents** (*i.e. certificates, diplomas, academic papers, research abstracts, etc.*) in English or with English translations only.

- Complete the Outreach Survey.

- Click *Continue* to save your responses and advance to the next section.

## Recommendations

Please complete the following information to register your recommenders.

**The recommendation submission deadline is **May 16, 2021**, until midnight Ukrainian time.**

**You must have three letters of reference (or recommendation)** submitted on your behalf. Letters of reference are extremely important. All letters of reference should be written by teachers under whom you have studied or pursued research or by someone who has supervised you in work related to your proposed field of study. IIE recommends focusing on work contacts OR on academic contacts, depending on what is weighed more significantly by the admissions committee—your work experience or your academic background.

Letters of reference **should not be** written by persons related to you either by blood or marriage or by friends.

You might want to focus more on work contacts OR on academic contacts. Referees should be able to speak to your strengths. They should be chosen so that they say different things about you. At least one academic and one professional or work-related letter should be included among the letters.

**The letters should be typewritten and be written in English if possible. If they are not, an original English translation must be provided.**

**We recommend that your referees complete the online reference letter.** You may register them as part of the online application process. Once you click "Send to Recommender," an email with instructions on completing the online recommendation will be sent to your recommender. You can track the status of recommendations, send reminders, and add/delete recommenders through this system before **and** after submission of your application, but no later than on **May 16, 2021**, until midnight Ukrainian time.

- Click *Add Recommender*.
- Complete all fields in the pop-up form
- Click *Send to Recommender* to generate automatic email to recommender.
- Click *Continue* to save your responses and advance to the next section.
- Once sent, you will have the option to *Edit Recommender* information if they have not yet started progress on their response and Save, Send Reminders, and Exclude if you wish to remove the recommender and replace with another individual.

However, **if your recommenders cannot complete the online reference letter**, please download the **Letter of Reference Form** and forward to your recommenders.

**Letters of recommendation MUST BE submitted directly by your recommenders** either via **the online application** or **emailed directly by your recommenders** to the Fulbright Office at [ibarysh@iie.org](mailto:ibarysh@iie.org); [office.ukraine@iie.org](mailto:office.ukraine@iie.org).

**Note:** You should register your recommenders to complete work on your application and to submit your application online. No need to duplicate your reference letters online if already emailed to the Fulbright Program Officer.

## Signature

**Certify that the information you provided in the application is true and complete by typing your full legal name in the Signature Box.**

- Click *Confirm* to continue to the next page.

## Review

**Before you can submit your application electronically, your application will be reviewed for completeness. If there is missing data, you will be prompted to correct.**

The application will review the responses entered and will display any incomplete questions and required attachments that are missing.

- if no errors appear, then your application is ready for submission.
- if any errors appear, correct or complete these sections and return to the Review section to determine if your application is ready for submission.

**REVIEW ALL RESPONSES. CLICK SUBMIT.**

**Note:** After submitting your application electronically, you will be able to access it in a viewable PDF format and access supplemental forms. You will be able to print your application and supplemental forms. **However, you will not be able to make changes to your application.**

If necessary, to make any changes or corrections after your application has been submitted, please inform the Fulbright Program Office in Kyiv at [ibarysh@iie.org](mailto:ibarysh@iie.org), [student.ukraine@iie.org](mailto:student.ukraine@iie.org); [office.ukraine@iie.org](mailto:office.ukraine@iie.org) (please indicate “**Student\_ Your Last Name**” in the e-mail subject line).

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**Important!** Supporting documentation are required to complete your application. Your application **is not considered complete** until your Fulbright Program Office receives all your supporting documentation and supplemental forms, including the letters of reference and the consent to the proceeding of personal data.

**Consent to the processing of personal data/Згода на обробку даних** (in Ukrainian only). Mandatory from. You must complete, sign, and upload the form to the *Additional Information page: Country-Specific Materials*.

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## Other Important Information

### 1. Standardized tests:

a) **Finalists** will be required to take **[TOEFL iBT] (Test of English as a Foreign Language)**: TOEFL is an admissions requirement at U.S. institutions for applicants whose native language is not English. A wealth of practice material is available at <http://www.ets.org/toefl/>. There are free materials as well as materials that can be purchased.

- ✓ **IELTS (International English Language Testing System)**: A growing number of U.S. institutions will accept the IELTS in lieu of TOEFL scores. It is left up to individual institutions to determine their TOEFL and IELTS score requirements:

<http://www.ets.org/toefl/institutions/scores/compare>

b) **Finalists** will be required to take **[GRE General Test] (Graduate Records Examination)**: The GRE is required by U.S. graduate schools and/or departments for candidates in most fields other than Law. The GRE is used by universities to get a sense of a test taker’s academic potential and to determine his or her performance in analyzing and evaluating data. Many practice materials can be downloaded for free at <http://www.ets.org/gre/>.

- ✓ [\[GRE Subject Test\]](#) is intended for students in **Physics**. Although the scores may not be a requirement for admission to a particular program, it is recommended that all applicants in Physics be prepared to take the test in October 2021. The Subject Tests are given at paper-based [test centers](#) worldwide three times a year, in: September, October, April.
- ✓ The GMAT (Graduate Management Admission Test) is required for certain courses of study in the field of finance and economics. Please determine whether your universities of preference require the GMAT for the degree, you seek and prepare accordingly.

**Note: TOEFL and IELTS scores are valid for two years. GRE and GMAT scores are valid for five years.**

The Fulbright Office in Kyiv will make all testing arrangements and cover all costs of the testing process. Recommended candidates (finalists) should take the TOEFL and GRE tests **by mid-November 2021**. Test scores are an increasingly critical factor in admissions decisions, and grantees should take test preparation very seriously. Finalists should try to obtain TOEFL scores that are in the **80s and higher** (for candidates in Law, Public Administration, Journalism, Education, etc. - where strong written and spoken English skills are critical for successful study/research - scores should be 100 or more). On the GRE, you should try to score 155 on Verbal and Quantitative sections.

It is recommended that all applicants begin to familiarize themselves with the required tests at least three-four months before taking them. Since finalists will be selected in September and testing will occur in October, we **urge you (!) to begin review and practice of the tests during the summer months.**

## **2. Duration of Grants:**

Fulbright grants and other fellowships, assistantships, scholarships and educational grants are generally awarded for nine to twelve months beginning in August or September 2022 (you are eligible to apply to renew your grant and complete your master's degree. In order for your grant to be renewed, you must demonstrate that you have made satisfactory academic progress in your authorized study program and have maintained full-time study status.

A grant for LL.M. study is 1 academic year in length and is not renewable.

Candidates appointed to certain types of Fulbright grants may be required to arrive during the summer for an introductory course or intensive English program prior to the academic year.

## **3. Placement in U.S. Universities**

The Institute of International Education's (IIE) Academic Placement staff are dedicated to matching each Fulbright candidate with U.S. university programs that provide the best academic fit. IIE/Fulbright identify four (4) programs for master's candidates and five (5) to six (6) programs for doctoral candidates and submit applications on candidate's behalf. All admissions decisions, based on estimated costs and funding, will be presented to IIE/Fulbright for review and final approval for any placement recommendations in accordance with candidates' academic and scientific interests.

## **4. Change of Plans:**

You should promptly inform your Fulbright Program Office of any change in your academic status or future plans after your application has been submitted.