

FULBRIGHT VISITING SCHOLAR PROGRAM

Instructions for Completing the 2026-2027 Fulbright Visiting Scholar Program Application

Application: <https://apply.iie.org/fvsp2026>

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](https://www.google.com/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 an application, make sure that you have carefully read the eligibility requirements for Romanian applicants available at: <https://fulbright.ro/competition/2026-2027-visiting-scholar-program/>

Additional information and a list of participating countries can be found here: [Fulbright Visiting Scholar Program | Exchange Programs \(state.gov\)](https://www.fulbright.org/exchange-programs/).

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:

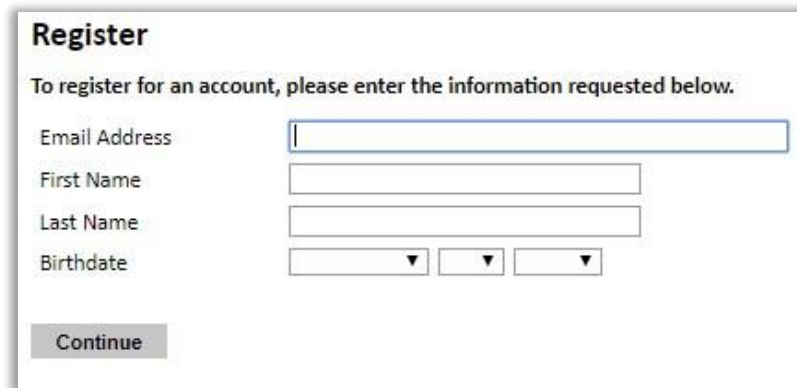
- Use upper and lower-case letters (e.g. John Smith). Avoid using all capital letters (e.g. JOHN SMITH). Do not use special characters, such as accent marks.
- You can copy and paste information into all text boxes.
- Limit your responses to the space provided in all text boxes.
- Prepare required documents 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, 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.**



Register

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

Email Address

First Name

Last Name

Birthdate

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

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, 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 in to your account to view the information you have submitted, save a PDF of your application form, and manage your recommenders.
3. You can manage your recommenders by clicking on the *Recommendations* section of the online application.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

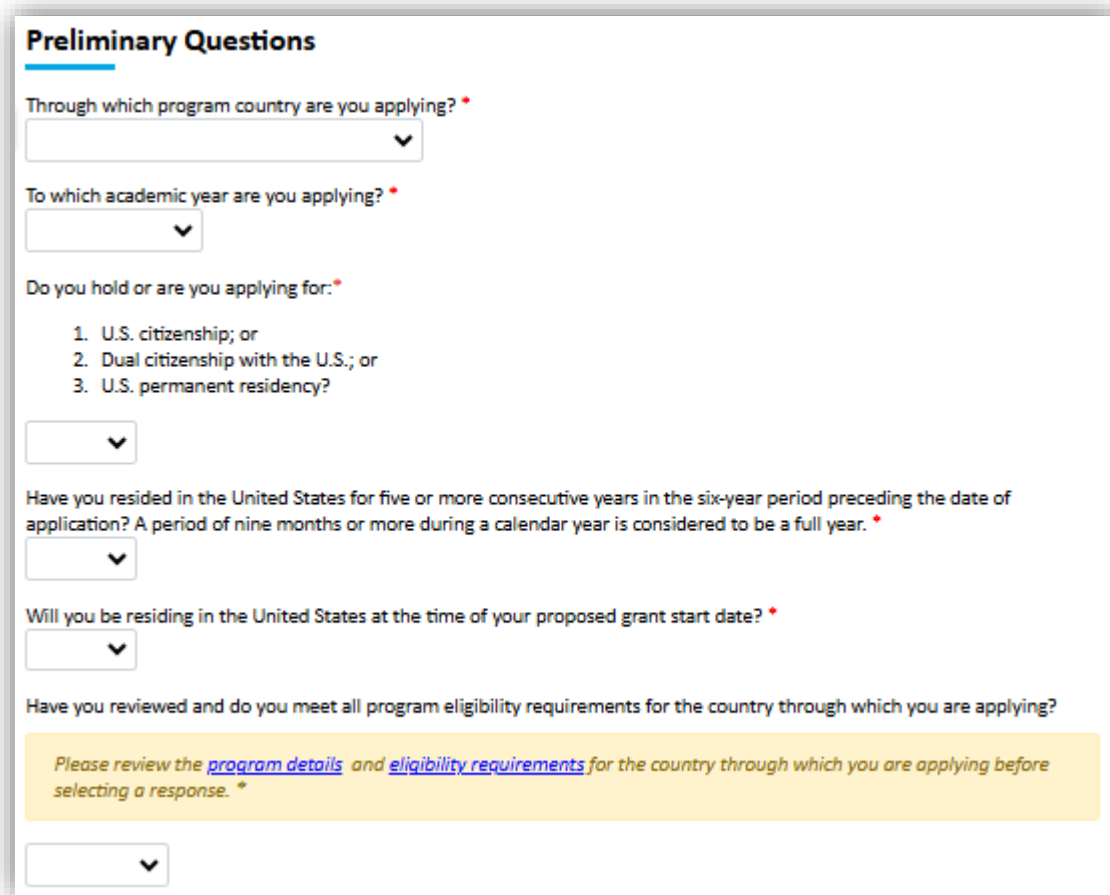
Romanian applicants are required to provide three letters of reference/or/recommendation, directly uploaded to the online application by recommenders or mailed as signed official paper copies (by December 4, 2025, postmarked). As an alternative, the letters of recommendation are accepted via email (office@fulbright.ro) if they are sent directly by the recommenders, as scanned signed documents, no later than December 4, 2025.

