



## FULBRIGHT FOREIGN STUDENT PROGRAM

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### Instructions for Finnish Candidates Completing the 2026-2027

### Fulbright Foreign Student Program Application

Application: <https://apply.iie.org/ffsp2026>

**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 online application form is used by Fulbright programs worldwide, and not all items in the application form are necessarily applicable to Finnish applicants. Thus, it is very important that you fill in the application according to the instructions in this leaflet, as this leaflet is for Finnish candidates only.

Please always have the instructions at hand while filling in the application form. In case there is a difference between the instructions in the online form and the instructions provided in this leaflet, please follow the instructions in this leaflet for Finnish candidates.

Please remember that it is the applicant's responsibility to make sure all required items are submitted by the application deadline.

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

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

### **Step 1: Learn requirements for submitting an application**

Before you begin an application, contact the Fulbright Program Office in the country from which you are applying. 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://foreign.fulbrightonline.org/>.

### **Step 2: Record username and password in a safe place**

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

### **Step 3: Complete the application**

You do not need to complete this application in one session. 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:

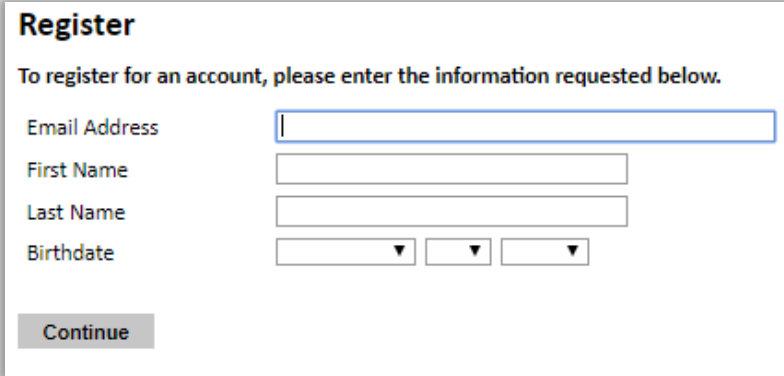
- Use upper and lower-case letters (e.g. John Smith). Avoid using all capital letters (e.g. JOHN SMITH). Do not use special characters, such as accent marks.
- You can copy and paste information into all text boxes.
- Limit your responses to the space provided in all text boxes.
- Prepare required documents 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*. Returning users, please see *step 5* below.
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

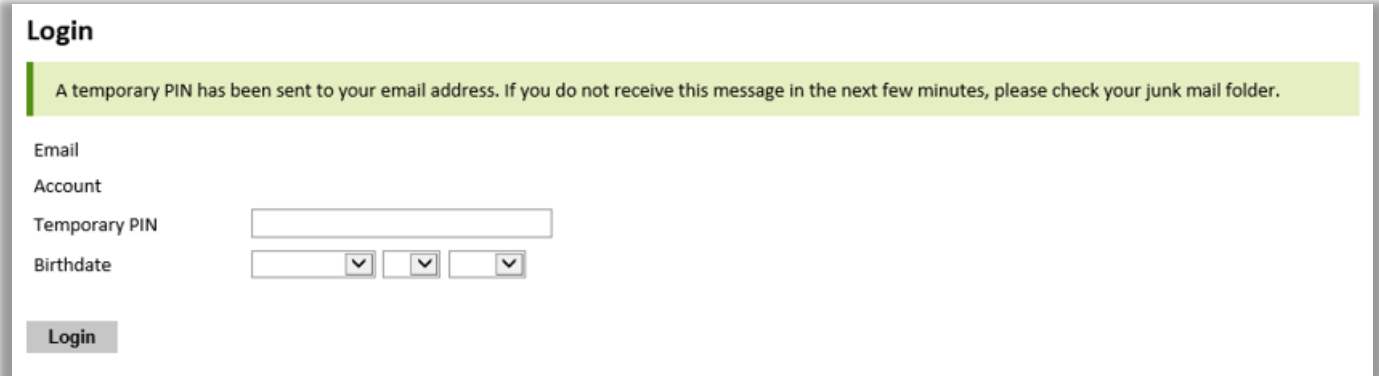
First Name

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](mailto:apply@iie.org) confirming that you have started the application. The email will include a temporary PIN. Follow the instructions in the email to activate your account using the temporary PIN.
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 into your account to view the information you have submitted, save a PDF of your application form, and manage your recommenders.
3. You can manage your recommenders by clicking on the *Recommendations* section of the online application.

### LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

1. 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.
3. If your recommender is unavailable, you will have the option to exclude the recommender and add an alternative after you submit the application.

## Welcome Page

This page provides additional information about completing your application. You will be required to certify that you have read the Fulbright Policy Guidelines.

## Preliminary Questions

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

### Preliminary Questions

Through which program country are you applying? \*

to which academic year are you applying? \*

**Important!** The 2026-27 Academic Year generally refers to the time period of August/September 2026 to May/June 2027. If you would like to apply for a previous academic year, please request the specific application link for that year from your country's Fulbright office.

Do you hold or are you applying for: \*

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

Have you reviewed and do you meet all program eligibility requirements for the country through which you are applying? \*

1. Select the country through which you are applying for the Fulbright grant from the drop-down menu. NOTE: YOU MUST MEET ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR THAT COUNTRY.
2. Select the 2026-27 program year from the drop-down menu.
3. U.S. Citizenship, Dual Citizenship with the U.S. or Permanent Residency: select 'Yes' or 'No' to indicate your response.
  - a. Applicants cannot be U.S. citizens or permanent residents of the U.S. to participate in the Fulbright Foreign Student Program.
4. Select 'Yes', 'No', or 'unsure' to indicate if you are aware of, and meet, all program eligibility requirements for the country through which you are applying.
  - a. Please review the program eligibility requirements for the country through which you are applying before proceeding.
5. Carefully review the Data Privacy information. Indicate your acceptance of data privacy terms by selecting 'Yes' or 'No'.
  - a. You will not be able to submit your application without indicating your agreement to the Data Privacy terms.
6. Select 'Yes' or 'No' to indicate if you meet all employment eligibility requirements.
  - a. Applicants or applicants' immediate family cannot have been employed by the stated



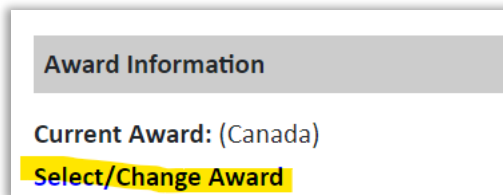
- organizations and/or agencies within the year prior to application.
- b. If you select 'Yes', please provide details of employment or association.
7. Select 'Yes' or 'No' in response to the two U.S. Residency questions.
  8. Select 'Yes' or 'No' to indicate whether you waive your right to review the information contained in the evaluations submitted by recommenders on your behalf.
  9. Click *Save and Continue* to save your responses and advance to the next section

## Country Information

1. Review all information in this section, including Program and Award information.
2. Note any country-specific and award-specific instructions for completing the rest of the application, including:
  - a. Country website
  - b. Deadline information
  - c. Open application cycle
  - d. Additional required materials/supplemental forms

**Please note: Finnish candidates do not need to submit a language evaluation.**

3. You must select an Award before proceeding. If no award is available to select, please contact the country's Fulbright office.



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

## Personal Information

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

1. Enter your name exactly as it appears on your passport. Only enter a preferred first name if it is DIFFERENT than your legal name (e.g. Alex instead of Alexander).  
**Please do not use special letters such as accent marks and letters Å, Ä, or Ö (you can leave the dots out).**
2. If your name is recorded differently on any previous records, such as transcripts, list the variation in the Name on Previous Records section (e.g. maiden name).
3. The birthdate that you used to create your account will automatically appear. If you entered this date incorrectly during your account creation, you may correct it now.
4. Enter your city of birth and select country of birth, sex (as it appears or will appear on your passport or travel document), preferred gender identity, and marital status from the drop-down menus provided.
5. List any form of disability or limitation that may require accommodation. This information is gathered to ensure appropriate accommodation is available at a prospective host institution, or for statistical purposes.
6. Select your country of citizenship and country of residence from the drop-down menus provided.
7. If applicable, enter your national identification number and any additional countries in which you hold citizenship. **Please enter your Finnish social security number.**
  - a. To select multiple countries, hold down the CTRL (PC) or Command (Mac) button when selecting options.
8. Click *Save and Continue* to save your responses and advance to the next section.

