FULBRIGHT FOREIGN STUDENT PROGRAM

Instructions for Completing the 2027-2028 Fulbright Foreign Student Program Application

Placement Type: IIE-Placed

Application: https://apply.iie.org/ffsp2027

The submission deadline is **May 16, 2026**, **until midnight Ukrainian time**.
Applicants may only apply for one award per application cycle.

The Fulbright Foreign Student Program is a comprehensive 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 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 all requirements and criteria are met).

Read the following instructions carefully before completing the application. Deadline dates and application requirements for a Fulbright grant will vary from country to country. **You should use these country-specific instructions for Ukraine**: Fulbright/IIE Office in Kyiv has customized the generic instructions including contact information, deadline dates, and eligibility requirements with specific information that is not currently requested on the generic online application.

The IIE/Kyiv Office currently works remotely.
If you have any questions regarding the program, please contact:
ibarysh@iie.org; student.ukraine@iie.org; office.ukraine@iie.org
(Please indicate "Student Program" in the e-mail subject line).

Due to the war, all 2026 applicants with Ukrainian citizenship who were forced to leave Ukraine after February 24, 2022, and who are currently displaced abroad (outside Ukraine) living in any country EXCEPT the United States are eligible to apply.

Prospective Fulbright participants should be aware of some restrictive measures for Ukrainian male candidates aged 18-60 due to martial law in Ukraine, as well as the operating status and availability of Embassy consular services, may affect their ability to travel to the U.S. and participate in academic programs.

Master's students (Fulbright Graduate Student Program participants) are not permitted to undertake their Fulbright grant remotely. The Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board (FFSB) worldwide policies do not permit remote studies, teaching, or research; hybrid formats do not align with the Fulbright Program's mission of building mutual understanding through direct personal experience through international exchange.

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General Information

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. Prior to starting an application, please complete the following steps:

Step 1: Learn requirements for submitting an application.

Before you begin your application, it is imperative that you verify your eligibility:

- Applicants should have Ukrainian citizenship and reside in Ukraine at the time of the Fulbright contest.
- **NOTE! Due to war, all 2026 applicants with Ukrainian citizenship who were forced to leave Ukraine after February 24, 2022, and who are currently displaced abroad (outside Ukraine) living in any country EXCEPT the United States are eligible to apply.**

- **Applicants can be enrolled in other programs at the time of application, so long as they end or dis-enroll from their programs before starting their Fulbright grants.** Candidates cannot be enrolled simultaneously with Fulbright and a foreign program (non-Ukrainian program).

- Candidates who have resided abroad for five or more consecutive years in the six-year period preceding the date of application are ineligible.

- Candidates who have lived abroad for nine months or more during a calendar year are deemed to have resided abroad for that year.

- Applicants cannot be U.S. citizens or permanent residents of the U.S. and participate in the Fulbright Foreign Student Program.
  NOTE! If candidates are already in the U.S. (even if only for a year /nine months), and/or have residency in the United States (permanent, granted, temporary) they are ineligible to apply for the Fulbright program. This also applies to candidates/applicants who are currently in the U.S. regardless of any residency status, visa, or lack thereof such as an immigrant or non-immigrant visa (like Humanitarian parole, etc).

- Students already in the United States are ineligible for a grant.

- 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.

- Fulbright candidates (finalists) nominated in some non-medical fields that may involve human or animal patients, subjects, or specimens, will not be able to pursue programs/projects involving graduate medical education/training or that include direct, unsupervised activities that involve human or animal subjects.

Prior to their grant, they will have to sign the "Acknowledgement of Policies for Fulbright Participants" and may be required to adjust their research and/or academic program activities to align with J-1 visa regulations.
This may arise in social work, psychology, agriculture, animal science, biology, criminal justice, educational psychology, criminal justice, medical sciences, public health, veterinary medicine, social work, zoology, and virology.

Step 2: Record username and password in a safe place
Your email address is your username. When you create an account for this online application, record your password in a secure place. You can log in and out of the application as frequently as you like using your username and password. If necessary, you can reset your password by clicking the "Forgot Your Password" link on the log-in page.

Step 3: Complete the application
You do not need to complete this application at one time. You can re-enter at any time to edit your application. However, once you SUBMIT your application, you CANNOT make changes to it.
To complete your application correctly, please answer all questions completely and carefully. Review these additional tips:

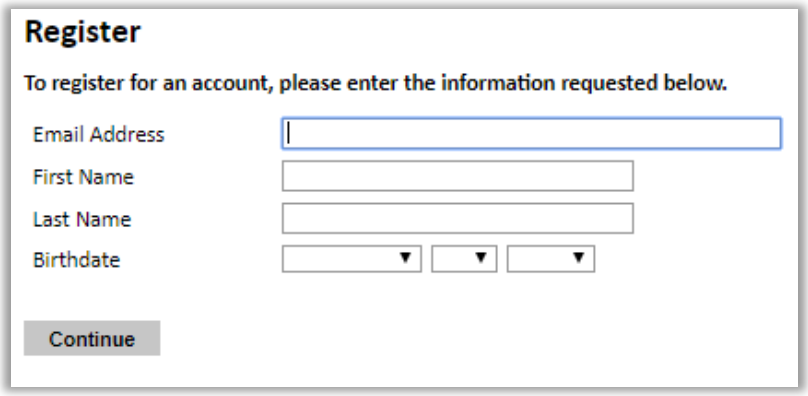
- Use upper and lower-case letters (e.g. John Smith). Avoid using all capital letters (e.g. JOHN SMITH). Do not use special characters, such as accent marks.
- You can copy and paste information into all text boxes.
- Limit your responses to the space provided in all text boxes. Information that exceeds 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 correctly.
- 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 (*). You will not be able to submit your application until all required items are complete.
- 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.

Step 4: 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**.