It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure recommenders submit on time to avoid an incomplete application.

1. Letters of recommendation will be submitted directly to Fulbright by the recommenders you registered via your application.
2. Letters of recommendation may be submitted before or after you submit the application, no later than December 4, 2025 (postmarked).
3. If your recommender is unavailable, you will have the option to exclude the recommender and add an alternative after you submit the application.

Preliminary Questions and Data Privacy

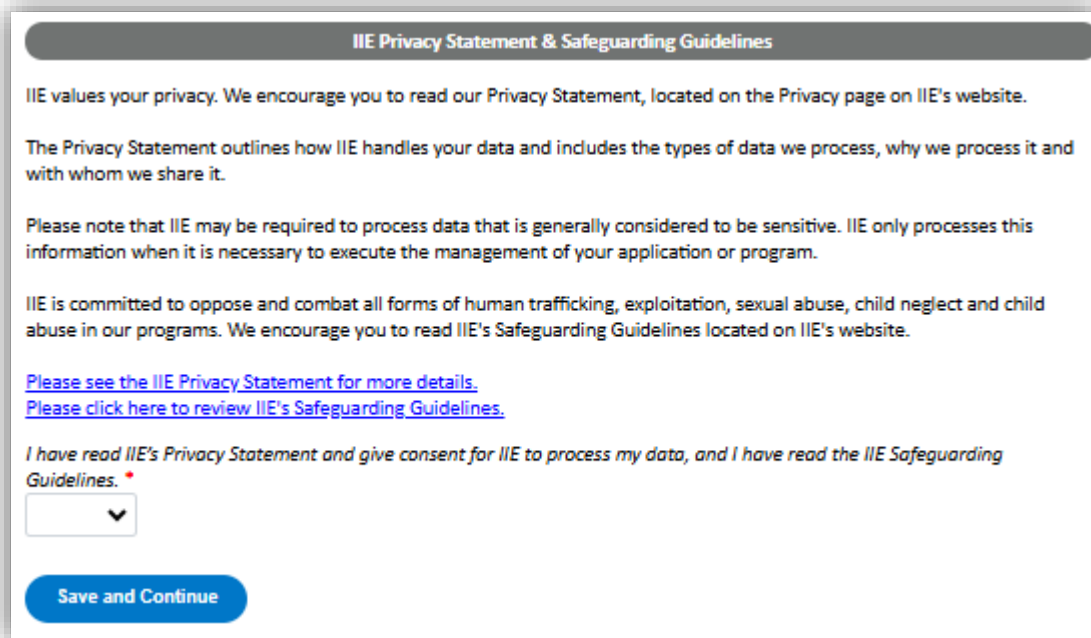
These questions address essential program eligibility, share data privacy policy, and requests consent. All questions are required.



