



United States-Sri Lanka Fulbright Commission

## Instructions for Completing the Fulbright Master's Scholarship Program Online Application for Academic Year 2026-2027

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

**Read all instructions carefully before completing the application. Applications must be submitted online with all support documents by the deadline**

Applicants may only apply for one award per application cycle

**Application Deadline May 31, 2025 23:59 (Sri Lanka Time/Indian Standard Time [IST])**

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### A. General Information

Thank you for your interest in the **Fulbright Master's Fellowship Program**. Below are detailed instructions on how to create an online application account and submit your application electronically, along with all required supporting documents.

The application for the award is compatible with all modern browsers. Prior to starting an application, please complete the following steps:

#### **Step 1: Submitting the application and supporting documents electronically.**

To begin, please complete and submit your application through the following link. You will need to create an online account (instructions are provided below): <https://apply.iie.org/ffsp2026>

Before you begin your application:

- (a) you must read the instructions on the US-SLFC's website at [www.fulbrightsrilanka.org](http://www.fulbrightsrilanka.org). To access the specific instructions for each award, click on the **Awards and Scholarships** tab and select the award you are interested in. The deadline for submitting all application materials, including supplemental forms, can be found on the relevant award page.
- (b) You must ensure that you meet the eligibility requirements before applying. Please read the instructions below thoroughly and carefully before completing your application.

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

Your email address will serve as your username. When creating your account for the online application, be sure to record your password in a secure location. You can login and logout of the application as often as needed using your username and password. If you forget your password, you can reset it by clicking the "Forgot Your Password" link on the login page.

#### **Step 3: Completing the application**

You do not need to complete the application in one sitting. You can log in and re-enter the application at any time to make edits or updates.

However, once you **submit** your application, you will no longer be able to make any changes to it. To ensure your application is completed accurately, please answer all questions thoroughly and attentively. For your reference, here are some additional tips:

- Use a combination of upper and lower-case letters (e.g., John Smith). Avoid using all capital letters (e.g., JOHN SMITH). Refrain from using special characters, such as accent marks. You can copy and paste information into all text boxes.
- Limit your responses to the space available in each text box. Responses to application questions must comply with the specified character limits.
- Prepare the required documents and save them in PDF format. It is strongly recommended to upload documents as PDFs to preserve formatting and special characters.
- Some questions are marked as "required" with an asterisk (\*). You will not be able to submit your application until all required fields are completed.

#### Step 4: Submitting the application

Once you have entered all required information, including the details of your recommenders, review your application for any errors. If everything is correct, proceed to submit your application. **Once you submit your application, you will not be able to make any changes.**

## B. Creating Your Online Account

1. To begin, click on "**Create an Account.**"

**Note:** If you have submitted applications in the past, you can use the same user account. However, be sure to start a **new application** by clicking the link provided for the 2026-2027 academic year, not an old application. Do not select any previous applications.

2. Enter your email address (this will be your primary contact email for all matters related to your application and can only be changed after submission), along with your first name, last name, and date of birth (Month/Day/Year format) using the drop-down menus. Your name must be entered exactly as it appears (or will appear) on your passport. If you do not have a passport, enter your name exactly as it appears on your National Identity Card.

**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 have access to for at least two years after submitting your application. This will be the email address you use to log in to your application account. We recommend avoiding 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** or **Fulbright@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 provided PIN.
4. You will be prompted to enter your PIN and then create a password to complete login process.

**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

5. **Returning users:** Click **Log in** and enter your email address and password. If you have forgotten your password, click **Forgot your password?** and follow the instructions provided.
6. Once you have created an account, please proceed by following the steps outlined below, starting with the section titled "**Preliminary Questions.**"

## [C. Managing Your Application](#)

1. **Editing application prior to submission**
  1. You can 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 clicking the **Continue** button at the bottom of the page. The application will automatically log you out after 60 minutes of inactivity, so it is best to save your application frequently.
2. **Reviewing your application after submission**
  1. Once you submit your application, you will no longer be able to make any changes.
  2. You can 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 in the online application.
3. **Letters of recommendation**
  1. Letters of recommendation must be submitted directly through your electronic application by the recommenders you have registered. They will receive a link to complete the online recommendation form and upload the letter. This is the preferred method for submitting recommendations. Recommendation letters **must**:

- Be on official letterheads.
- Have an original wet signature
- Have an official stamp.

