FULBRIGHT VISITING SCHOLAR PROGRAM

Instructions for Completing the
2022-2023 Fulbright-RAF Scholar Award Application

Application: https://apply.iie.org/fvsp2022

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. We highly recommend that you use a current version of Google Chrome, which supports Windows, Mac, and Linex platforms.

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

Step 1: Learn requirements for submitting an application
Before you begin an application, make sure that you have carefully read the eligibility requirements for Romanian applicants available at:
https://fulbright.ro/competition/2022-2023-fulbright-raf-scholar-award
Deadline dates and application requirements for a Fulbright grant 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: https://www.cies.org/.

Step 2: Record user name and password in a safe place
Your email address is your user name. 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 user name 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.
- 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.

Step 4: Submit the application
Once you have entered all required information, 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.**
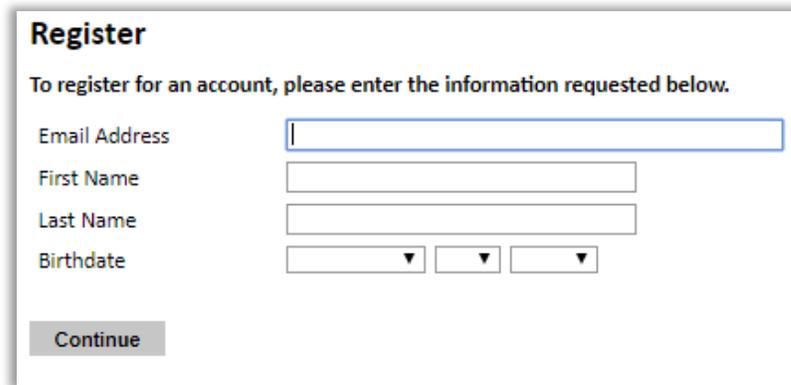
Register

To register for an account, please enter the information requested below.

Email Address	
First Name	
Last Name	
Birthdate	▼ ▼ ▼

[Continue]

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.

Login

A temporary PIN has been sent to your email address. If you do not receive this message in the next few minutes, please check your junk mail folder.

Email	
Account	
Temporary PIN	
Birthdate	✓ ✓ ✓

[Login]

Set Password

To protect the security of your account, please specify a new password. The password must meet complexity requirements.

New Password

New Password (again)

✖ At least one letter
✖ At least one capital letter
✖ At least one number
✖ Be at least 12 characters
✖ New passwords must match

Set Password

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 or upload documents.
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 in to your account to view the information you have submitted and save a PDF of your application form.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION are not needed for the Fulbright-RAF Scholar Award Program.

Preliminary Questions

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

1. Select the country through which you are applying for the Fulbright grant from the dropdown menu: Romania

2. Select the appropriate program year from the dropdown menu: 2022-2023

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 Visiting Scholar Program.

4. 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 through which you are applying before proceeding. *(carefully check the announcement for the 2022-2023 Fulbright-RAF Scholar Award on* https://fulbright.ro/competition/2022-2023-fulbright-raf-scholar-award*)*

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

Country Information

1. Review all information in this section!

2. **Select the Fulbright-RAF Scholar Award (Romania) in the "Award Information" section**

3. Note any country-specific and award-specific instructions for completing the rest of the application, including:

   a. Country website: https://fulbright.ro
   b. Deadline information: THURSDAY, January 20, 2022
   c. Open application cycle: Academic Year 2022-2023
   d. Additional required materials: see competition requirements on Fulbright Romania website

4. If prompted, you must select an Award before proceeding: Visiting Scholar

5. 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. Only enter a preferred 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.

4. Enter your city of birth, country of birth, sex (as it appears or will appear on your passport or travel document), preferred gender identity, marital status, and number of dependents.

5. Select your country of citizenship and country of residence from the dropdown 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 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 section.

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 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. Entering emergency contact information is not required unless directed by the country-specific instructions. If you would like to provide emergency contacts in your home country, please enter the appropriate information. The individuals 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.
    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, organizational memberships, letter of support from home institution, experience abroad, and previous Fulbright grants, if applicable.
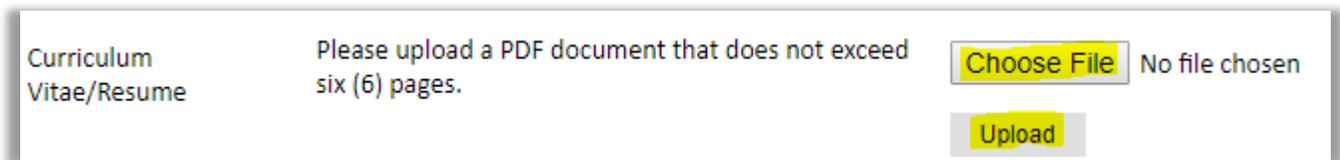
Prepare and upload documents in PDF format as required (*). Note any page limits and ensure your documents do not exceed page limits.