The screenshot shows a web form titled "Preliminary Questions". It contains several required questions, each marked with a red asterisk. The first question is "Through which program country are you applying?", followed by a dropdown menu. The second question is "To which academic year are you applying?", also followed by a dropdown menu. The third question is "Do you hold or are you applying for:", followed by a list of three options: "1. U.S. citizenship; or", "2. Dual citizenship with the U.S.; or", and "3. U.S. permanent residency?". Below this list is a dropdown menu. The fourth question is "Have you resided in the United States for five or more consecutive years in the six-year period preceding the date of application? A period of nine months or more during a calendar year is considered to be a full year.", followed by a dropdown menu. The fifth question is "Will you be residing in the United States at the time of your proposed grant start date?", followed by a dropdown menu. The sixth question is "Have you reviewed and do you meet all program eligibility requirements for the country through which you are applying?". Below this question is a yellow highlighted box containing the text: "Please review the [program details](#) and [eligibility requirements](#) for the country through which you are applying before selecting a response. *". At the bottom of the form is a final dropdown menu.

1. Select the country through which you are applying for the Fulbright grant from the dropdown menu.
2. Select the appropriate program year from the dropdown menu.
3. U.S. Citizenship, Dual Citizenship with the U.S. or Permanent Residency: select 'yes' or 'no' to indicate your response.
 - Applicants cannot be U.S. citizens or permanent residents of the U.S. to participate in the Fulbright Visiting Scholar Program.

4. Indicate whether or not you have resided in the U.S. for five or more consecutive years per the instructions.
5. Indicate whether or not you will reside in the U.S. at the time of your proposed grant start date.
6. Select 'yes', 'no', or 'unsure' to indicate if you are aware and meet all program eligibility requirements.
 - Please review the program eligibility requirements for the country through which you are applying before proceeding. (Carefully check the announcement for the 2026/27 Visiting Scholar Award on <https://fulbright.ro/>)



The screenshot shows a web form titled "IIE Privacy Statement & Safeguarding Guidelines". The form contains the following text:

IIE values your privacy. We encourage you to read our Privacy Statement, located on the Privacy page on IIE's website.

The Privacy Statement outlines how IIE handles your data and includes the types of data we process, why we process it and with whom we share it.

Please note that IIE may be required to process data that is generally considered to be sensitive. IIE only processes this information when it is necessary to execute the management of your application or program.

IIE is committed to oppose and combat all forms of human trafficking, exploitation, sexual abuse, child neglect and child abuse in our programs. We encourage you to read IIE's Safeguarding Guidelines located on IIE's website.

[Please see the IIE Privacy Statement for more details.](#)
[Please click here to review IIE's Safeguarding Guidelines.](#)

I have read IIE's Privacy Statement and give consent for IIE to process my data, and I have read the IIE Safeguarding Guidelines. *

Below the text is a dropdown menu with a downward arrow icon.

At the bottom of the form is a blue button labeled "Save and Continue".

1. Carefully review the Data Privacy information. If prompted, indicate your acceptance of data privacy terms by selecting 'yes' or 'no'.
2. Click *Save and Continue* to proceed to the next section

Country Information

1. Review all information in this section!

Country Information

Please review the information below to assist in completing your application. If this is the first time you are accessing this page, you must select an Award, marked with an asterisk (*) below under Award Information; if you are returning, please ensure that the Current Award opportunity is correct.

Contact Information

Norfolk Island Organization (Demo)

Address: Street Address Demo, 12345-0001 Schenectady, United States

Program Information

Program Website: [country-website-url-2026-2027.com](#)

Program Instructions: [country-specific-instructions-url-2026-2027.com](#)

Current Application Competition Year: 2026-2027

Deadline Information: Check each award

General Information: Program Information - General Information

Program Information Materials:

Country-specific instructions: [View](#) | [Download](#)

Award Information

Current Award: Norfolk Island Visiting Scholar Award 1 (Norfolk Island)

Select/Change Award

Award Deadline: Sunday, November 30, 2025 11:59 PM (Eastern Time)

Award Website: [norfolkisland.org](#)

Award Information: Award Information - text

Award Instructions: [award-instructions-url-2026-2027.com](#)

Recommendations: 3 recommendations are required.

Thank you for selecting an award! Please double check the name and ensure you have selected your intended award. If you are not sure which award you should apply for, or if you cannot find the award you intended to apply for, contact the Fulbright office in your home country for further guidance on past, open, and upcoming competitions through the [Visiting Scholar program](#).

Continue

2. Note any country-specific and award-specific instructions for completing the rest of the application, including:
 - a. Country website: <https://fulbright.ro/>
 - b. Application deadline: December 4, 2025
 - c. Open application cycle: 2026-2027 (U.S. academic year). Programs will start no earlier than mid-August 2026
 - d. Additional required materials: see the competition requirements of Fulbright Romania website: <https://fulbright.ro/competition/2026-2027-visiting-scholar-program/>

If prompted, you must select an Award (see highlighted above) before proceeding.