## Contact Information

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

1. Select the country where you live from the drop-down list first when entering your permanent address (i.e. physical address where you live).
  - a. Based on your country selection, the subsequent fields will change to match the address format of that country.
  - b. Complete the remaining address fields. Do not use accents or special characters.
2. Select 'Yes' or 'No' to indicate if your current mailing address (i.e. the address where you receive mail) is the same as the permanent address you entered above. *They do not have to be the same.*
  - a. If you answer 'No,' then a second address section will appear where you may enter your mailing address information.
  - b. If you answer 'Yes' to this question, proceed immediately to the next question.
3. Enter your contact phone numbers, including the country code. If the field turns red, please review the numbers that you have entered to identify any errors.
  - a. To find the correct country code, click on the blue 'country code' link.
4. The email address used to create your account will appear in the primary email address field and will not be editable. You may provide an Alternate/Secondary Email that can be used to contact you if Fulbright Program Officers cannot reach you via your primary email address.  
**Note:** *All system-generated emails will continue to go to your primary email address.*
5. Enter your home country emergency contact information. The individual(s) you list may be contacted in the event of an emergency while you are participating in grant activities, including any required travel for interviews in your home country.
  - a. When entering the address, choose the country first and the following fields will update to match the address format of the selected country.
6. Providing emergency contact information in the United States is not required. If you have emergency contact(s) in the United States at this time, please enter the appropriate information.
7. Click *Save and Continue* to save your responses and advance to the next section.

## Academic & Professional Information

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

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

### Curriculum Vitae/Resume

1. 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.*

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

Please upload your study/research objective.

**Choose File** No file chosen

### Academic Background

2. List all post-secondary educational institutions you have attended for credit-bearing coursework, in reverse chronological order (going backwards in time), including any in which you are currently enrolled. Do not include any short-term certificate programs. These should be noted on your CV/Resume. You **MUST** include any education institutions you are currently attending (even if you have not yet completed your educational program) and estimated date of graduation/completion.

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

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

The screenshot shows a web form titled "Academic Background" with the following fields and values:

- Institution\***: Victoria University of Wellington (Degree 2) (underlined in green)
- Level of Study\***: Graduate
- Institution Location (all address fields are required)\***:
  - Country**: New Zealand
  - City**: Wellington
  - Region**: North Island
- Website**: https://
- Name of Diploma or Degree Equivalent\***: MA
- Discipline/Subject\***: Creative Writing
- Actual/Local Name of Degree or Diploma\***: Masters of Arts in Creative Writing
- Final cumulative GPA (grade point average)\***: 9
- Highest Possible GPA of Academic Institution**: 9
- Enrolled From\***: March 2009

Buttons at the bottom: Save, Delete, Cancel. Navigation links: Prev, Next, X.

3. To add additional entries for post-secondary educational institutions, click *Add New Academic Background* and follow the bulleted instructions above. NOTE: When adding a second degree program from an institution that has already been entered, add Degree 2, Degree 3, etc. into the Institution Field (as shown above – underlined in green) and click save. This ensures that the original degree from that institution will not be overwritten.