*Note: Typed or handwritten letters on blank paper without an original signature or an official stamp will not be accepted.*

2. If your recommenders choose to submit the letters by postal mail, they must send the letters directly to the Fulbright Commission. If your recommenders wish to submit the letters via email, they are required to send them to [inquiries@fulbrightsrilanka.org](mailto:inquiries@fulbrightsrilanka.org) with the following details:
  - (a) Name of Applicant
  - (b) Applicant Award Category ("Fulbright Master's Award")
  - (c) Name of Recommender
3. If your recommender is unavailable, you will have the option to exclude the recommender and add an alternative after submitting your application.
4. Letters of recommendation and language evaluations (if applicable) may be submitted before or after you submit your application, but they must be received by the stipulated application deadline. Any mailed-in letters must be postmarked on or before the application deadline.

## [D. The Application Welcome Page](#)

The **Welcome** tab provides general information on how to navigate the application and its various sections. The left-hand margin lists all the sections of the application, allowing you to move between them by clicking on the titles, or progress through the application sequentially. This section also includes additional information about the Fulbright Program.

## [E. Preliminary Questions](#)

These questions are designed to assess your eligibility for the program. Responses to all questions are mandatory.

1. ***Through which program country are you applying?*** Select Sri Lanka from the dropdown menu.
2. ***To which academic year are you applying?*** Select 2026-2027 from the dropdown menu. If you select a different year, your application will be ineligible. If this option is not available, it means you have logged into an old application. **Please log out and log back in to open a NEW application.**
3. ***U.S. Citizenship, Dual Citizenship with the U.S. or Permanent Residency:*** Select “Yes” or “No” to indicate your response.
  - Please note the following eligibility requirement that *applicants cannot be U.S. citizens, dual citizen (U.S. & Sri Lanka), or permanent residents of the U.S. to participate in the Fulbright Master’s Fellowship Awards Program.*

4. **Have you reviewed and do you meet all program eligibility requirements for the country through which you are applying?** Select “Yes”, “No”, or ‘Unsure’ to indicate if you are aware and meet all program eligibility requirements. Please review the program eligibility requirements for Sri Lanka at [www.fulbrightsrilanka.org](http://www.fulbrightsrilanka.org) before proceeding.
5. **Data Privacy:** Protecting your personal information is a top priority for the Fulbright Program. We are committed to gathering, storing, and handling your data fairly, and with respect for your privacy. Please carefully review the **Data Privacy** information under **IIE Data Privacy Consent for Applicants** in IIE-Managed Programs. If prompted, indicate your acceptance of the data privacy terms by selecting “Yes” or “No.” You will not be able to submit your application without agreeing to the Data Privacy terms.
6. **Employment Eligibility:** Select “Yes” or “No” to indicate if you meet all employment eligibility requirements.
  - Please note that employees and immediate family members of certain organizations associated with the Fulbright Program are not eligible to apply. Confirm you meet the Employment Eligibility criteria by selecting “Yes” or “No.”
  - If you select “Yes”, please provide details of employment or association.
7. **Reference Material Waiver:** You can choose to either waive or retain your right to view the Letters of Reference submitted by your recommenders on your behalf. To do so, select “Yes” if you waive your right, or “No” if you choose to retain it.
8. Click *Continue* to save your responses and advance to the next section.

