





# **Fulbright Foreign student Program**

## Instructions for Completing the 2026-27 Fulbright Foreign Student Program Application

Read all instructions carefully before completing the application. Applicants may only apply for one award per application cycle.

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#### **General Information**

The application is supported by all modern browsers. However, it works best with <u>Google Chrome</u>, which supports Windows, Mac, and Linux platforms.

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

#### Step 1: Confirm the requirements for submitting an application

Before you begin an application, contact the Fulbright Program Office in the country from which you are applying. Deadlines and application requirements will vary from country to country. You must make sure you are eligible to apply. Additional information and a list of participating countries can be found here: <a href="https://www.amideast.org/our-work/find-a-scholarship/graduate-study/fulbright/how-to-apply/how-to-apply">https://www.amideast.org/our-work/find-a-scholarship/graduate-study/fulbright/how-to-apply/how-to-apply</a>

#### Step 2: Record your 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 need 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 in one session. You can save your work, leave the application, and return to it later to edit information that you already entered and complete 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.
- Prepare required documents and save them in PDF format. This ensures that you preserve any formatting and special characters in documents you upload.
- 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.

#### 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 complete and submit an application, you must have an account in the system. If you already have an account, you can use your existing credentials to start a new application. If you are a first-time user, you will need to create a new account. To start, click Create an account.
- 2. Enter your email address (You must provide a valid email address that you actively use. This email will be linked to your account and will receive all future notifications), 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. We strongly recommend that you create your account with a personal (non-work) email address that you use and check on a regular basis.

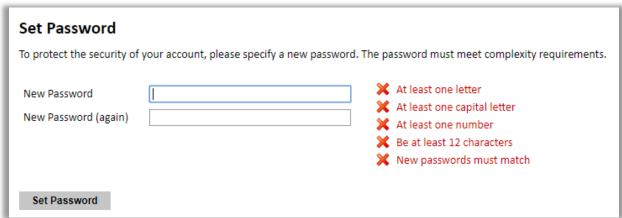
Click Continue. You will receive an email from <a href="mapply@iie.org">apply@iie.org</a> confirming that you have started the application. The email will include a temporary PIN. Follow the instructions in the email to activate your account using the temporary PIN. If you do not find the PIN in your inbox, please check your junk or spam folders. You will be prompted to enter your pin and then create a password to login. Consider creating a strong and secure password that meets the application's specific complexity requirements, if applicable, to protect your account. Avoid using passwords that are easy to guess.











3. 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

- 3. After you SUBMIT your application, you CANNOT make any changes.
- 4. 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.
- **5.** You can manage your recommenders by clicking on the *Recommendations* section of the online application.

#### **Letters of recommendation**

- **6.** Letters of recommendation will be submitted directly in the application system by the recommenders you registered in your application.
- 7. Additional or different letters of recommendation may be submitted before or after you submit the application.
- 8. If one of your recommenders is unavailable, you will have the option to exclude the recommender and add an alternative after you submit the application.





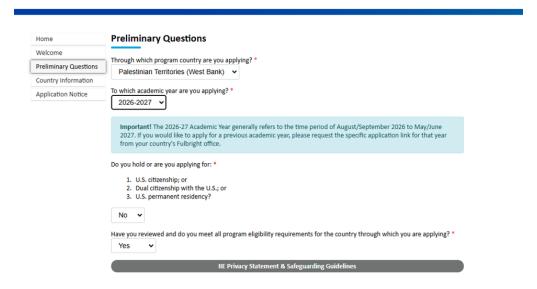


## **Preliminary Questions**

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

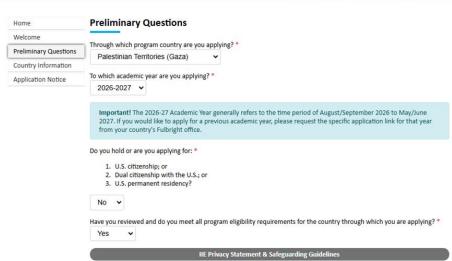
9. Select the country or region through which you are applying for the Fulbright grant from the dropdown menu. If you are a Palestinian from West Bank or Jerusalem, select Palestinian Territories (West Bank) from the dropdown menu. If you are a Palestinian from Gaza, select Palestinian Territories (Gaza) from the dropdown list.