## Professional Experience

4. List your current professional affiliation or employer and any relevant previous professional experience by clicking *Add New Professional Experience* under Position Title.
  - a. Choose the role which most closely corresponds to your current role and/or relevant previous professional work experience from the drop-down menu
  - b. Enter position title (e.g. Director, Assistant Director, etc.) or type of work (e.g. accounting)
  - c. Enter the name of your employer
  - d. Select the start and end dates for the position you entered (Month-Year format). If you are currently employed in this role, leave the End Date fields blank

- e. Select the country where your current place of employment is located from the drop-down menu. Enter in the street address, city, state/region, and post code as applicable
- f. Click *Save*

### Professional Experience

Current Role\*

Position Title/Type of Work

Employer Name\*

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

Start Date

End Date

### Employer Address

Street Address\*

City\*

State/Region\*

Postal Code\*

Country\*

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

## Awards and Recognitions

6. Enter a list of the following items into the text boxes provided (all text boxes have a 250-word limit). If you do not have anything to add, leave text boxes blank:
  - a. Any scholarships and/or fellowships you currently or previously received (include the source or sponsor, amount, where held and duration)
  - b. Any academic honors and prizes that you have received (include any titles and/or dates)
  - c. Any books, articles, and/or thesis published by you, particularly in your proposed field of study (include the title, place, and date of publication)
  - d. Any teaching experience (current or previous positions); this is especially relevant for PhD candidates and candidates in the field of education
  - e. Any research you have completed or in which you are currently involved
  - f. Any memberships in professional organizations, or licensing obtained by a professional organization

## Experience Abroad

7. List any travel, study or residency you have had abroad (in any country other than your own) for more than one month. This can include time overseas for education, research, business, vacation, etc.
  - a. Click *Add New Experience Abroad*
  - b. Select the country in which you spent your professional travel and/or residence abroad from the drop-down menu provided
  - c. Select the start and end dates (Month-Year format) of 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:\*

8. 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
  - 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).  No file chosen

10. 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):
    - Select the number of previous Fulbright grants you would like to add
    - Select the Fulbright award type from the drop-down 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\*

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



## Academic Materials

This section collects copies of your unofficial transcripts and/or diplomas. Please upload scans of all available transcripts and diplomas from post-secondary institutions you have attended. Copies of transcripts/diplomas are required for application to U.S. host institutions.

Please combine the following documents (a-b) by institution as one file and upload the documents to the corresponding institutions:

- A. **Official transcripts (*opintorekisteriote*) in English** (translated by the issuing university). You must attach one transcript from each university or post-secondary institution you attended, even those schools from which you did not receive a degree or diploma. The transcripts should list the subjects you studied and the grades you received during each year of your enrollment and have a signature and a stamp.
- B. **University or post-secondary diploma (*tutkintodistus*)** for each post-secondary or university degree awarded to you. The diplomas can be in Finnish, Swedish or English. Please note that, for example, the transcript or a diploma supplement is not sufficient to replace the actual university diploma. **The actual diplomas are required.**

1. Select the corresponding institution from the list of institutions you previously entered.
2. Review the institution information (which you provided on the previous page). If this information is incorrect, you can edit the information directly in the popup box.
  - a. If you do not see an institution in the list that you attended, you may either return to the Academic & Professional Information page and update your academic background or add the institution directly in this section by clicking the "Add Institution" link.
3. Select *Choose File* and locate the desired file on your computer. Click *Open*.
  - a. You may upload transcripts/diplomas as a multi-page 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 *Save and Continue* to save your responses and advance to the next section.

## **Language Skills**

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

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

### **English Language Proficiency**

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

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

### **Additional Language Skills**

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

## Standardized Test Scores

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

**Please note that Finnish applicants are not required to include TOEFL, GRE, or GMAT test scores in the Fulbright application. However, if you have already taken the TOEFL, GRE, or GMAT test/s, please indicate the examination date and your results on this page.**

U.S. universities/departments/programs have their own test requirements including score deadlines, which you can find on the university websites. Please note that in some cases the university might require your test scores by early November, in which case it is advisable to take the test by early October. **Since Fulbright grantee selections are published by the Fulbright Finland Foundation in mid-September, it is recommended that you start preparing for the tests already before you are informed of the selections.**

Please also note that if the U.S. universities require you to complete the GRE Subject test, you most likely need to sign up for the test before the Fulbright selection decisions have been finalized. This is due to the GRE Subject test schedule; the GRE Subject test is offered only twice a year. The GRE Subject test is usually required for degree and non-degree students of certain disciplines. Please check if your field of study is listed as a GRE Subject test discipline.