## **F. Country Information**

1. Review all information in this section including Program and Award information!
2. This page provides **Contact and Program Information**, including the address of the United States-Sri Lanka Fulbright Commission (23 Gower Street, Colombo 5), name of fellowship, website information and deadline. Review all information in this section and the country-specific and award-specific instructions, which are included in the Fulbright website ([www.fulbrightsrilanka.org](http://www.fulbrightsrilanka.org))
3. Under Program Information section, kindly pay special attention to the Application submission deadline (**May 31, 2025**). Also, please note that the competition year for the current application is listed as 2026-2027. If a different year is displayed, it may indicate that an outdated application was opened. Please revisit the Preliminary Questions page and select the correct year.
4. **Additionally, carefully review the General Information sub-section under Program Information and make sure that ALL required documents and guidelines are included and followed when completing your application.** For item 3 regarding work experience, you can outline your plan to give the interviewers an understanding of the feasibility of securing leave approval to pursue studies in the U.S. A letter from your employer is not required at this stage; however, if possible, you may attach one. Please upload this document as a PDF in the Additional Information section.
5. **Award Information:** Current Award: The field will automatically populate with 'Fulbright Master’s Student Awards (Sri Lanka)' for the Current Award, and no further action is needed. If prompted, you must select an award before proceeding and choose “Fulbright Master’s Student Awards.”
6. **Supplemental Forms:** You are not required to submit any supplemental forms at this stage. However, please review the *Additional Information* section of the application, as it provides an area to upload any necessary documentation. It is recommended to upload all relevant documents that do not have a specific section within the application to this area.
7. Click *Continue* to proceed to the next section.

## **G. Personal Information**

Complete all required biographical information. Be sure to review the country-specific guidance (available in the Country Information section of the application) to check if any additional information or documentation is needed.

1. **Prefix:** Select the most appropriate title from the drop-down menu.
2. **First/Given Name, Middle Name and Last/Family Name:** This will auto-populate based on

information you provided during registration. **Please review and verify that your name matches exactly as it appears on your passport, paying close attention to the Surname and First Name fields.** The name and spelling you provide will be used on all documents related to your Fulbright Fellowship. Please note that submitting a passport bio page is a requirement for Sri Lankan applicants. If you are unable to submit a passport bio page, enter your name exactly as it appears on your National Identity Card. Only enter a preferred name if it differs from your legal name (e.g., Alex instead of Alexander).

3. If your name appears differently on any previous records (e.g., maiden name), please list it in the 'Name on Previous Records' section.
4. The birthdate you provided when creating your account will be displayed automatically. If you entered it incorrectly at that time, you can correct it now.
5. Enter your city of birth and select your country of birth, gender as it appears (or will appear) on your passport and marital status from the available dropdown menus. Also, enter the number of dependents.
6. List anything that may require accommodation.
7. Select your country of citizenship and country of residence from the dropdown menus provided.
8. If applicable, enter your National Identification Card Number and any additional countries in which you hold citizenship.
  - a. To select multiple countries, hold down the CTRL (PC) or Command (Mac) button when selecting options.
9. Click *Continue* to save your responses and advance to the next section.

## **H. Contact Information**

Please follow the online instructions to complete the required fields. Ensure that you enter all necessary contact information. Be sure to review the country-specific guidelines to determine if any additional details are required for your location.

- a. 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.
- b. 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.
- c. Enter your contact phone numbers as appropriate, including the country code. If the field turns red, please review the numbers that you have entered to look for any errors.
  - a. To find the correct country code, click on the blue ‘country code’ link.
- d. 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 Commission cannot reach you via your primary email address. **Note:** *All system-generated emails will continue to go to your primary email address.*
- e. **Emergency Contact Information:** Provide the emergency contact details for someone in your home country. This individual(s) may be contacted in case of an emergency during your participation in grant activities, including any travel for interviews within your home country. **An emergency contact in your home country is mandatory.** An emergency contact in the U.S. is required, but not mandatory if you do not have any contacts in the U.S.
  - a. When entering the address, first select the country corresponding to your emergency contact's location. The subsequent fields will automatically update to match the address format of the chosen country.
- f. Click *Continue* to save your responses and advance to the next section.

## I. Academic & Professional Information

This section gathers details about your academic and professional background, including your curriculum vitae/resumé, academic qualifications, professional experience, awards and recognitions, as well as any international experience.

**Note:** Prepare and upload the required documents in PDF format (\*). Be sure to check for any page limits and ensure that your documents do not exceed the specified limits.