Creating Your Online Account

1. To start, click *Create an account*.

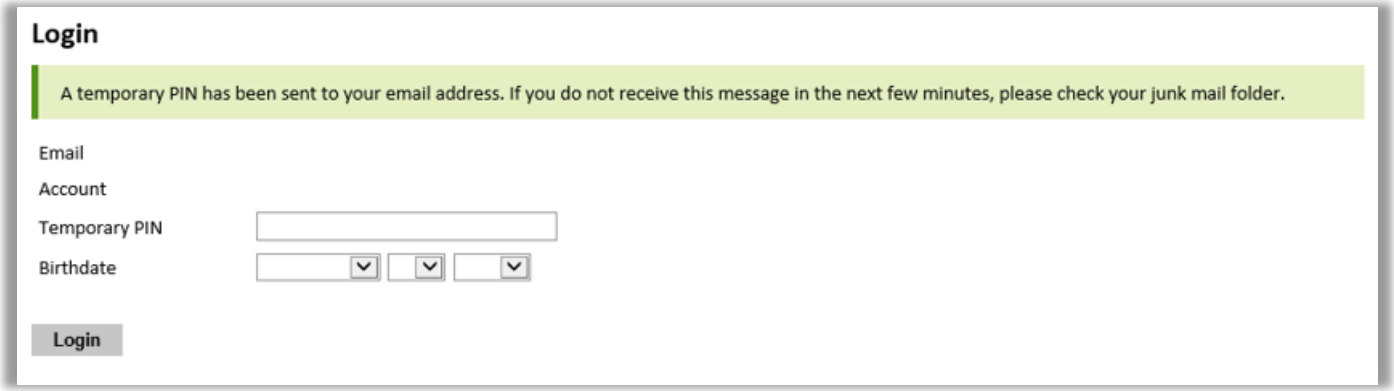
2. Enter your email address, first name, last name, and select your date of birth (Month-Date-Year) from the drop-down menus. **Your name must be entered exactly the way it appears (or will appear) on your passport.**



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.*

3. Click *Continue*. You will receive an email from 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.

4. 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.
   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

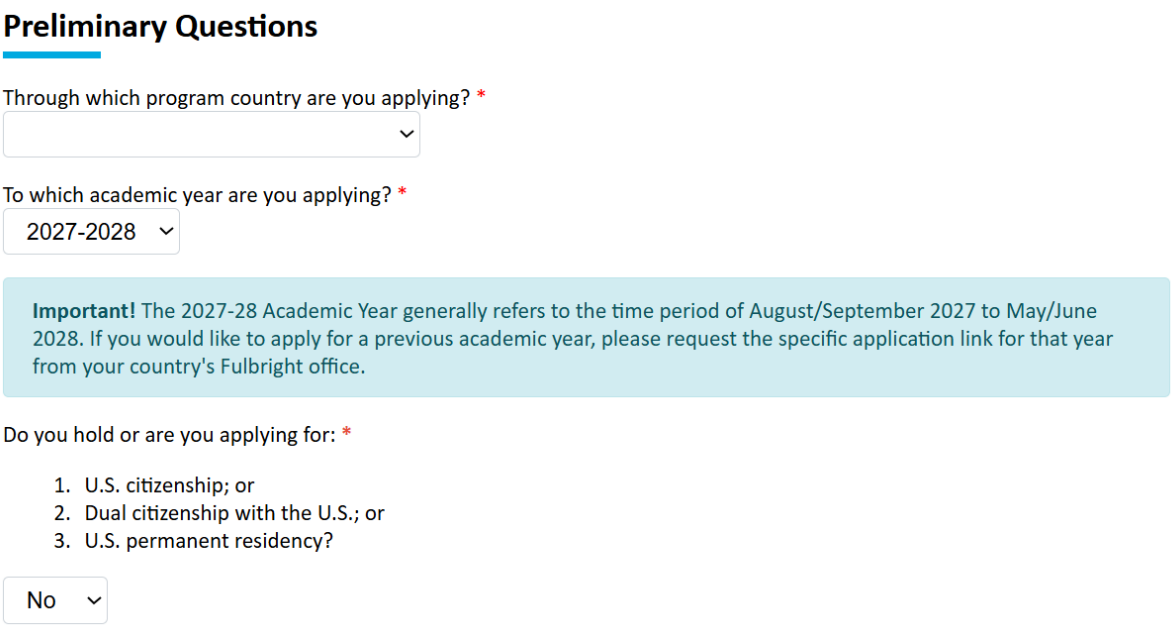
1. After you SUBMIT your application, you CANNOT make any changes.
2. You may continue to log into your account to view the information you have submitted, save a PDF of your application form, and manage your recommenders.
3. You can manage your recommenders by clicking on the *Recommendations* section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

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

1. **Three (3) letters of recommendation** are required. Applicants are responsible for providing that their recommendation letters are submitted **NOT LATER than the application deadline of May 16, 2026**.
2. Letters of recommendation will be **submitted online** directly to Fulbright by the recommenders you registered via your application. **It is up to you to verify all are submitted on time.**
3. Letters of recommendation and language evaluations may be submitted before or after you submit the application, but **NO LATER than May 16, 2026, midnight in Ukraine.**
4. If your recommender is unavailable, you will have the option to exclude the recommender and add an alternative after you submit the application, but **keep in mind this should be done in advance of the deadline because the letter itself still must be submitted on time, without exception**.

Preliminary Questions

These questions address essential program eligibility. All questions are required.



Preliminary Questions

Through which program country are you applying? *

To which academic year are you applying? *

2027-2028

Important! The 2027-28 Academic Year generally refers to the time period of August/September 2027 to May/June 2028. If you would like to apply for a previous academic year, please request the specific application link for that year from your country's Fulbright office.

Do you hold or are you applying for: *

1. U.S. citizenship; or
2. Dual citizenship with the U.S.; or
3. U.S. permanent residency?

No

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

1. Select the country through which you are applying for the Fulbright grant from the drop-down menu. Make sure that you properly identified your country of citizenship: **Ukraine**.