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



The screenshot shows a form titled "Add Test". It contains two main sections: "Type" and "Test Date". The "Type" section has a single drop-down menu. The "Test Date" section has three separate drop-down menus for selecting the month, day, and year.

## Score Reports

1. If you enter test scores, you will be redirected to the Score Reports section, where you will upload copies of your available score reports.
  - a. Click *Choose File*
  - b. Locate and select the file that you previously saved to your computer
  - c. Click *Open*
2. Click *Continue* to save your responses and advance to the next section.

## Plagiarism Agreement

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

## Study Plan

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

1. Select the degree/program objective to which you are applying. (e.g. your intended activity while in the U.S.). Note: if you are a current PhD student and applying to conduct research in the U.S., please select Visiting Student Researcher.
  - a. **Master's:** Choose if you are planning to earn a master's degree in the U.S.
  - b. **Doctorate:** Choose if you are planning to complete a full doctoral degree in the U.S. (if you are a doctoral student in Finland and applying for the grant for one year of studies or research in the U.S., select "non-degree" or "visiting student researcher")
  - c. **Non-degree:** Choose if you are planning to concentrate on full-time coursework in the U.S. for one academic year either in master or doctoral level.
  - d. **Visiting student researcher:** Choose if you are planning to conduct graduate research, such as research for your dissertation. Visiting student researchers do not generally take courses or only audit one or two courses (i.e. follow courses without receiving official credits) in addition to their research.
2. Select the most appropriate major academic discipline and primary specialization from the drop-down menus.
  - a. Some fields, such as Arts and Architecture, will trigger a message that you are required to upload portfolio materials as part of your application. You will be able to upload materials on the next page.
3. Enter a brief description of the field in which you plan to specialize in the United States in the text box. In case you were not able to find the correct field of study from the drop-down menu in the previous question on your discipline, please also write the name of your discipline in English that you wish the Fulbright Finland Foundation to use when referring to your academic field. In addition, describe the field you wish to specialize in. Clarify also whether you wish to complete a full degree in the U.S., conduct research, or take courses.
4. For Visiting Student Researchers only: Enter a brief description of any resources that you will require to successfully complete your research in the U.S.
5. Enter a brief description of your future plans in the text box. Do not enter more than 300 words.

## Intended Grant Period

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

## Study/Research Objective

### 7. Upload a copy of your study/research objective (1-2 pages long).

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. You should take great care to write a clear and very detailed description of the program you want to pursue. Clearly identify the area(s) within your field of study in which you want to specialize or concentrate. If there is specific research that you want to accomplish, please describe.

If your objective is to pursue non-degree studies in the U.S., explain what you plan to accomplish during your grant period. Do also contact the suitable university programs to find out if they accept non-degree students. Remember to mention in the study objective section which universities would be suitable for you and would accept non-degree students. Also, attach the university e-mail correspondence to your Fulbright application in the “Additional Information” section. **Do NOT mention specific U.S. universities at which you would like to study.**

**Please see further information on the status of non-degree students on the [Fulbright Finland Foundation website](#).**

**Give your Study/Research Objective a title in English and in Finnish/Swedish and start your essay with it.** The title should be concise and describe the topic of your study or research in the United States.

When writing the Study/Research Objective essay, remember that **the text needs to be understandable to readers representing also other disciplines than your own discipline/field of specialization.**

**Please note that students wanting to conduct research for a thesis/dissertation should also attach a longer research plan (max. 6 pages long) in the “Additional Information” section in addition to the research objective essay. This text should be written for readers in your field of specialization.**

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

## Personal Statement

### 8. 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.

**Note: The Personal Statement should be only one page, not longer. Please see tips for writing the personal statement from the [Fulbright Finland Foundation website](#).**

- 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

## Writing Sample

9. If requested, upload writing sample. This is required for all PhD (Doctoral) applicants. Select Master's fields also require a writing sample. If this field appears, then you are required to upload a writing sample for U.S. institutions to review.
  - a. Click *Choose File*
  - b. Locate and select the file that you previously saved to your computer
  - c. Click *Open*