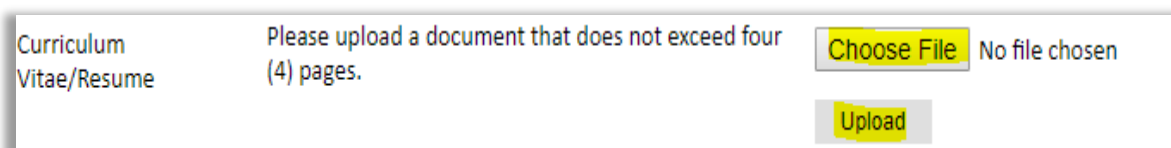
### 1. Curriculum Vitae/Resume

The curriculum vitae should outline your academic credentials and highlight your scholarly achievements. It must follow the specified format and size requirements outlined below. If your CV includes books, articles, or other works available online, be sure to include the relevant URL links. If you have a professional website (e.g., for visual arts, design, or architecture), please include the URL as well. **Do not include photographs in the CV.**

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 on the Review page, preventing you from submitting your application.

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



The screenshot shows a form field for 'Curriculum Vitae/Resume'. The text inside the field reads: 'Please upload a document that does not exceed four (4) pages.' To the right of the text is a yellow button labeled 'Choose File' and the text 'No file chosen'. Below the main text area is another yellow button labeled 'Upload'.

### 2. Academic Background

List all post-secondary educational institutions you have attended for credit-bearing coursework, in reverse chronological order (starting with the most recent). Include any institutions where you are currently enrolled. Do not include any short-term certificate programs; these should be listed separately on your CV/Resumé. You **MUST** include any educational institutions you are currently attending, even if you have not yet completed your program. Be sure to also provide the estimated date of graduation/completion.

1. Click *Add New Academic Background*
2. Type in the name of the institution
3. Choose the level of study (graduate or undergraduate) from the dropdown menu
4. Select the country where the institution is located from the dropdown menu
5. Enter the appropriate city and region/stat
6. Provide the website of the institution (optional)
7. Select the U.S. equivalent of the degree or diploma earned (e.g., BA – bachelor’s degree)
8. Enter the discipline in which this degree or diploma was earned
9. If relevant, provide the actual name of the degree or diploma
10. Enter your final cumulative Grade Point Average, as noted on your transcripts or diploma
11. Enter the highest possible Grade Point Average at your institution (ex: 4.0)
12. 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
13. 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
14. Click to *Save*

**Academic Background** Prev Next X

Institution\*

Level of Study\*

Institution Location (all address fields are required)\*

Country

City

Region

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Website

Name of Diploma or Degree Equivalent\*

Discipline/Subject\*

Actual/Local Name of Degree or Diploma\*

Final cumulative GPA (grade point average)\*

Highest Possible GPA of Academic Institution

Enrolled From\*

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

### 3. Professional Experience

List your current professional affiliation or employer, as well as any relevant previous professional affiliations or employers, by clicking "Add New Professional Experience" under the "Position Title" section. Select the role that most closely matches your current position and/or relevant previous professional experience from the dropdown menu.

- a. Enter the position title (e.g., Director, Assistant Director, etc.) or type of work (e.g., accounting)
- b. Enter the name of your employer
- c. 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
- d. For the section titled, Employer Address, 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
- e. Click to *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\*



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

## 5. Awards and Recognitions

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

- a. Any current or previous scholarships and/or fellowships awarded to you (include the source or sponsor, amount, where held and duration)
- b. Any academic honors and prizes that you have received in the text box (include any titles and/or dates)
- c. Any books, articles, and/or theses published by you, particularly in your proposed field of study (include the title, place, and date of publication)
- d. Any teaching experience (current or previous positions)
- e. List any research you have completed or in which you are currently involved
- f. Add any relevant memberships/licensing you have established with professional organizations

## 6. Experience Abroad

1. List any travel, study or residency you have had abroad (in any country other than your own) for more than one month. This can include time overseas for education, research, business, vacation, etc.
  - a. Click *Add New Experience Abroad*
  - b. Select the country in which you spent your professional travel and/or residence abroad from the 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 to *Save*

Experience Abroad

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:\*

2. If you have more than one trip abroad to enter, click *Add New Experience Abroad* again, and follow the bulleted instructions until all entries have been saved.
3. Have **you recently (in the past two years) entered the United States on a J-1 or J-2 visa?** 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 form DS-2019.