Curriculum Vitae/Resume

1. Upload your curriculum vitae/resumé in PDF format that does not exceed six pages.
   Note: If your file exceeds 6 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

Academic Background

2. 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. 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 the date this degree was received (Month – Year format) from the drop-down menu
    ▪ If a degree is in progress, list expected date of conferral for Date Degree Received.
k. Click *Save*.

Educational Institution

Institution*	[ ]
Level of Study*	[▼]

Institution Location (all address fields are required)*

Country	[United States ▼]
City	[ ]
State	[Select State ▼]

Website	[ ]
Name of Diploma or Degree Equivalent*	[▼]
Actual Name of Degree or Diploma	[ ]
Discipline*	[ ]
Date Degree Received*	[▼] [▼]

If a degree is in progress, list expected date of conferral for Date Degree Received.

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

Current Professional Profile

4. 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. If you are an independent/unaffiliated scholar, check the box underneath the Current Role field. The Institution Name and Department Name fields will disappear after the box is checked

c. Enter your current position title (e.g. Director, Assistant Director, etc.)
d. Enter the name of the institution and, if relevant, the department where you are currently employed
e. Enter 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.
f. 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
g. Click *Save*

Professional Experience

Current Role*

☐ I am an independent/unaffiliated scholar.

Position Title

Institution Name*

Department Name

If you are currently employed, please leave the End Date field blank.

Start Date

End Date

Institution Address

Country*

Street Address*

City*

State/Region*

Postal Code*

Save   Cancel

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

6. List your most significant professional accomplishments, honors and awards, and up to three significant publications in the text box.

   a. List no more than five accomplishments, honors, or awards
   b. Separate each entry with a semicolon (;)
   c. 700-character limit

Organizational Memberships

7. List up to four professional memberships in cultural, educational, and professional organizations.

   a. Click *Add Organization*
   b. Enter the name of the organization
   c. If you held an elective office in the organization, enter the name of your role (e.g., Treasurer)
   d. Enter the start and end dates (Month-Year format) that correspond with your membership in this organization.
      - If you are still an active member, leave the End Date blank.
   e. Click *Save*

Organizational Membership

Organization	

If you held an elective office, list this in your Role.

Role	
Start Date	▼ ▼

If you are still an active member, leave the End Date blank.

End Date	▼ ▼

Letter of Support from Home Institution

Home university administrators should provide a completed University Letter of Support (https://fulbright.ro/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Letter-of-support-Fulbright-RAF-2022-2023.doc) to confirm their support for scholar's participation in the program and also for implementation of entrepreneurship education opportunities upon his/her return.

This letter must be uploaded to the Fulbright-RAF Scholar Award application at this specific section (Letter of Support from Home institution) by **January 20, 2022,** at the latest.

8. Upload a PDF file of your letter of support from your home institution, confirming your ability to

participate in a Fulbright-RAF Scholar award.

      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

| Letter of Support | Please upload any letters of support/leave from your home institution. | Choose File | No file chosen |
| | | Upload | |

Experience Abroad

9. List any professional travel and/or residence abroad exceeding three (3) months during the last six years:
      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*

Experience Abroad

Country*

Start date:*

End date:*

Purpose of Travel Abroad:*

10. 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.

11. 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

| Previous DS-2019(s) | Please upload a copy of your previous DS-2019(s). | Choose File | No file chosen |
| | | Upload | |

NOTE: *If you have participated in a J-1 or J-2 visa exchange program in the Professor or Research Scholar categories in the last 24 months, you are suggested to check with the U.S. Consulate to confirm your eligibility.*

12. 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*

Previous Fulbright Grants

Award Type* [▼]

Previous Grant Year* [▼]

13. If you are applying for another Fulbright Scholar Opportunity, please provide justification as to why you should be considered for another award in the text box.

14. 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 dropdown menu provided.

English Language Proficiency

NOTE: Romanian applicants do not have to take an English proficiency test such as TOEFL or IELTS.

Candidates need to rate their English language abilities considering the instructions below.

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 that may be of use for your project or study plans.