## Proposed U.S. Institution

10. If applicable, list the U.S. university/institution that you plan to attend and to which you have been admitted.
11. Upload a letter of admission from a U.S. institution, if you have received one. Upload a letter of invitation from a U.S. institution, if your intended degree objective is **Visiting Student Researcher** and you have received one. This is NOT a requirement.
  - a. Click *Choose File*
  - b. Locate and select the file that you previously saved to your computer
  - c. Click *Open*

## University Preferences

12. List up to four (4) institutions at which you would like to study or be hosted by in the U.S. in priority order. Include specific departments and/or programs and provide specific reasons for your choice. PhD (Doctorate) and VSR applicants are required to provide names of Professors with whom they would like to work at each institution. Provide preference order if applicable.  
**Note (applicants opting for the IIE Placement Service):** *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' based on your study plans and your competitiveness.*
  - a. Enter institution name
  - b. Enter name of department
  - c. Enter the degree type and academic program that you are interested in at this institution
  - d. Enter the names of one to two professors with whom you are interested in working (if PhD or VSR)
  - e. Enter your preferred specialization or concentration within the academic program
  - f. Enter your specific reasons for listing this institution and specific faculty (if PhD or VSR)
  - g. Enter Preference Order (if applicable)
  - h. Click *Save*

**University Preference 1**

Institution Name \*

Department \*

Degree and Program \*

Professor 1 Name \*

Professor 2 Name  
 If you do not have a second name to add, please indicate N/A. \*

Specialization/ Concentration \*

Please provide reasons why the above listed faculty align with your research goals and any additional specific reasons for this institution. \*

Preference Order (1 is the most preferred)

### Applied/Contacted U.S. Institutions

\* If you have previously applied/contacted or intend to apply to or contact a U.S. Institution, please complete this section. Otherwise, move to the Authorization of Release of Information.

13. Select 'yes' or 'no' to indicate if you have applied/contacted, or intend to apply/contact, to a U.S. institution.
14. Select the number of U.S. institutions to which you have applied or contacted from the drop-down menu:
  - a. Enter name of institution
  - b. Enter specific name of department
  - c. Enter specific name of degree (if MA, PhD or Non-Degree applicant) or Name of Professor contacted (if VSR applicant)
  - d. Select the date you applied for the institution (Month-Day-Year format)
  - e. Enter the term you applied for
  - f. Enter year you applied for
  - g. Select the result of your application from the drop-down menu
  - h. Select 'yes' or 'no' to indicate if you are still interested in pursuing this program
15. Click *Save and Continue* to save your responses and advance to the next section

### Authorization of Release of Information

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



## Portfolio

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

## Grant and Travel Plans

### Financial Information

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

### Family Funds

Since the Fulbright grant that may be awarded to you might only cover a portion of your expenses, you may need to provide funds from your own or other sources. Please complete this form as completely and accurately as possible based on information that you have at the time of application. If you should have a major change in your financial resources while your grant is pending, you should immediately inform the Fulbright Finland Foundation of these changes. If you are enrolled at a Finnish graduate school, and you have a possibility to continue receiving your salary while in the U.S., submit a letter stating that the graduate school salary will be available to you during your studies in the U.S. Save supporting documents (such as stipend award letters, statements from your employer etc.) to the online application in a suitable section. All documents must be in English.

1. Enter your parent(s) and spouse/legal partner's occupations in the corresponding boxes.  
**Note: Finnish candidates are not required to provide parents' or spouse's occupations. However, if they will support your studies financially, please indicate the amount.**
2. Enter the total amount your family can provide for your first year of study in the U.S. (in USD).
3. Enter the total amount you can provide from your own funds for your first year of study in the U.S. (in USD).

### Expected Additional Funding

List all non-Fulbright funding you expect to receive during your grant.

4. Select 'Yes' or 'No' to indicate if you have been awarded or expect to receive financial assistance from a university or institution in your home country while in the U.S., or funding from any other sources.
  - a. If 'Yes', select the number of other sources of funding you expect to receive
    - Enter Source Description (e.g., Research grant)
    - Estimated Amount (in USD)
    - The Other Funds Total field will automatically update based on the amounts provided above
5. 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. Maximum 1000 characters.