2. Select the **2027-2028 program year** from the drop-down menu. Academic year 2027-2028 typically corresponds to initial grant periods between August/September 2027 and May/June 2028.

3. U.S. Citizenship, Dual Citizenship with the U.S. or Permanent Residency: select 'Yes' or 'No' to indicate your response.
    a. Applicants cannot be U.S. citizens or permanent residents of the U.S. to participate in the Fulbright Foreign Student Program.

4. Select 'Yes', 'No', or 'unsure' to indicate if you are aware of, and meet, all program eligibility requirements.
    a. Please review the program eligibility requirements for Ukraine the country through which you are applying before proceeding. The Fulbright/IIE Office in Ukraine does not require applicants to check with them before beginning this online application**. If you have reviewed the country specific instructions for Ukraine before you proceeded**, please select: **'Yes'.**

5. Carefully review the Data Privacy information. If prompted, indicate your acceptance of data privacy terms by selecting 'Yes' or 'No'.
    a. You will not be able to submit your application without indicating your agreement to the Data Privacy terms.

6. Select 'Yes' or 'No' to indicate if you meet all employment eligibility requirements.
    a. If you select 'Yes', please provide details of employment or association.

7. 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.

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

Should you have any specific questions regarding the overall Fulbright Graduate Student Program or eligibility requirements, please feel free to email the Fulbright/IIE Office in Kyiv:
student.ukraine@iie.org; ibarysh@iie.org; office.ukraine@iie.org
(**Please indicate "Student Program" in the e-mail subject line**).

Country Information

1. Review all information in this section!

2. You must select an Award before proceeding: Current Award: **Fulbright Graduate Student Program (Ukraine)**.

3. 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.
   Supplemental Forms. Supporting documentation is 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.**

   a. **Letter of Reference Form/ Recommendations**: **3 recommendations** are required. As directed, to be provided online to your Recommender.
      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.

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

4. Click *Continue* to proceed to the next section.

Personal Information

Enter all required biographical information. Please review country-specific guidance (provided in the Country Information section of the application) to determine whether you must provide additional information.

1. Enter your name exactly as it appears on your passport. Only enter a preferred first name if it is DIFFERENT than your legal name (e.g. Alex instead of Alexander).

2. If your name is recorded differently on any previous records, list it in the Name on Previous Records section (e.g. maiden name).

3. The birthdate that you used to create your account will automatically appear. If you entered this date incorrectly during your account creation, you may correct it now.

4. Enter your city of birth and select country of birth, sex (as it appears or will appear on your passport or travel document), preferred gender identity, and marital status from the drop-down menus provided.

5. Select your country of citizenship and country of residence from the drop-down menus provided.

6. If applicable, enter your national identification number and any additional countries in which you hold citizenship.
    a. To select multiple countries, hold down the CTRL (PC) or Command (Mac) button when selecting options.

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

Contact Information

Enter all required contact information. Please review country-specific guidance to determine whether you must provide additional information.

1. Select the country where you live from the drop-down list first when entering your permanent address (i.e. physical address where you live).
    a. Based on your country selection, the subsequent fields will change to match the address format of that country.
    b. Complete the remaining address fields. Do not use accents or special characters.

2. Select 'Yes' or 'No' to indicate if your current mailing address (i.e. the address where you receive mail) is the same as the permanent address you entered above. *They do not have to be the same.*
    a. If you answer 'No,' then a second address section will appear where you may enter your mailing address information.
    b. If you answer 'Yes' to this question, proceed immediately to the next question.

3. 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.
    a. To find the correct country code, click on the blue 'country code' link.

4. 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 Officers cannot reach you via your primary email address.
   Note: *All system-generated emails will continue to go to your primary email address.*

5. Enter your home country emergency contract information. The individual(s) you list may be contacted in the event of an emergency while you are participating in grant activities, including any required travel for interviews in your home country. **An emergency contact in Ukraine is required.**
    a. When entering the address, choose the country first and the following fields will update to match the address format of the selected country.

6. 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.

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

Academic & Professional Information

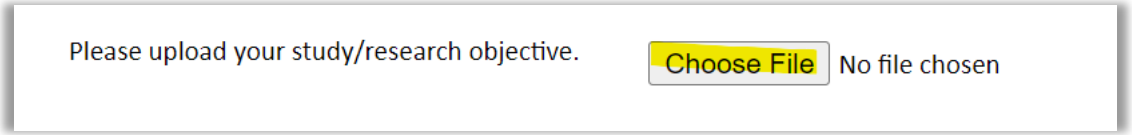
This section collects information about your academic and professional background, including your curriculum vitae/resumé, academic degrees, professional experience, awards and recognitions, and experience abroad. **Prepare and upload documents in PDF format as required (*).** Note any page limits and 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. If your file exceeds 4 pages, an error message will appear.

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). **Please preview your information to check the formatting before submitting your application (!).**

a. Click *Choose File*
b. Locate and select the file that you previously saved to your computer
c. Click *Open*