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10. Select the 2026-27 academic year from the dropdown menu.







- 11. U.S. Citizenship, Dual Citizenship with the United States, or Permanent Residency: select 'yes' or 'no' to indicate your response.
  - a. U.S. citizens and permanent residents of the United States are ineligible to apply for and participate in the Fulbright Foreign Student Program.
- 12. Select 'yes,' 'no,' or 'unsure' to indicate if you are aware and meet all program eligibility requirements.
  - a. Please review the program eligibility requirements for the country or region through which you are applying before proceeding.
- 13. Click Continue to save your responses and advance to the next section.

## **Country Information**

- 1. Review all information in this section!
  - 2. Note any country-specific and award-specific instructions for completing the application, including:
    - a. Country website
    - b. Deadline information
    - c. Open application cycle
    - d. Additional required materials
  - 3. If prompted, you must select Fulbright Foreign Student Program as the award before proceeding.
  - 4. Click Continue to proceed to the next section.

## **Data Privacy**

- 1. Carefully review the Data Privacy information. If prompted, indicate your acceptance of data privacy terms by selecting 'yes' or 'no.'
  - 2. 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.
  - 2. Only enter a preferred name if it is DIFFERENT than your legal name (e.g., Alex instead of Alexander).
  - 3. If your name is recorded differently on any previous records, list it in the Name on Previous Records section (e.g., maiden name).
  - 4. 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. It should be entered as Month/Date/Year.
  - 5. Enter your city of birth and select country of birth, sex (as it appears or will appear on your passport or travel document), and marital status from the dropdown menus provided. If your nomination country allows accompanying dependents, enter the number of dependents you wish to bring to the United States. If your nomination country does not permit accompanying dependents, then do not enter the number of dependents. Even in countries where dependents are allowed, there are restrictions on when dependents can join the award recipient. Check the Country Information section and reach out to your local Fulbright Foreign Student Program representatives (Amideast field office, binational Fulbright commission, or U.S. embassy).
  - 6. Select your country of citizenship and country of residence from the dropdown menus provided.
  - 7. 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.
  - 8. 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 dropdown 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 as appropriate. Include the country code. If the field turns red, please review the numbers that you have entered to look for 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 we cannot reach you via your primary email address.

Note: All system-generated emails will continue to go to your primary email address.

- 5. Entering emergency contact information is required. Enter the required information for the emergency contacts in your home country. The individuals you list may be contacted in the event of an emergency at any time after you are nominated for an award or while you are participating in program activities in the United States.
  - a. When entering the address, choose the country that corresponds to your emergency contacts' address first and the following fields will update to match the address format of the selected country.
- 6. 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 or word limits and ensure your documents do not exceed these limits.

#### **Curriculum Vitae/Resume**

- 7. 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.
  - 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

Curriculum
Vitae/Resume

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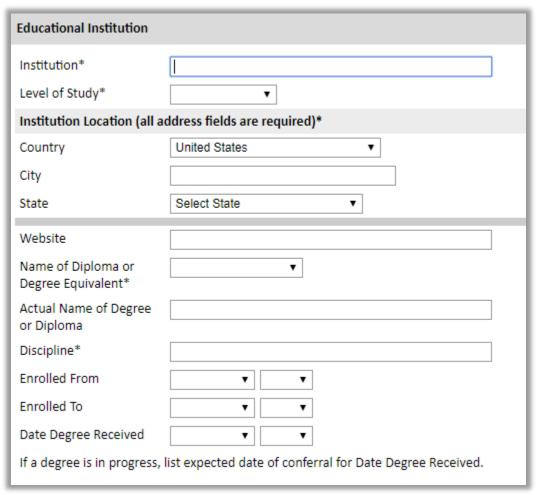
#### **Academic Background**

- 8. 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 academic program) and estimated date of graduation/completion.
  - a. Click Add Institution
  - b. Type in the name of the institution
  - c. Choose the level of study (graduate or undergraduate) from the dropdown menu
  - d. Select the country where the institution is located from the dropdown 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. If relevant, provide the actual name of the degree or diploma (e.g., license)
  - i. Enter the discipline in which this degree or diploma was earned
  - j. 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
  - k. 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
  - I. Click Save.