3. 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. **Name:** 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. **Name on Previous Records:** If your name is recorded differently on any previous records, list it in the Name on Previous Records section (e.g. maiden name).
3. **Biographical Information:** The birthdate that you used to create your account will automatically appear. Enter your city of birth, country of birth, sex, marital status, and number of dependents.
4. **Citizenship Information:** Select your country of citizenship and country of residence from the dropdown menus provided.
 - a. If applicable, enter your national identification number and any additional countries in which you hold citizenship.
 - b. To select multiple countries, hold down the CTRL (PC) or Command (Mac) button when selecting options.
5. 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. **Address:** 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.
 - c. 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.*
 - If you answer 'no,' then a second address section will appear where you may enter your mailing address information.
 - If you answer 'yes' to this question, proceed immediately to the next section.
2. **Telephone Numbers:** Enter your contact phone 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. To find the correct country code, click on the blue 'country code' link
3. **Email:** The email address used to create your account will appear in the primary email address field and will not be editable. You may provide an Alternate/Secondary Email that can be used to contact you if Fulbright Program officers cannot reach you via your primary email address. **Note:** All system-generated emails will continue to go to your primary email address.
4. **Emergency Contact Information:** 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. You may also enter emergency contact information for individuals 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.
5. 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.

1. **Curriculum Vitae/Resume:** Upload your curriculum vitae/resumé in PDF format that does not exceed six (6) 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 *Browse*
- 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*

The curriculum vitae/resume describes academic credentials and demonstrates a record of scholarly achievements. When composing a curriculum vitae/resume, 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 area below asks for similar information, but provides limited space for answers. In the curriculum vitae, you should expand upon these topics to display more completely your accomplishments. It is strongly recommended that you upload in PDF format.

Curriculum Vitae/Resume	Please upload a document that does not exceed six (6) pages.	The following files have been uploaded: • 11/15/2023 - VS CV.docx - 1 page(s) Preview Delete
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Academic Background: List all post-secondary educational institutions from which you have received a degree or academic credential in reverse chronological order. 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.

- d. Click *Add New Academic Background*
- e. Type in the name of the institution
- f. Choose the level of study (graduate or undergraduate) from the dropdown menu
- g. Select the country where the institution is located from the dropdown menu
- h. Enter the appropriate city and region/state
- i. Provide the website of the institution (optional)
- j. Select the U.S. equivalent of the degree or diploma earned (e.g., BA – bachelor’s degree)
- k. If relevant, provide the actual name of the degree or diploma (e.g., license)
- l. Enter the discipline in which this degree or diploma was earned
- m. Select the month and year of the date this degree was received (Month – Year format) from the drop-down menu
- n. If a degree is in progress, list expected date of conferral for Date Degree Received.
- o. Click *Save*.

Academic Background

Institution *

Level of Study *

Institution Location (all address fields are required) *

Country *

City *

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.

2. To add additional entries for post-secondary educational institutions, click *Add Academic Background* and follow the bulleted instructions above.
3. **Relevant Employment History:** List your current professional affiliation or employer by clicking *Add Professional Profile*

- 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. Professor, Assistant Professor, 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*

The screenshot shows a web form titled "Relevant Employment History" with a close button (X) in the top right corner. The form contains the following fields and sections:

- Current Role ***: A dropdown menu.
- Are you an independent/unaffiliated scholar? ***: A checkbox.
- Position Title ***: A text input field.
- Institution Name ***: A text input field.
- Department Name**: A text input field.
- If you are currently employed, please leave the End Date field blank.**: A note.
- Start Date ***: Two dropdown menus for month and year.
- End Date**: Two dropdown menus for month and year.
- Institution Address**: A section header.
- Country**: A dropdown menu with "United States" selected.
- Street**: A text input field.
- City**: A text input field.
- Save** and **Cancel** buttons at the bottom.

4. If you have more than one current position or to add previous employment, click *Add Professional Profile* and follow the instructions above.
5. 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
6. **Organizational Memberships:** List up to four professional memberships in cultural, educational, and professional organizations.
- a. Select the number of Organizational Memberships you'd like to add (up to 4)
 - 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*

7. **Letter of Support from Home Institution:** *Romanian applicants do not need to provide a letter of support from their home institution.*
8. **Experience Abroad:** List any professional travel and/or residence abroad that exceeds three (3) months, including any stays in the United States, during the last six years.
 - a. Click *Add New Experience Abroad*
 - 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 your travel/residency
 - d. Enter the purpose of your travel abroad
 - e. Click *Save*

Experience Abroad

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Please note: We are requesting a list of experience abroad only for the past ten years.