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

### 4. Have you previously been awarded a Fulbright grant?

Select “Yes” or “No” to indicate if you have previously been awarded a Fulbright grant. 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 dropdown menu provided (e.g., Fulbright FLTA, Fulbright Foreign Student, etc.)
- If you select “Other (please specify)” enter in the name of the Fulbright grant that you received in the “Other, please specify” field
- Select the academic year that corresponds to the year in which you received the Fulbright grant
- Click to *Save*

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

## **J. Academic Materials (Transcripts and Diplomas/Degree Certificates)**

This section requires you to upload copies of your unofficial transcripts and/or diplomas. Please refer to the country-specific instructions provided in the application to determine which documents you need to submit. If required, or if no additional guidance is provided, please upload scans of all available transcripts and diplomas from post-secondary institutions you have attended.

1. Please select the corresponding institution from the list that appears and upload your documents when prompted. If you do not see an institution that you attended in the list, please first return to the Academic & Professional Information page and update your academic background.
2. Please upload scanned copies of your degree(s) and diploma(s) certificates, as well as your mark sheets. You must include mark sheets for all yearly or semester exams, not just the final one. If applicable, you can upload a consolidated marksheet. Do not include high school or senior secondary school mark sheets or certificates. If your certificates or mark sheets are in a language other than English, they must be accompanied by certified English translations. Only scanned documents should be uploaded—do not upload images taken with your phone or camera. Ensure that the images are oriented correctly (portrait).
  - a. Select the corresponding institution from the list
  - b. Review the institution information you provided on the previous page. If you do not see an institution you attended, or if the information is incorrect, please return to the Academic & Professional Information page to make edits. Alternatively, you can edit the information directly in the popup box or add the institution by clicking the 'Add Institution' link."
3. Select *Choose File* and locate the desired file on your computer. Click *Open*. You may upload transcripts/diplomas as a multi-page document or upload single page documents. PDF, JPEG, and TIFF image files are all accepted. Click *Save*. Repeat these steps for all applicable institutions.

**Add Institution** ✕

If you would like to update information appearing below, please return to the Academic & Professional Information page.

Institution

Country

City

State

Dates Attended   to

Level of Study

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**Submit Transcript**

Please upload a scanned copy or digital facsimile of your transcript **and** diploma from this institution. You may upload those pages now as a single- or multi-page PDF, or each page as a JPEG or TIFF image file. Your scanned document may be large and may take several minutes to upload depending upon the speed of your connection.

PDF or Scanned Pages  No file chosen

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

## K. Language Skills

This section gathers information about your native language, English language skills, and any other languages relevant to your project proposal.

- Select your native language from the dropdown menu provided.

### 1. English Language Proficiency

If your native language is not English, a section will appear to collect information about your English language proficiency.

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

### 2. Additional Language Skills

- Select the number of additional languages you would like to include that may be useful 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. Choose from the options: *No Ability*, *Beginner*, *Intermediate*, *Advanced*, or *Native*, in the dropdown menus as appropriate

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

## L. Standardized Test Scores

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

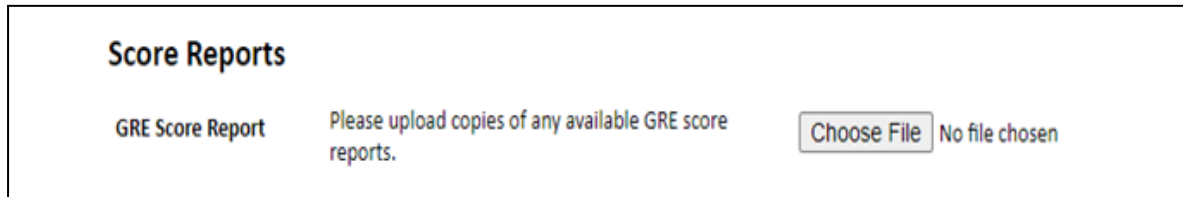
**Note:** Standardized test scores are not required for applying for the Fulbright Masters Scholarship Award, but if you have taken the test(s), please submit your scores sheet/s.