d. Click *Upload* to complete the file upload

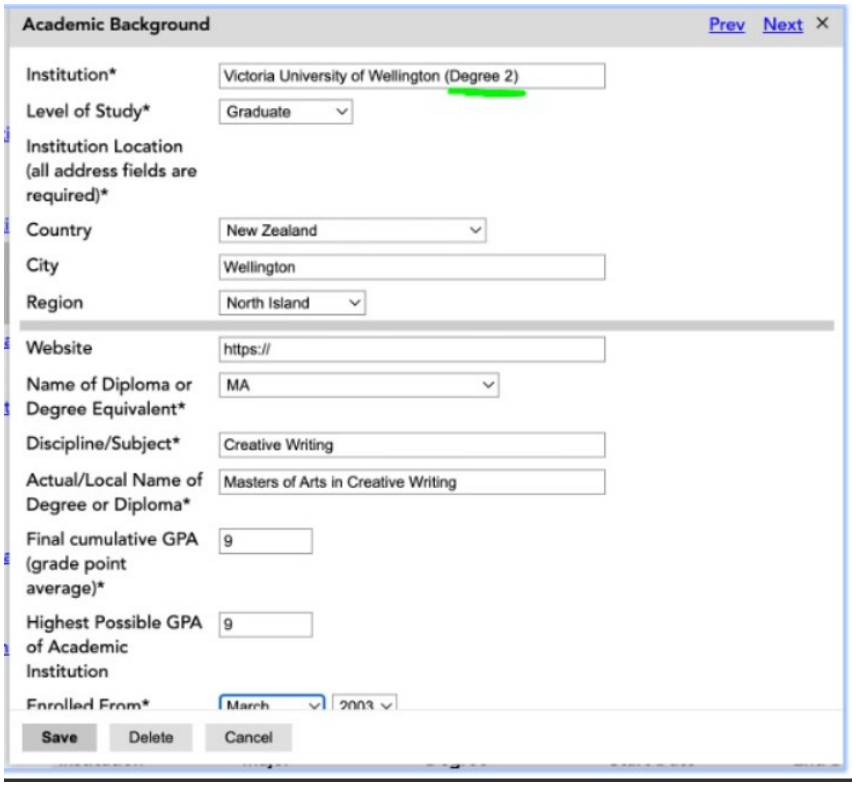
Resume Tips

Academic Background

List all post-secondary educational institutions you have attended for credit-bearing coursework, **in reverse chronological order**, including any in which you might be presently enrolled. *Do not include any short-term certificate programs.* These should be noted on your CV/Resume. 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. **Secondary (high school) institution information should not be included.**

a. Click *Add New Academic Background*
b. Type in the name of the institution
c. Choose the level of study (graduate or undergraduate) from the drop-down menu
d. Select the country where the institution is located from the drop-down menu
e. Enter the appropriate city and region/state
f. Provide the website of the institution (optional)
g. Select the U.S. equivalent of the degree or diploma earned (e.g., BA – bachelor's degree)
h. Enter the discipline in which this degree or diploma was earned
i. If relevant, provide the actual name of the degree or diploma (e.g., master's)
j. Enter your final cumulative Grade Point Average, as noted on your transcripts or diploma
k. Enter the highest possible Grade Point Average at your institution (ex: 4.0)

l. Select the month and year of start and end dates (Month – Year format) that you attended this institution
    - If a degree is in progress, list expected end date of academic program
m. Select the date (Month-Year format) that you received your degree from this institution
    - If a degree is in progress, list expected date of conferral in this field
n. Click *Save*.

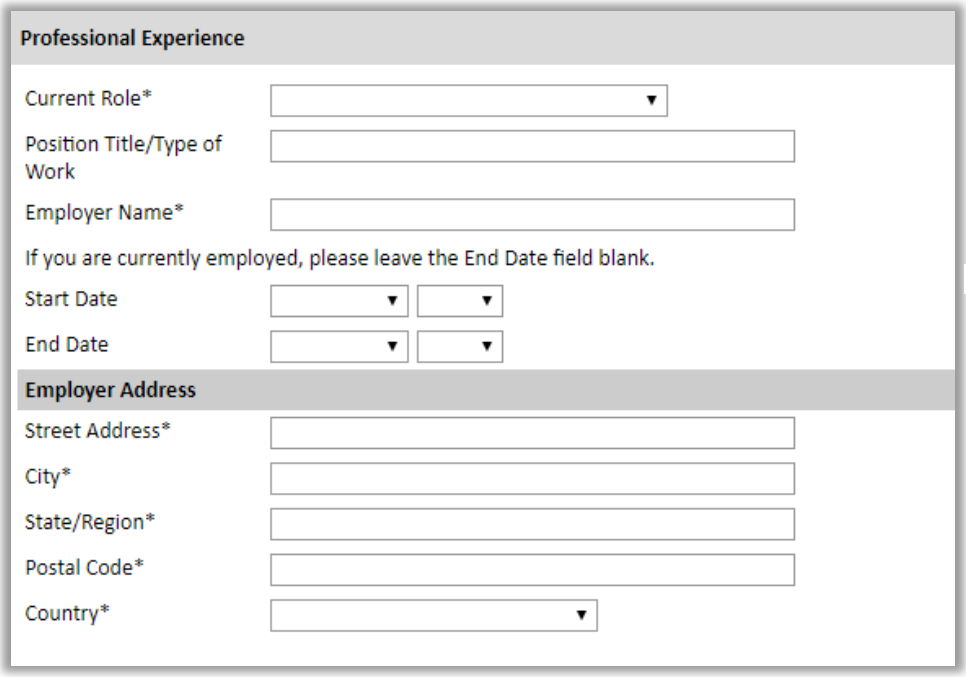


To add additional entries for post-secondary educational institutions, click *Add New Academic Background* and follow the bulleted instructions above.

Professional Experience

List your current professional affiliation or employer and any relevant previous professional experience by clicking *Add New Professional Experience* under Position Title. **List positions held, beginning with the most recent employment.**

a. Choose the role which most closely corresponds to your current role and/or relevant previous professional work experience from the drop-down menu
b. Enter position title (e.g. Director, Assistant Director, etc.) or type of work (e.g. accounting)
c. Enter the name of your employer
d. Select the start and end dates for the position you entered (Month-Year format). If you are currently employed in this role, leave the End Date fields blank
e. Select the country where your current place of employment is located from the drop-down menu. Enter in the street address, city, state/region, and post code as applicable
f. Click *Save*



If you have more than one current position and/or relevant previous professional experience, click *Add New Professional Experience* and follow the instructions above.