Country *

▼

Start date: *

▼

▼

End date: *

▼

▼

Purpose of Travel Abroad: *

- f. 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.
9. Select 'yes' or 'no' to indicate if you have previously entered the United States on a J-1 or J-2 visa
 - If 'yes', you are required to select the J category of sponsorship from the list and upload a copy of your previous DS-2019. *If you have participated in a J-1 or J-2 visa exchange program in the Professor or Research Scholar categories, please check with your Fulbright Office to confirm you are eligible to apply for the program at this time.*
 10. Select 'yes' or 'no' to indicate if you have previously been awarded a Fulbright grant.
 - If 'yes', indicate the number of prior Fulbright awards you have received (up to four). Then,
 - a. Select the Fulbright award type from the dropdown menu provided (e.g., Fulbright FLTA, Fulbright Foreign Student, etc.)
 - b. If you select "Other (please specify)", enter in the name of the Fulbright grant that you received in the "Other, please specify" field
 - c. Select the academic year that corresponds to the year in which you received the Fulbright grant.

Previous Fulbright Grant(s)

Have you previously been awarded a Fulbright grant? *

Yes ▼

If you have previously been awarded a Fulbright grant, please list the grant(s) below.

Please select how many Previous Fulbright Grants you would like to add. *

1 ▼

Award 1

Award Type *

▼

Previous Grant Year *

▼

If you are an alumnus of the Fulbright Scholar program, please provide a brief justification as to why you should be considered for another Fulbright Visiting Scholar award. (This question does not apply if your previous Fulbright award was through the Fulbright Foreign Student or Foreign Language Teaching Assistant (FLTA) Programs.)

11. 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.
12. 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.

Language Skills

Questions marked with an asterisk (*) are required of all applicants for submission. Please review country-specific guidance to determine whether unmarked questions are required.

Native Language

Please indicate your native language or mother tongue; if not listed, please select "Other" and enter.

Native Language *

Additional Language Skills

Please list any additional languages that may be of use for your project proposal. Rate your proficiency as Native, Advanced, Intermediate, Beginner or No Ability.

How many additional languages would you like to indicate experience in?

Save and Continue

1. **Native Language:** Select your native language from the dropdown menu provided.
2. **English Language Proficiency:** The Romanian applicants do not have to take an English proficiency test such as TOEFL or IELTS.
 - Rate your English language proficiency in Reading, Writing, and Speaking. Select Native, Advanced, Intermediate, Beginner or No Ability from the dropdown menus as appropriate.
3. **Additional Language Skills:** Select the number of additional languages that you would like to include that may be of use for your project or study plans.
 - Select the language you are reporting from the dropdown menu and rate your proficiency in Reading, Writing, and Speaking. Select Native, Advanced, Intermediate, Beginner or No Ability from the dropdown menus as appropriate.

Click "Continue" to save and move to the next section.

Plagiarism Agreement

1. Carefully review the Plagiarism Agreement and indicate your acceptance of the terms by selecting 'Yes' or 'No'.

Plagiarism in any part of your application will result in your disqualification from participating in the Fulbright Visiting Scholar Program.

Plagiarism will be understood to include any of the following:

Presenting wording, statistics or concepts as your own which should be attributed to someone else or to publications (online or offline). This includes, but is not limited to:

- Copying the exact wording of a written source (with or without citation)
- Presenting material with alterations in wording (with or without citation)
- Paraphrasing the content of a source without citation

It is expected that your responses to all questions in the following application will be your own work and writing, with clear citation of secondary sources if describing academic work and the writing of others (including one's own previously published work). Any sources used in the construction of your responses must be clearly cited.

Some US universities and colleges have developed and published policies on the use of generative artificial intelligence (GenAI) on applications for admission or affiliation with their institution. Some institutions may scan applications for the use of language produced by GenAI. While individual institutional policies range widely and policy responses from US universities will continue to evolve, copying language/content produced by GenAI directly into your application may negatively impact admission or affiliation decisions.

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

Project Proposal

Related details are available at [APPENDIX](#), pages 26-28

NOTE: All the Romanian Scholars applying to the Visiting Scholar Award program are strongly encouraged to identify a prospective U.S. host university and expected to provide **a letter of invitation by mid-December 2025**. The Fulbright Team at the Institute of International Education/[IIE](#) will be able to arrange an institutional affiliation based on the letter of invitation provided by the scholar.