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

#### **Current Professional Profile**

- 10. List your current professional affiliation or employer by clicking *Add Experience* under Position Title.
  - a. Choose the role which most closely corresponds to your current role from the dropdown menu
  - b. Enter your current 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 dropdown menu. Enter in the street address, city, state/region, and post code as applicable
  - f. Click Save







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Position Title/Type of Work	
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If you are currently empl	oyed, please leave the End Date field blank.
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Employer Address	
Street Address*	
City*	
State/Region*	
Postal Code*	
Country*	▼

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

## **Awards and Recognitions**

- 12. Enter a list of the following items into the text boxes provided (all text boxes have a 250-word limit):
  - 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 theses 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

If you do not have anything to add, leave the text boxes blank.

#### **Experience Abroad**

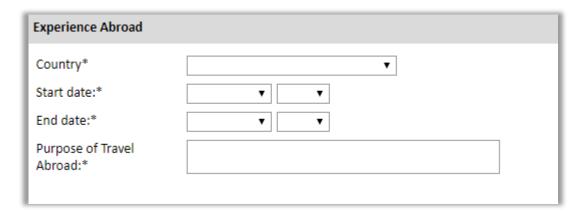
- 13. List any travel, study, or residency you have had abroad (in any country other than your own) for more than one month. This can include time overseas for education, research, business, vacation, etc.
  - a. Click Add New



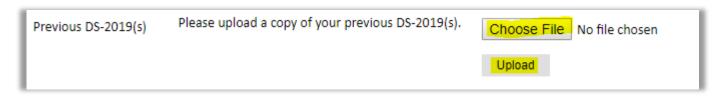




- b. Select the country in which you spent your professional travel and/or residence abroad from the dropdown menu provided
- c. Select the start and end dates (Month-Year format) of you travel/residency
- d. Enter the purpose of your travel abroad
- e. Click Save



- 14. 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.
- 15. 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



- 16. 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):
    - Click Add Grant
    - Select the Fulbright award type from the dropdown menu provided (e.g., Fulbright FLTA, Fulbright Foreign Student, etc.)
    - If you select "Other (please specify)", enter in the name of the Fulbright grant that you received in the "Other, please specify" field
    - Select the academic year that corresponds to the year in which you received the Fulbright grant
    - Click Save









17. 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 consult the country-specific guidance provided in the application to determine what documents you should upload in this section. If required, please upload scans of all available transcripts and diplomas from post-secondary institutions you have attended.

Note: A copy of your bachelor's degree transcript and graduation certificate or at least one of the two is required to be uploaded and submitted with your application. Applications without either document will not be considered. If you will have not yet earned your degree by the time you submit the application, then upload the most recent transcript that your academic institution has issued.

- 1. Select the corresponding institution from the list.
  - 2. Review the institution information (which you provided on the previous page). If this information is incorrect, return to the previous page to edit it.
  - 3. Select Choose File and locate the desired file on your computer. Click Open.
    - a. You may upload transcripts/diplomas as multi-page documents or upload single page documents. PDF, JPEG, 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.

1. 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.

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

## **Additional Language Skills**

- 3. Select the number of additional languages that you would like to include.
- 4. 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.
- 5. Click Continue to save your responses and advance to the next section.







## **Test Scores (Optional)**

Note: None of the tests mentioned below are required at the time of the application, but you should include them in your application if you have taken one or more of these test in the last two to five years. After you have applied for the program and if you are nominated for an award, you will be notified which tests you must take. Test fees will be covered by the program.

This section collects information about standardized test scores that you have taken or are planning to take. Standardized test scores are often required for admission to U.S. institutions and may vary depending on the institution and the academic program of interest.