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

Plagiarism Agreement

The Fulbright Visiting Scholar Program seeks applicants whose writing achieves highest academic standards of original research, writing, and citation. The program application includes the opportunity to describe your academic work and research. Application materials will be processed using software to help identify any instance of plagiarism. **Plagiarism in any part of your application will result in your disqualification from participating in the Fulbright-RAF Scholar Award Program**.

Project Proposal

Related details are available at Appendix, pages 22-26.

This section collects information about your proposed project. Please carefully review country-specific guidance available at https://fulbright.ro to determine if you must submit any additional documentation.

1. Select the category of grant for which you are applying: Research
2. Enter your Project Title

NOTE: The title should succinctly describe the focus of the award activity (for example, "Entrepreneurial Education as a Tool for Reducing Unemployment" or "Engines of Innovation: The Entrepreneurial University in the Twenty-First Century").
Maximum 160 characters

3. Enter a summary of your Project Proposal in the text box (maximum of 700 characters)
   • In a few sentences, provide a concise overview that easily allows the reviewers to appreciate the significance of the proposal and any potential contributions to the field.
   • 700-character limit, use Roman characters only.
   • This abstract is meant to serve as a brief summary of the more detailed personal statement.
   • Avoid using hard returns in your response.

4. Upload a detailed project statement of three (3) to five (5) pages in PDF format

   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

5. Select the most appropriate academic discipline for your project from the dropdown menu: **Business**

6. Select the most appropriate primary specialization from the dropdown menu: **Entrepreneurship & Entrepreneurial Studies**

7. Enter a brief description of the area of the field in which you plan to specialize/conduct research in the United States in the text box.

   a. Some fields will ask you if you'd like to upload portfolio materials 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.

8. Select **4.5 months** for your grant length from the dropdown menu

9. Enter your proposed grant start and end dates (Month-Day-Year format): January 17 – May 31, 2023 (ideal arrival: maximum one week before January 17)

   Note: During your semester in Rochester, you will observe courses and programs, meet key members of the entrepreneurship community both on and off campus, and participate in some of our signature events. You are expected to arrive no later than January 17 and not leave before May 31, 2023.

10. Indicate whether you have already made affiliation arrangements with a U.S. Host Institution by selecting 'yes'

The Fulbright-RAF Award 2022-2023 is only tenable at **the University of Rochester, Ain Center for Entrepreneurship.**

Add the Host Institution by selecting *Add Institution*
- Enter Institution Name
- Enter Name and Contact Information of the person at the Institution who will be your primary contact: if necessary, you can mention TBC (to be confirmed)
- Enter the address of the Institution
- Indicate whether you have received a letter of invitation
- Click *Save*
- Upload the Letter of Invitation: *the official letter of invitation from the University of Rochester will be uploaded for all competition finalists in Fall 2022*

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

Grant and Travel Plans

This section gathers information on your personal finances, additional grants you may have applied to/received, passport, and accompanying dependents. Please note that these sections may not be required if you are from certain countries. Review country-specific information before completing.

1. Select 'yes' or 'no' to indicate if you have other sources of financial support during your Fulbright grant *(not required to Romanian candidates)*

    a. If 'yes', select the number of other sources of funding you expect to receive
        - Enter Source Description (e.g., NSF grant)
        - Estimated Amount (in U.S. dollars)
        - The Other Funds Total field will automatically update based on the amounts provided above
        - Upload supporting documentation by selecting *Choose File*

2. Indicate if you are planning to apply for other sources of funding to supplement the Fulbright grant award in the text box (700-character limit). Include the course and amount for all funding.
   You should mention Not Applicable or N/A

3. Upload a copy of your passport or travel document by selecting *Choose File*

    Note: Passport upload by January 20, 2022 is optional. All Romanian finalists are expected to provide a passport copy by October 15, 2022. In addition, passport copies need to be provided for accompanying dependents.

4. 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 the U.S.)

    a. Enter required information for each dependent, including relationship to you, name, date of birth, sex, country of citizenship, previously held U.S. J-1 or J-2 visa, and intended length of stay in the U.S.

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.
- *Not Applicable*

Complete the Outreach Survey.