1. Select the category of grant for which you are applying.
 - a. If you select Research, you must upload a Bibliography
 - b. If you select Teaching/Research, you must upload a Bibliography and Course Syllabus
 - c. If you select Teaching, you must upload a Course Syllabus
2. **Project Statement:** Enter your Project Title in the Project Title field. The project title must be in English. Make sure it is written in AP style: no abbreviations, not all caps; all words of four or more letters should be capitalized, no Oxford commas.
3. **Brief Summary of Project Proposal:** Enter a summary of your Project Proposal in the text box (maximum of 700 characters)
4. **Project Statement Uploader:** 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*
5. **Bibliography:** If you selected Research or Teaching/Research category of grant, you will be prompted and required to upload a Bibliography of one (1) to three (3) pages of references relevant to the proposed research in PDF format following the instructions above.
6. **Course Syllabi:** If you selected Teaching/Research or Teaching category of grant, you will be prompted and required to upload Course Syllabi of up to ten (10) pages for courses you either propose to teach or have taught in PDF format following the instructions above.
7. **Academic Discipline:**

Select the most appropriate major academic discipline for your project from the dropdown menu.

 - a. Select the most appropriate primary specialization from the dropdown menu.

- b. 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.
 - Some fields (for example, Arts) will ask you if you'd like to upload portfolio materials as part of your application. Select 'yes' or 'no'
 - If you select 'yes,' you will be directed to upload your materials on the next page. Please follow the upload instructions listed.

8. Intended Grant Period:

- a. Select your proposed grant length (in months) from the dropdown menu
(minimum 3 months – maximum 6 months)
- b. Enter your proposed grant start and end dates (Month-Day-Year format). **The grant will start no earlier than August 15, 2026, and no later than May 31, 2027.**

9. Host Institutional Affiliation: *Visiting Scholars are strongly encouraged to propose to work with no more than one host institution while the United States. This is to ensure that program participants have sufficient time to develop ties to their host institutions and communities, an integral part of the cultural and academic exchange component of Fulbright.* Indicate whether you have already made affiliation arrangements with a U.S. Host Institution by selecting 'yes' or 'no'

- a. If 'yes', enter a primary, and, if applicable, a secondary (backup) host institution.
 - a. Enter Institution Name
 - b. Enter Name and Contact Information of the person at the Institution who will be your primary contact
 - c. Enter the address of the Institution
 - d. Indicate whether you have received a letter of invitation
 - e. Upload the Letter of Invitation (if available) by clicking *Choose File*, locate and select the file from your computer, click *Open*
 - f. Note: Letters of Invitation should be typed on institutional letterhead and signed. The letter should also contain the proposed grant dates and include day, month, and year for both start and end dates. Please see here a [checklist of Letter of Invitation components](#).
- b. If 'no', and you are not required to arrange an affiliation before applying, list up to 3 host institution preferences in order of priority
 - a. Enter Institution Name
 - b. Enter Name and Contact Information of the person at the Institution who you have communicated with previously, OR the main contact for the department that you are interested in joining
 - c. Enter the address of the Institution
 - d. If you are in contact with the Institution, enter the date (Month-Day-Year form) of your initial contact
 - e. Enter a reason for the suggested affiliation

10. **Alternate Awards:** If the country you are applying through allows you to opt in to consideration for other awards offered through their country (refer to the Country Information Page for information), select “yes” and indicate those award names in the box provided.

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. **Financial Information:** Select ‘yes’ or ‘no’ to indicate if you have other sources of financial support during your Fulbright grant

- a. If ‘yes’, select the number of other sources of funding you expect to receive
 - a. Enter Source Description (e.g., NSF grant)
 - b. Estimated Amount (in U.S. dollars)
 - c. The Other Funds Total field will automatically update based on the amounts provided above
 - d. Financial Support Documentation: Once you enter a number for additional sources of funding expected, upload supporting documentation by selecting *Choose file*, select

the relevant file and click *Open*.

Grant & Travel Plans

Questions marked with an asterisk (*) are required of all applicants for submission. Please review country-specific guidance to determine whether unmarked questions are required.

Financial Information

Please refer to your country program for any special instructions for how to report your financial information. Please outline below any financial support you may receive during your Fulbright grant. All applicants must disclose any instances where they will be receiving financial support from a U.S.-based source during their program.

Do you expect to receive sabbatical pay, paid leave of absence, or other sources of financial support during your Fulbright grant?

Yes

How many other sources of funding do you expect to receive?