6. Select 'Yes' or 'No' to indicate whether the same amount of funding you listed above in Grand Total will be available for your second year of study in the United States.
  - a. If 'Yes', move to the next section
  - b. If 'No', enter the amounts of any additional funding you expect for the second year
  
7. Select 'Yes' or 'No' to indicate if you have travel funds available and can pay for your round-trip travel to the United States if necessary.
  - a. If 'Yes', enter the amount of travel funding available
  - b. If 'No', move to the next section

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

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

## Additional Information

Please read this section carefully for Finland-specific instructions. This section is for submitting required documents that do not fit any previous sections.

If you are uploading multiple files, after uploading one file, click *Save and Continue*, refresh the page, and click *Add Another* to continue uploading your other files. If necessary, you can combine separate documents as one file.

**Under the section Country-Specific Materials** *(for all Finnish applicants)*

a) **Application Checklist** (*tarkistuslista*)

All Finnish applicants must submit a completed **Application Checklist** (*tarkistuslista*). It can be printed out or filled electronically from the Fulbright Finland Foundation's grant program website.

**Under the section Supplemental Materials**

a) **Copies of possible correspondence with U.S. universities**, if any.

**Under the section Additional Materials**

a) **Research Plan** *(required of visiting student researchers only)*

Applicants who are planning to conduct research for a thesis/dissertation should attach a research plan in this section (max. 6 pages long). This text should be written for readers in your field of specialization.

b) **Cost-sharing statement form filled in by your home unit** *(only required from the following currently enrolled students: all University of Helsinki applicants, all University of Turku applicants, and doctoral-level Aalto University applicants)*

Please find the correct form from the [Fulbright Finland Foundation's cost-share website](#).

c) **Missing bachelor's degree** *(for those graduating in the spring/summer of the application year)*

If you have not received your bachelor's degree by the Fulbright Finland Foundation application deadline, but you have completed all the required courses for the degree by the deadline, you must attach a statement written by your home university that clarifies your situation and states when you will be receiving your diploma. The statement should be written by the office of student affairs or other corresponding authority.

d) **Upper secondary education certificate** (*lukion päättötodistus*) *(required of Fulbright-Idman Grant applicants only)*

Complete the Outreach Survey.