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

Recommendations

Fulbright-RAF applicants **are not required** to submit a Bibliography and letters of recommendation in their Fulbright-RAF Scholar Award online application. In case the system does not allow you to submit the completed application because of these missing documents, please proceed as follows:

A.   For the letters of recommendation/Register referees: include your own name and email address in order to fill out the fields and click on Invite;

B.   For the Bibliography: feel free to re-upload a double of your CV or of the University Letter of Support

Signature

Certify that the information you provided in the application is true and complete by typing your full legal name in the Signature Box:
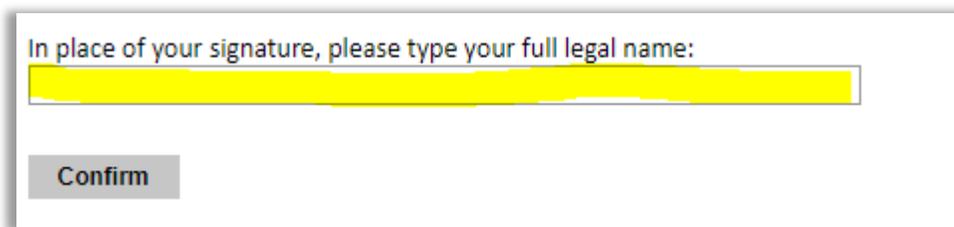
> In place of your signature, please type your full legal name:
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> [   ]
>
> **Confirm**

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.

1. NATURE OF GRANTS

The Fulbright-RAF Scholar Award program has been established to provide Romanian academics from technical universities and faculties with valuable experience enabling them to develop high-quality entrepreneurship education opportunities for students all over Romania.

The success of the program entails visionary professors committed to learning and implementing best practices in entrepreneurship education as well as university administrators committed to supporting new programs for their students.

The Fulbright-RAF Scholar Award is for one semester and will start in the second semester of the academic year 2022-2023 (January 2023). No extensions or adjustments can be made for this specified duration of the award.

The Fulbright-RAF Scholar Award consists of:

•   travel to/from the US, accommodation and general maintenance costs while in the US, settling-in -allowance, professional allowance and dependent allowance (if need be);

•   Sickness and accident benefit coverage - ASPE (https://www.sevencorners.com/gov/usdos);

•   J-1 visa sponsorship and administration (https://j1visa.state.gov/);

•   pre-departure support, including one-day Orientation Program (mid-June 2022);

•   Once on-the-ground in the US, further support is offered by the Institute of International Education/ IIE-CIES (www.cies.org; www.iie.org) and by the Council on International Educational Exchange/CIEE (http://www.ciee.org/) - for a series of Fulbright-RAF Scholar Award program-related activities.

The Fulbright-RAF Scholar Award does not cover: computer hardware or equipment purchase; leisure travel; personal shopping gifts; additional expenses that relate to lifestyle preferences.

2. THE APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS AND THE REVIEW PROCESS

The applications will be evaluated based on educational background and experience, current teaching duties, demonstrated interest to fully participate in the educational experience and to implement entrepreneurship education upon return as well as on applicant's willingness to advance educational innovation through development of a national entrepreneurship education association. Selection will be based on the combination of qualified professors with the support of their university for achievement of high impact results for Romanian students.

•   All the required documents must be submitted in English no later than Thursday, January 20, 2022.

Documents will not be returned. Only online applications will be accepted;

•   Initial screening and endorsement of a scholar's application are done by the Fulbright organization in your country of application;

•   Short-listed candidates will be invited to an in-person interview conducted in English (date to be announced);

•   The application is then forwarded to IIE/CIES and the U.S. Department of State by the Fulbright organization in your country of application. Final selection for all grants is made by the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board/FFSB (https://eca.state.gov/fulbright/about-fulbright/j-william-fulbright-foreign-scholarship-board-ffsb);

•   You will be notified by the Fulbright organization in your country of application if you are selected, based on the timeline set by that organization. It is the policy of the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board not to give to individual applicants, to others inquiring on their behalf, or to the public generally, the specific reasons for selection or non-selection of applicants for awards under the program, to the extent not required to do so as a matter of law.

•   Before a grant can be confirmed, a Medical History and Examination Report is required and will be reviewed by appropriate personnel;

•   For all Fulbright-RAF Scholar Award finalists of the competition, the affiliation will be concluded at the University of Rochester, Ain Center for Entrepreneurship;

3.   PREPARING THE FULBRIGHT-RAF SCHOLAR AWARD APPLICATION

Planning ahead: The first step in the application process is to meet with your faculty administrators to obtain their support. Advance planning will give you as much time as possible to put together a thoughtful and compelling application. Applicant review and final selection are based upon the actual application and accompanying materials. Your U.S. institutional affiliation will also be conducted based on the application, the personal statement and the accompanying letter of support from your home university.