- 1. Select Add Test.
  - 2. Select the test type from the dropdown menu.
  - 3. Select the test date from the dropdown 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.



- 7. 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

## **Study Plan**

This section collects information about your proposed plan of study in the United States. Please carefully review country-specific guidance to determine if you must submit any additional documentation.

8. Select the degree objective to which you are applying.
Please note that in the West Bank and Gaza, only master's level degrees may be pursued through the Fulbright grant.







- a. Some fields will trigger a prompt to ask you if you'd like to upload a portfolio or other additional documents as part of your application. Select 'yes' or 'no'.
- b. If you select 'yes,' you will be directed to upload your materials on the next page. Please follow the upload instructions listed.
- 9. Select the most appropriate major academic discipline and primary specialization from the dropdown menus. If your exact desired discipline or specialization are not listed, then select the ones that most closely align with them.
- 10. Enter a brief description of the field in which you plan to specialize in the United States in the text box.
- 11. Enter a brief description of your future plans in the text box.

## Intended Grant Period (Optional)

12. 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 dropdown menu.

## Study/Research Objective Essay

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 an essential part of your application and is required. Do NOT mention specific U.S. universities at which you would like to study.

#### **Important Note for Applicants:**

The **research objective statement** is not the same as a **graduation dissertation** or a **research proposal**. The research objective is a brief statement that outlines the focus and goals of your proposed or intended study or research.

- 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

#### **Personal Statement Essay**

- 13. Upload a copy of your personal statement. Your personal statement should be a narrative statement describing how you have achieved your current goals. Do not mention specific U.S. universities at which you would like to study. This is a required document.
  - a. Click Choose File
  - b. Locate and select the file that you previously saved to your computer
  - c. Click Open

Click Upload to complete the file upload

# Important note regarding essay length and word limit for the personal statement and research objective essays:

While quality should be prioritized over quantity, each essay must be limited to 600 words or 1 to 1.5 pages. Under no circumstances should the essay exceed two pages.







## **Letter of Invitation (Optional)**

- 14. Upload a letter of invitation from a U.S. institution, if you have received one. This is NOT a requirement for master's degree seeking students. However, it is required for non-degree visiting student researcher applicants (if your country offers non-degree awards).
  - 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

## **University Preferences (Optional)**

15. List up to four institutions at which you would like to study in the United States. Include specific departments and/or programs and provide specific reasons for your choice. Ensure that your choices are realistic and appropriate for your academic program; and are not based on the perceived reputation or the location of these institutions. If you have been in contact with professors in these institutions, provide names and email and/or phone contacts for each.

Note: There is no guarantee that your application will be sent to the institutions that you list. Applications are made on your behalf to programs that provide a good 'academic fit' and meet other Fulbright Program objectives based on your study plans and your competitiveness.

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

Preferred Institutions	
Institution Name*	
Department*	
Degree*	
Specialization/ Concentration*	
Specific reasons and contacts*	

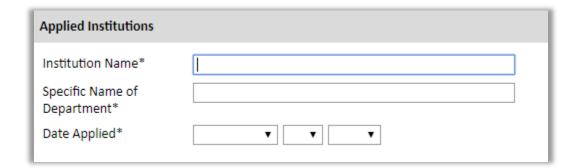
- 16. Select 'yes' or 'no' to indicate if you have applied to any U.S. institutions.
  - a. If 'yes', list all programs to which you have applied:
    - Select Add Institution
    - Enter name of institution







- Enter specific name of department
- Select the date you applied for the institution (Month-Day-Year format)



## **Authorization of Release of Information**

17. 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**

- 18. 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.
- 19. Click Continue to save your responses and advance to the next section.







## Grant and Travel Plans (Optional)

This section gathers information on your personal finances, additional funding you may have applied for/received, passport, and accompanying dependents. Please note that these sections are optional for applicants from West Bank and Gaza.

1. "Family Funds" information is not required.