Awards and Recognitions

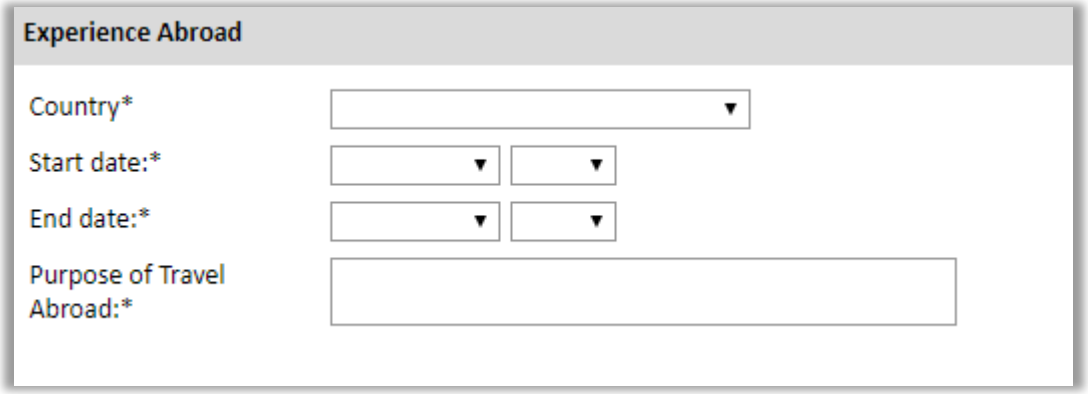
Enter a list of the following items into the text boxes provided (all text boxes have a 250-word limit). If you do not have anything to add, leave text boxes blank:

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 (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); this is especially relevant for PhD candidates and candidates in the field of education
e. Any research you have completed or in which you are currently involved
f. Any memberships in professional organizations, or licensing obtained by a professional organization

Experience Abroad

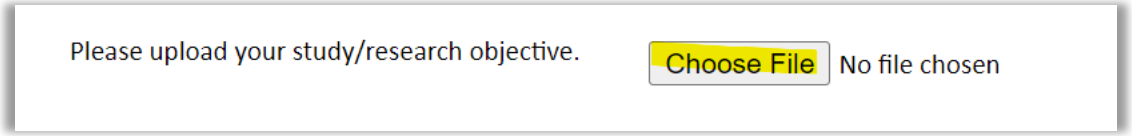
1. List any travel, study or residency you have had abroad (in any country other than your own) for more than one month. This can include time overseas for education, research, business, vacation, etc.

    a. Click *Add New Experience Abroad*
    b. Select the country in which you spent your professional travel and/or residence abroad from the drop-down menu provided
    c. Select the start and end dates (Month-Year format) of your travel/residency
    d. Enter the purpose of your travel abroad
    e. Click *Save*

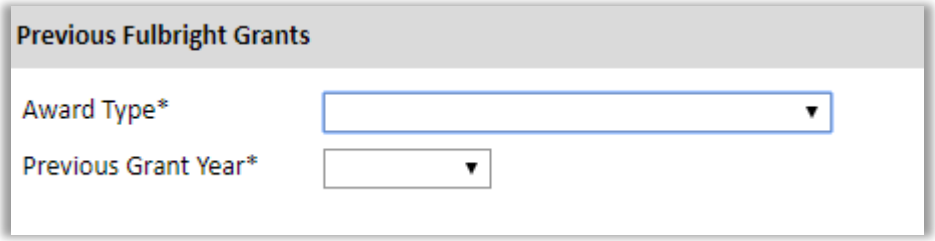


2. If you have more than one trip abroad to enter, click *Add New Experience Abroad* again, and follow the bulleted instructions until all entries have been saved.

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



4. Select 'Yes' or 'No' to indicate if you have previously been awarded a Fulbright grant.
    a. If 'Yes', you are required to list the grant(s):
        i. Select the number of previous Fulbright grants you would like to add
        ii. Select the Fulbright award type from the drop-down menu provided (e.g., Fulbright FLTA, Fulbright Foreign Student, etc.)
        iii. If you select "Other (please specify)", enter in the name of the Fulbright grant that you received in the "Other, please specify" field
        iv. Select the academic year that corresponds to the year in which you received the Fulbright grant
        v. Click *Save*



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

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

Academic Materials

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

- **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.

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

1. Select the corresponding institution from the list of institutions you previously entered.

2. Review the institution information (which you provided on the previous page). If this information is incorrect, you can edit the information directly in the popup box.
   a. If you do not see an institution that you attended below, you may either return to the Academic & Professional Information page and update your academic background or add the institution by clicking the "*Add Institution*" link.

3. Select *Choose File* and locate the desired file on your computer. Click *Open.*
   a. You may upload transcripts/diplomas as a multi-page document or upload single page documents. PDF, JPEC, and TIFF image files are all accepted.

4. Click *Save.* Repeat these steps for all applicable institutions.

5. 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.

1. Select your native language from the drop-down menu provided.

English Language Proficiency

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

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

Additional Language Skills

3. Select the number of additional languages that you would like to include that may be of use for your project or study plans.

4. Select the language you are reporting from the drop-down menu and rate your proficiency in Reading, Writing, and Speaking. Select Native, Advanced, Intermediate, Beginner or No Ability from the drop-down menus as appropriate.

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

Standardized 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, IELTS, MCAT and LSAT. Standardized test scores are often required for admission to U.S. institutions.

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 2026.
NOTE! The GRE is required by U.S. graduate schools and/or departments for candidates in most fields other than Art and Law.

1. Select *Add Test.*

2. Select the test type from the drop-down menu.

3. Select the test date from the drop-down menu (Month-Day-Year format).
    a. **If you have not yet taken the test, enter the date that you are registered for the test**.

4. Enter your test scores, if you have the results from the test.

5. Click *Save.* Repeat these steps for all applicable standardized tests.

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



Score Reports

1. If you enter test scores, you will be redirected to the Score Reports section, where you will upload copies of your available score reports.

    a. Click *Choose File*
    b. Locate and select the file that you previously saved to your computer
    c. Click *Open*
    d. Click *Upload* to complete the file upload

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.