1

Please specify all amounts in U.S. dollars. Please enter total amounts for the expected grant period, rather than monthly amounts.

Source Description 1	
Estimated Amount 1	
Other Funds Total (\$)	0

Financial Support Documentation

Financial Support Documentation	Please upload relevant documentation of any financial support you expect to receive.	The following files have been uploaded: 11/15/2023 - Financial Support Document.docx - 1 page(s) Preview Delete Add Another
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- b. **Additional Grants:** Indicate if you are planning to apply for other sources of funding to supplement the Fulbright grant award in the text box (1000-character limit). Include the duration and amount for all funding.

Additional Grants

Indicate if you are planning to apply for, or have applied for and/or received, other sources of funding such as a fellowship, assistantship, or other educational grant or loan from another organization, government or educational institution. Include funding title, source, period of funding, and amount of funding for which you are applying, and if/how this project relates to Fulbright project. If additional funding is received after Fulbright application is submitted, please update Fulbright administration in your home country.

Include source and amount of funding for which you are applying. Maximum 1000 characters.

1. **Passport/Travel Document:**

Note: Passport upload by December 4, 2025 is **optional**. All Romanian finalists are expected to provide a passport copy by February 1, 2026. In addition, passport copies need to be provided for accompanying dependents.

2. **Accompanying Dependents:** If you wish to bring dependents and it is allowed by your country-specific program, select the number of dependents you intend to have accompany you in the U.S. (select 0 if you do not have dependents or your dependents will not accompany you the U.S.)
 - a. If you select 1 or more, you will be prompted to 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. It is required to provide a separate email address for any accompanying spouse.
3. Click *Continue* to save your responses and advance to the next section.

Additional Information

1. **Additional Documentation:** not required to Romanian applicants.
2. **Outreach Survey:** Complete the Outreach Survey.
3. **Outreach Lecturing Fund Question:** Please provide accessible, public-friendly subject areas that you would be comfortable speaking about if you are invited to participate in Fulbright's Outreach Lecturing Fund.
4. Click Continue to save your responses and advance to the next section

Recommendations

The Romanian applicants are required to provide **three letters of reference**, directly uploaded to the online application by recommenders **or** mailed as signed official paper copies (by December 4, 2025, postmarked). As an alternative, the letters of recommendation are also accepted via email (office@fulbright.ro) if they are sent directly by the recommenders, as scanned signed documents, no later than December 4, 2025.

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.

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

Add Recommender

Prefix

First Name

Last Name

Institution

Position/Title

Relationship

Telephone

Email

Note: Applicants are encouraged to provide a professional email address for their recommenders (i.e. an institutional email address for a professor, a corporate email address for a supervisor) when possible. These messages may be mistakenly directed to junk mail or spam folders, in which case you may wish to follow-up with your recommender, or replace with a personal email address.

Personal message to recommender

You may include a personal message for your recommender here. If your program has a recommendation deadline, please use this message to communicate this deadline to your recommender.

Your name will be displayed to recommender as:
Greta Test [Change](#)

[Send To Recommender](#) [Save](#) [Cancel](#)

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

Signature

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

Signature

By my signature,

- I certify that the information given in this application is true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge.
- I understand that any misrepresentation or omission of information may be cause for disqualification.
- I understand that my application and supporting documentation will be reviewed by representatives in various offices, including the Fulbright Program Office through which I applied and its designated administrative agency, the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs/U.S. Department of State, and the Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board.
- I understand that I am not entitled to hold, nor do I hold, U.S. citizenship or permanent residence.
- I understand that formal award of a grant is dependent upon my affiliation to an eligible U.S. institution and my eligibility for a visa to the United States.
- Upon completion of an authorized stay in the United States under the Fulbright Visiting Scholar Program, I agree to return to my home country for two (2) years to fulfill my [home residency requirement](#).

In place of your signature, please type your full legal name:

Date Signed: November 15, 2023

Continue

Click *Continue* 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 APPLICATION.

You will be able to download a PDF of your complete application following submission.

APPENDIX TO VISITING SCHOLAR GUIDELINES

THE PROJECT STATEMENT

The project statement is the most important component of the Fulbright application. Scholars with the most compelling, theoretically sound, well-written, feasible proposals are generally recommended for awards. Sometimes those with outstanding professional achievements assume that a brief, general project statement will be sufficient. It is not.

To ensure a competitive application, your proposed project, as well as the strategy for completing it, should be thoroughly explained in three to five single-sided pages.