4.   GENERAL APPLICATION GUIDELINES
At the time of application, you must submit the following:

•   an online application form (https://apply.iie.org/fvsp2022);

•   a personal statement uploaded to the online application;

•   one letter of support, provided by your home university administrator/vice-rector or faculty dean using the standard form (https://fulbright.ro/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Letter-of-support-Fulbright-RAF-2022-2023.doc) directly uploaded to the online application;

• a CV, along with a valid passport copy, plus dependent's valid passports (if need be), uploaded to the corresponding sections of the online application;

Letters of recommendation are not required.

5. THE PROJECT STATEMENT (THE PERSONAL STATEMENT)

The personal statement, where you are expected to discuss your motivation to participate in this specific program, is one of the most important component of the RAF-Fulbright Scholar Award application, along with the Letter of Support.

To ensure a competitive application, your proposal, as well as the strategy for completing and disseminating what you plan to acquire, should be thoroughly explained in the section allotted by this application. This statement should describe your education, experience and current teaching assignment. Describe your university's current courses covering aspects of entrepreneurship, the entrepreneurial ecosystem surrounding your university (number of startups, institutions supporting startups such as accelerators, legal and financial infrastructure), current student or faculty-student entrepreneurial activities and university support for faculty technology transfer. Describe the process and support within your university for implementing new curricula and/or courses, with the associated timeline and resources required. Finally, describe your vision for a national association of professors, entrepreneurs and students to support development of entrepreneurship education in Romania.

Upload a detailed personal statement of maximum five single-spaced pages (max. 3,500 words).

FORMAT

- Do not exceed the character limit of the proposal. Including irrelevant or extraneous material may divert attention from the project statement.
- Begin the personal statement with your name, country and title at the top of page one. At the top of each subsequent page, type your name and country.
- Organize your proposal in order of the above-mentioned points; you could use them as headings for sections of text in your statement.

CONTENT RECOMMENDATIONS

- Submit a clear and complete personal statement that introduces you professionally to the review panel and your colleagues in the United States. The best applications are those that reflect the applicant's purpose and intent.
- Make sure that your qualifications and expertise match the objectives in your personal statement. You should be able to show that you are qualified to accomplish what you are proposing to do.
- Emphasize how your project will benefit the host institution, your students or other scholars in your field both in Romania and in the US. Address in your project statement the ways in which you plan to use the experience upon your return. What is the likely impact of your experience abroad? How will

you use what you learned upon your return, professionally and personally? In what way will your home university provide support for implementing new curricula and/or courses in the field you want to specialize?

- Connect your past experience to what you are preparing to do if you receive an award. Focus on what can be reasonably accomplished during the period of the grant.
- Do not assume that your suitability for the project is self-evident. Your standing in your field may not be well known to reviewers. You need to make a case for yourself based on your past experience and current scholarly endeavors.
- Do not stress only how a Fulbright grant will benefit you or your career. Remember that the program is intended to foster mutual understanding between cultures and nations. What can you bring to the Fulbright-RAF Scholar Award program? What extra benefits could the Fulbright-RAF Scholar Award program bring you?
- Be specific in describing your previous work and in laying out the nature of your proposed Fulbright-RAF Scholar Award activity. A frequent failing in applications is that the proposal is underdeveloped or too imprecise to give reviewers a clear sense of the endeavor.

STYLE RECOMMENDATIONS

- Express what you can bring to the program clearly and succinctly. Think of the basic questions that need to be answered: Why should I apply for the Fulbright-RAF Scholar award to come to the United States? If selected, what will I do and how will I do it? What can I contribute to the Fulbright-RAF Program? What will the results of my participation be? Include only the most pertinent information in forming your responses so as not to exceed the page restrictions. At the same time, you should avoid writing a proposal so brief that it will be difficult for the reviewer to understand it.
- Pay attention to style in your proposal. You may want to use the first person, but you should avoid flooding your proposal with "I's" or referring to yourself in the third person.
- Keep your proposal simple and straightforward so that an educated reader from another discipline can understand it.

6. THE CURRICULUM VITAE

The curriculum vitae should describe your academic credentials and demonstrate a record of your scholarly achievements, in particular, in the proposed field of expertise (the document should not exceed six pages).

When composing your curriculum vitae, it is important to include:

- Education (universities attended, degrees earned and dates received)
- Professional positions held
- Courses taught and other services provided to students and the home institution
- Publications (provide full citations and list them starting with the most recent)
- Other professional activities, such as workshops, seminars and consultations
- Membership and activities in professional associations

- Professional honors, awards and fellowships
- Community service

The application asks for similar information but provides limited space for answers. In the curriculum vitae, you should expand upon these topics to present more completely your accomplishments.

Note: Copies of certificates and diplomas are not required.

For any questions concerning the application process, you are invited to contact us at:

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