1. Carefully review the Plagiarism Agreement and indicate your acceptance of the terms by selecting 'Yes' or 'No'.
    a. 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.
    b. If you select 'No' you will receive a warning message and you will not be able to submit your application.
2. Click *Continue* to save your responses and advance to the next section.

Plagiarism and Essay Guidelines

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**.

1. Select the degree objective to which you are 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: the length of study depends on the field chosen and specific program requirements. In some fields, such as Arts and Architecture – 3 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 in most fields, other than Law. 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.

2. Select the most appropriate major academic discipline and primary specialization from the drop-down menus. You can briefly elaborate on the exact nature of your objective in the text box that follows.
    a. 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.
    b. **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.
    c. **Candidates who wish to pursue studies as medical students are not eligible**. It's not possible for any J-1 visa student to pursue a degree program that leads to licensure, especially in clinical fields, while in the Fulbright Program or under J-1 visa sponsorship. Additionally, they will not be permitted to pursue certification to potentially provide therapy and/or other types of patient treatment.
3. Enter a brief description of the field in which you plan to specialize in the United States in the text box.
4. Enter a description of your future plans in the text box. Do not enter more than 300 words.

Intended Grant Period

Enter your proposed length of stay in the United States and select your proposed date of arrival in the United States (Month-Day-Year format) from the drop-down menu. Typically, degree-seeking students will begin in August/September of the proposed academic year.

Study/Research Objective

Upload a copy of your study/research objective. This statement is an essential part and highly important part of your application and is required. **Do NOT mention specific U.S. universities at which you would like to study.** The **University Preference Sheet is included for that purpose**.

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. Remember, this is your opportunity to state what you hope to achieve during your program. **Preview your essay to check the formatting before submitting your application (!).**

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Personal Statement

Upload a copy of your personal statement. This is a required document. Do not mention specific U.S. universities at which you would like to study.

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

e. Click *Choose File*
f. Locate and select the file that you previously saved to your computer
g. Click *Open*
h. Click *Upload* to complete the file upload

Fulbright Foreign Student Application Study Objective and Personal Statement Guidelines

Writing Sample

Upload writing sample. It can be your published or unpublished work (*a research paper, published article, academic paper, etc.*) related to your Fulbright proposal. The samples should reflect your analytical and writing abilities. Academic or professional in nature. A piece of writing should be 10-20 pages of original research with citations, in English (or a translation into English done by you). You may only submit articles where you are the sole author – co-authored articles will not be accepted. Also, the article or writing sample needs to be submitted in PDF form as there is no way to upload a link in an application.

Selecting Master's fields also requires a writing sample. I**f this field appears, then you are required to upload a writing sample** for U.S. institutions to review.

a. Click *Choose File*
b. Locate and select the file that you previously saved to your computer
c. Click *Open*

Letter of Invitation (optional)

1. Upload a letter of invitation from a U.S. institution, if your intended degree objective is **Visiting Student Researcher** and you have received an invitation. This is NOT a requirement **for masters' students**.
    d. Click *Choose File*
    e. Locate and select the file that you previously saved to your computer
    f. Click *Open*
    g. Click *Upload* to complete the file upload

University Preferences

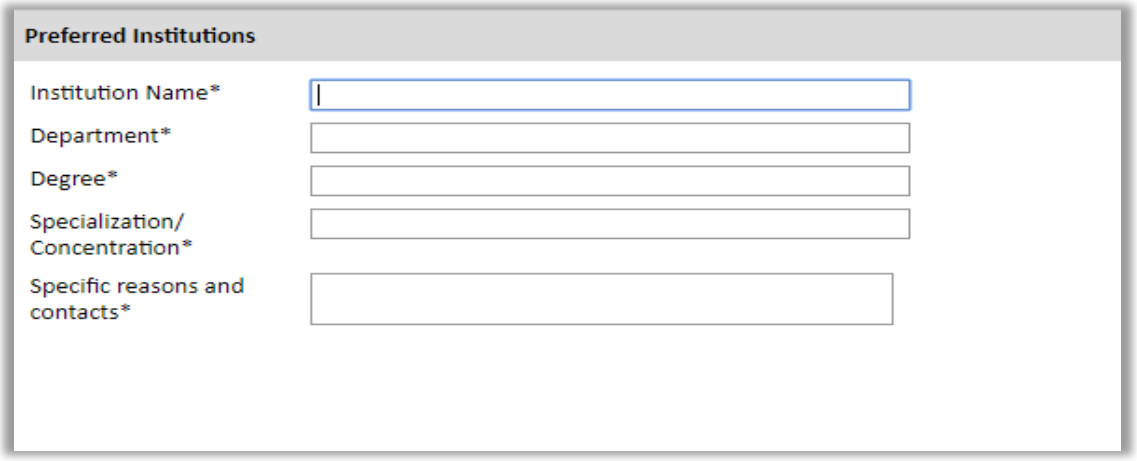
List up to four (4) institutions at which you would like to study in the U.S. in priority order. **Include specific departments and/or programs and provide specific reasons for your choice**. If you have been in contact with professors, please provide names and email and/or phone contacts for each one.

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**.

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. **We defer to the IIE/Fulbright Placement Team and do not provide individual consultations on the process.**
Admission decisions will depend on many reasons: the overall competition, academic fit, the estimated cost of study for the 2027-28 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.

If you do not have a clear idea, which U.S. 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.

h. Enter institution name
i. Enter name of department
j. Enter the degree type and academic program that you are interested in at this institution
k. Enter your preferred specialization or concentration within the academic program
l. Enter your specific reasons for listing this institution and any contact information for professors at the institution with whom you have already communicated
m. Click *Save*



Applied U.S. Institutions

If you have previously applied to a U.S. Institution, please complete this section. 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. Otherwise, move to the Authorization of Release of Information.