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

## Recommendations

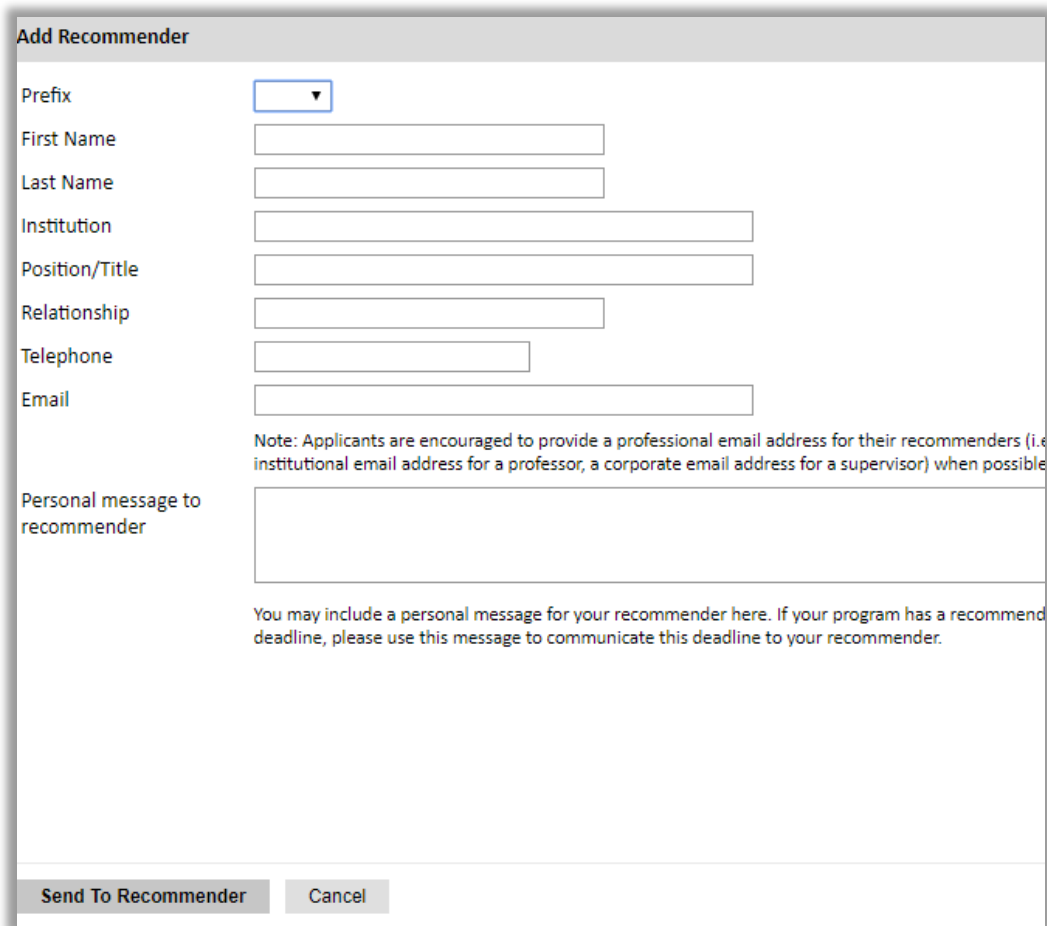
Use this section to register your recommenders. Refer to your country-specific instructions for details on the required number of recommenders, or alternatives to registering recommenders via the application system.

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. Letters of recommendation **must be** submitted directly by your recommenders either via the online application or emailed directly by your recommenders to the Fulbright Finland Foundation.

The applicant cannot submit the recommendations themselves. **It is the applicant's responsibility to make sure the recommenders submit their letters on time.** Please find [tips on selecting suitable recommenders](#) from the Fulbright Finland Foundation website. The Foundation website also includes [requirements and tips for the writer of the recommendation letter](#).

**Three (3) letters of recommendation are required for Finnish applicants. Please note that for doctoral students, one of the letters must be submitted by your dissertation research advisor.**

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



The image shows a pop-up window titled "Add Recommender". It contains several input fields: a dropdown menu for "Prefix", and text boxes for "First Name", "Last Name", "Institution", "Position/Title", "Relationship", "Telephone", and "Email". Below these fields is a note: "Note: Applicants are encouraged to provide a professional email address for their recommenders (i.e. institutional email address for a professor, a corporate email address for a supervisor) when possible". Underneath the note is a larger text area labeled "Personal message to recommender". At the bottom of the form are two buttons: "Send To Recommender" and "Cancel".

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

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

**Edit Recommender**

Prefix

First Name

Last Name

Institution

Position/Title

Relationship

Telephone

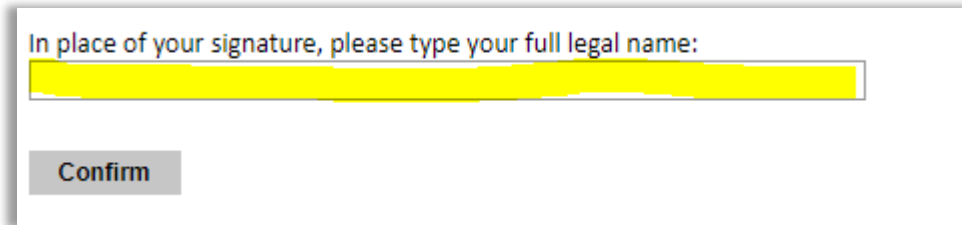
Email

Personal message to recommender

Status

## 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:

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.**

### **OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

- **Change of plans:** If any changes in your academic status or future plans have emerged after you have submitted your application, please inform the Fulbright Finland Foundation of them promptly.
- **It is the applicant's responsibility to make sure all required items are submitted by the application deadline.**