Submit a detailed project statement of no more than five single-spaced pages (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 project statement with your name, country and the project 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 following points, which appear in bold print, and use them as headings for sections of text in your statement.

GUIDELINES FOR A RESEARCH OR PROGRAM AND CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

Background: Introduce the research topic. Place the project in academic or professional context by referring to major works by others on the subject.

Objectives: Clearly define the aims of the project.

Methodology: Describe the project. Explain the approach, methods and plan you will use (for example, interviews, library or archival research, or laboratory experiments). Indicate whether the proposed research is quantitative or qualitative.

Significance: Explain the importance of the project for the field, your home country and your own professional development. Indicate what effect you expect the opportunity to have on your teaching or professional work in your home country. (For example: new approaches to curriculum planning, student advising or pedagogy; expanding knowledge in the field through collaboration with U.S. colleagues). Describe briefly the expected impact of your participation on your home institution, community or professional field.

Evaluation and Dissemination: Describe plans for assessment and distribution of research results in your home country and elsewhere.

Justification for Residence in the United States for the Proposed Project: Indicate why it is necessary to conduct the research onsite in the United States.

Duration: Explain how the project can be completed within the time period proposed.

English Proficiency: Describe your schooling in English, use of English and competence level in speaking, reading and writing.

Other: If applicable, indicate the quantity, format and transportation requirements for any botanical, zoological or mineral samples that you will need to bring to the United States for analysis.

GUIDELINES FOR A TEACHING PROPOSAL

Teaching Experience: Describe the range of courses you have taught, including the teaching methods used. Indicate your involvement, if any, in curriculum planning, thesis guidance and administrative responsibilities. Explain how your experience will be relevant to your proposed teaching in the United States.

Proposed Teaching: Explain what you propose to teach in the United States.

English Proficiency: Describe your schooling in English, use of English and level of competence in lecturing and speaking, reading and writing.

Expected Outcomes: Indicate what effect you expect the opportunity to have on your teaching or professional work in your home country (for example, new approaches to curriculum planning, student advising or pedagogy; expanding knowledge in the field through collaboration with U.S. colleagues). Describe briefly the expected impact of your participation on your home institution, community or professional field.

ADDITIONAL CONTENT RECOMMENDATIONS

- Submit a clear and complete project statement that introduces you professionally to 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 project 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 or other scholars in your field both in your country and in the United States. Address in your project statement the ways in which you will 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?
- Discuss any preparatory steps you have taken or will take before starting your grant. For example, if you plan to bring samples of plants, chemicals, human tissue, etc., indicate that you have discussed your plans with the U.S. Embassy and your prospective host, if known, in order to determine what clearance and approval processes are needed.
- Connect your past experience to what you are preparing to do if you receive an award. Explain the project's significance and its importance to the field. 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. Explain the significance of your project in language that will be understood by reviewers from outside your field.
- 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.
- Be specific in describing your previous work and in laying out the nature of your proposed Fulbright 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 a Fulbright award to come to the United States? If selected, what will I do and how will I do it? What preparations have I made to complete the project? What can I contribute to the Fulbright 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 the project.

- Emphasize key points in the first paragraph of the proposal. Reviewers examine many Fulbright applications, and having to search for the main points of the proposed activity is not helpful. You should grab the reviewer's attention quickly and state clearly what you want to do, why it is important and how you will do it. You should use the rest of the proposal to support your statements in the opening paragraphs.
- 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.

THE CURRICULUM VITAE

The curriculum vitae describes academic credentials and demonstrates a record of scholarly achievements (document should not exceed six pages). When composing a 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.

SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS

Letters of Invitation (also check [Letter of invitation components](#))

- Letters of invitation should be typed on institutional letterhead and signed. Scanned copies should be uploaded to the Additional Information section of the online application or sent by e-mail to office@fulbright.ro.
- Invitations do not ensure selection for an award.
- Applicants are strongly encouraged to attach invitation letter(s) from potential U.S. host institution(s); if arrangements for an appointment or affiliation have not been confirmed, the applicant should list his/her preferences in priority order;
- The letter of invitation is expected by mid-December 2025 and should be provided for the U.S. academic year 2026-2027; multiple affiliations are not recommended.

BIBLIOGRAPHY

For research proposals, provide a list of one to three pages of references relevant to the proposed research. Required for research and teaching/research applicants.

COURSE SYLLABI

For teaching proposals, provide up to 10 pages of sample syllabi for courses you propose to teach or have taught. Required for teaching and teaching/research applicants.