1. Select the number of U.S. institutions to which you have applied from the drop-down menu:

    i. Enter name of institution
    j. Enter specific name of department
    k. Select the date you applied for the institution (Month-Day-Year format)
    l. Enter the term you applied for
    m. Enter year you applied for
    n. Select the result of your application from the drop-down menu
    o. Select 'yes' or 'no' to indicate if you are still interested in pursuing this program

Note: Please do not apply directly to any U.S. schools once you have submitted your application for a Fulbright competition.

Authorization of Release of Information

1. Type your full name into the space provided to indicate your authorization of release of the information you have provided in this application.
2. Click *Continue* to save your responses and advance to the next section.

Portfolio

This section is only required if you are applying for study/research in specific fields (such as arts and architecture). If prompted, follow the instructions to upload portfolio materials, *including video, audio, documents or slides of artwork, film, music, a sample of journalistic work, etc.*

Tips for Fulbright Candidates in the Arts

Grant and Travel Plans

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".** If you are awarded the Fulbright grant, it will cover all your expenses. You may need to provide funds from your own or other sources just for any unforeseen expenses or for support of your family only.

Passport/Travel Document and Dependents

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**. If required, upload a copy of your passport or travel document.

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. In a typical year, many Fulbright grantees embark on their Fulbright experience with their families. Given the recent experience of the COVID-19 pandemic and some restrictive measures for Ukrainian male candidates aged 18-60 due to martial law in Ukraine, prospective Fulbright participants should always be aware of any additional travel requirements they may face if traveling with dependents to their U.S. host communities.

1. If required, upload a copy of your passport or travel document.
    a. Click *Choose File*
    b. Locate and select the file that you previously saved to your computer
    c. Click *Open*
    d. Click *Upload* to complete the file upload
2. Select the number of dependents you intend to have accompany you to the U.S. (select 0 if you do not have dependents or your dependents will not accompany you to the U.S.).
    a. Enter required information for each dependent, including relationship to you, name, and intended length of stay in the U.S. (in number of months)
    b. Enter information for how you will provide for your dependents during your time in the U.S. in the text box
3. Click *Continue* to save your responses and advance to the next section.

Additional Information

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 adding substance to your application.

1. Complete the Outreach Survey.
2. Click *Continue* to save your responses and advance to the next section.

Recommendations

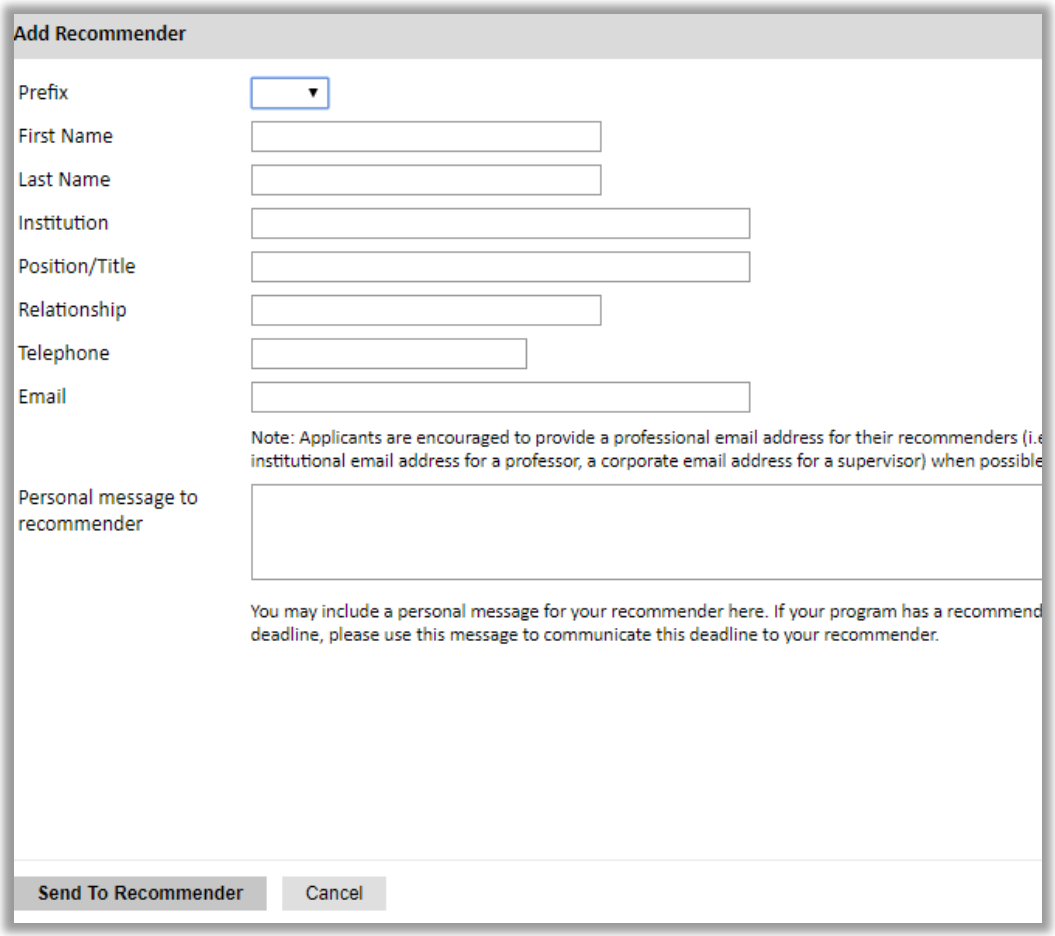
Use this section to register your recommenders. **The recommendation submission deadline is May 16, 2026, until midnight Ukrainian time.**

You must have three (3) 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, and who knows you well in a professional capacity.
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. This will vary by your field of study.