## **Expected Additional Funding (Not required)**

2. Not required.

## **Passport/Travel Document and Dependents**

- 3. 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
- 4. Applicants from certain countries are not eligible to bring dependents to the United States. Do not enter any information in the dependents section if your country's program policies do not allow dependents. Please reach out to your local Amideast office to confirm if dependents are permitted for your program before entering any dependent-related information in your application.
- 5. Click Continue to save your responses and advance to the next section.

#### **Additional Information**

Use this section to upload any required additional documentation per your country-specific guidance.

Complete the Outreach Survey.

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







## Recommendations

It is preferred to have your recommendations submitted online. However, if your recommenders face difficulties accessing the online recommendation form, please note that we also accept letters of recommendation by e-mail. Letters of recommendation should be e-mailed to your country's Fulbright Program representative and must include full name of the applicant (you) in the subject line of the message. Contact your country's Fulbright Program representative to receive a blank copy of the recommendation form.

Use this section to register your recommenders preferably using their professional, institutional or corporate email addresses. The Fulbright Program requires three letters of recommendation.

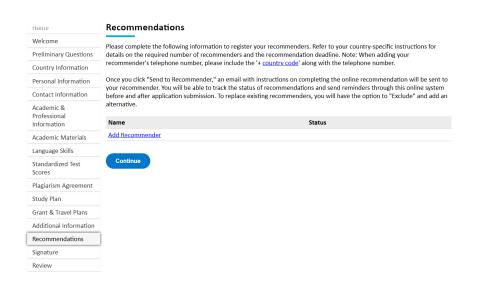
Once you register your recommenders, they will receive an automatic email with instructions on completing the online recommendation form. These emails may be directed to the junk or spam folders of the recommender. If your recommenders have not received the email after you add them, ask them to check their spam or junk folders. If they still have not received the email, it is recommended to delete the previous recommender registration and re-registering that recommender using a different email address (personal or work).

You can track the status of recommendations, send reminders, and add/delete recommenders through this system before **and** after submission of your application.

- 1. Click Add Recommender.
  - 2. Complete all fields in the pop-up form:



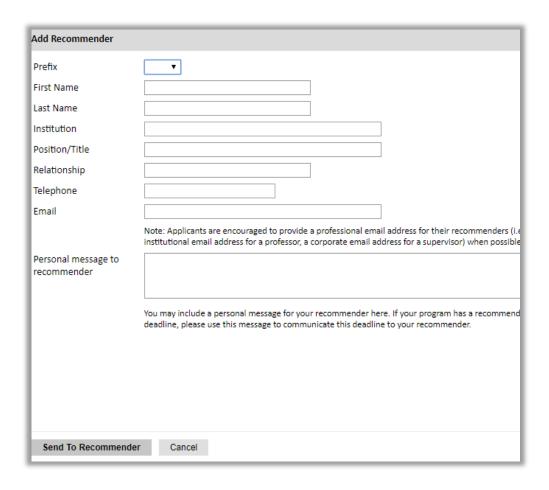
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- 3. Click Send to Recommender to generate an automatic email to the recommender.
- 4. Click Continue to save your responses and advance to the next section.
- 5. Once sent, you will have the option to Edit Recommender information if they have not yet started progress on their response and Save, Send Reminders, and Exclude if you wish to remove the recommender and replace with another individual.







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Last Name	
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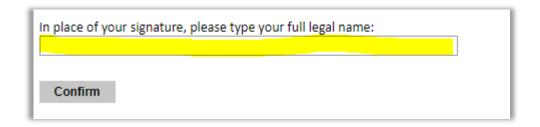






## **Signature**

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



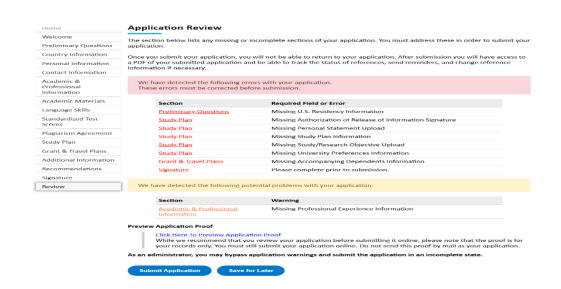
Click Confirm to continue to the next page.

#### 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.





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