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

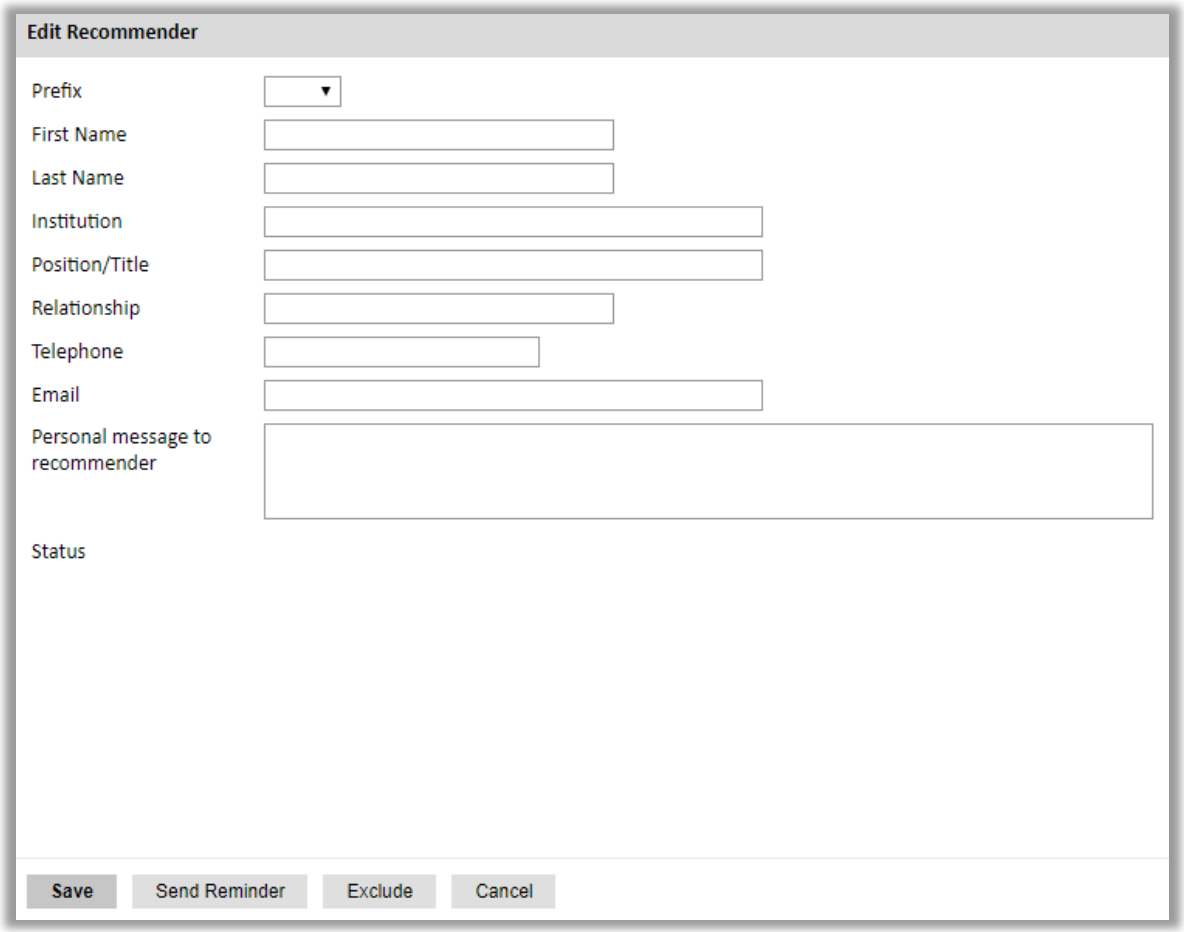
1. Click *Add Recommender*.
2. Complete all fields in the po-up form.



Click *Send to Recommender* to generate automatic email to recommender.

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

4. 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.



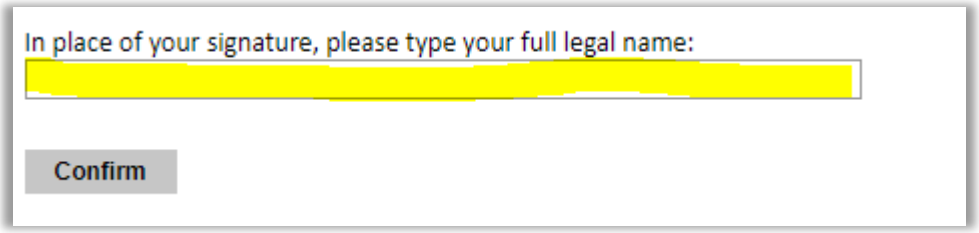
Letters of recommendation MUST BE submitted directly by your recommenders via the online application. You should register them as part of the online application process. Once you register your recommenders, they will receive an automatic email with instructions on completing the online recommendation form.

You can track the status of recommendations, send reminders, and add/delete recommenders through this system before **and** after submission of your application, but **not later than May 16, 2026, midnight in Ukraine.** **You are responsible for providing all three letters of recommendation on time, by the deadline**.

Guidelines for Letters of Recommendation

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

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 , student.ukraine@iie.org; office.ukraine@iie.org (please indicate **"Student_ Your Last Name"** in the e-mail subject line).

Other Important Information

1. Standardized tests:

a) **All Fulbright 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 materials is available at http://www.ets.org/toefl/ .There are free materials as well as materials that can be purchased.

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 Art and 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 2026. 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 is valid for two years after your test date. 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 2026**.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 90–100+ (iBT) or 4.5–5.0 (2026 scale)**. 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+ on the iBT (or 5.0–6.0 on the new 2026 1-6 scale).
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 2027 (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 generally will identify four (4) programs for master's candidates and five (5) to six (6) programs for doctoral candidates and submit applications on the 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 the candidate's academic and scientific interests. We defer to the IIE/Fulbright Placement Team and do not provide individual consultations on the process.**

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.