1. Select *Add Test*.
2. Select the test type from the dropdown menu
3. Select the test date from the dropdown menu (Month/Day/Year format).
  - a. **If you have not yet taken the test, enter the date that you are registered for the test.**
4. Enter your test scores, if you have the results from the test.

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



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



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

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

## **N. Plagiarism Agreement**

**IMPORTANT:** The Fulbright Program upholds high standards of academic integrity and honesty. All information submitted must be your own (not copied from external sources nor generated by AI) and must be truthful and accurate. Carefully review the Plagiarism Agreement, paying special attention to what constitutes plagiarism and the penalties associated with any violations.

Once you have read and fully understand the information, choose the “Yes” or “No” response to the given statement - *I understand the consequences of plagiarism in my application\**

If you choose “No” Please note well the statement in red - *You will be ineligible for the program if any part of your Fulbright application is found to have been plagiarized.*

Once the content of this section is fully understood and agreed with, click *Continue* to advance to the next section.

Please also review the PDF “*Study Objective and Personal Statement Guidelines*” that is on the Fulbright Sri Lanka website application directions for this award, that has a description of Plagiarism.

## **M. Study Plan**

**Please review the PDF titled 'Study Objective and Personal Statement Guidelines' available on the Fulbright Sri Lanka website under the application directions for this award.**

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

1. For which degree objective are you applying? **Tick the box next to “Master’s.”**
2. Select the most appropriate major academic discipline and primary specialization from the dropdown menus.
  - a. Some fields, such as Arts and Architecture, will trigger a prompt to ask you if you’d like to

upload portfolio materials as part of your application. Select “Yes” or “No”

- b. If you select “Yes,” you will be directed to upload your materials on the next page. Please follow the upload instructions listed.
3. Enter a brief description of the field in which you plan to specialize in the U.S. in the text box.
4. Enter a brief description of your future plans in the text box.

Describe the career you plan to pursue after completing your studies in the U.S., such as teaching, government, business, industry, or any plans for further study or work in your home country. Also, indicate if you plan to return to your previous employment or if you have a potential job offer in Sri Lanka or elsewhere after completing your Fulbright grant.

### 1. Intended Grant Period

The Fulbright Award is for the academic year 2026-2027 and generally will begin in August/September of 2026 and the Master’s degree program in general is 2 years in duration. Some programs may be shorter. Enter your proposed length of stay in the U.S. and select your proposed date of arrival in the U.S. (Month-Day-Year format) from the dropdown menu. Please check the academic calendar/s of the U.S. university/ies you are listing for more information.

### 2. Study/Research Objective

Upload a copy of your study/research objective. Please provide a clear and detailed description of your study/research goals, along with your reasons for wanting to pursue them. This statement is a crucial part of your application and is required.

**Note: Do NOT mention specific U.S. universities in which you would like to study.**

Study/Research Objective	Please upload your study/research objective.	Choose File	No file chosen
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- 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. **It is strongly recommended that you upload in PDF format**

### 3. Personal Statement

Upload a copy of your personal statement. Your personal statement should be a narrative statement describing how you have achieved your current academic and professional goals and your future career aspirations. **This is a required document.**

**Note: Do not mention specific U.S. universities at which you would like to study.**

- e. Click *Choose File*
- f. Locate and select the file that you previously saved to your computer
- g. Click *Open*
- h. Click *Upload* to complete the file upload. **It is strongly recommended that you upload in PDF format**

### 4. Writing Sample

This is not a required document for the Master’s awards application.

### 5. Letter of Invitation

This is not a required document for the Master’s awards application.

### 6. University Preferences

It is not a requirement nor is it expected for you to identify institutions at which you would like to study. However, if you do have preferences, please list in priority order up to four (4) universities of your choice. Indicate specific departments and/or programs. Give specific reasons for each choice.

**Note:** If selected for nomination for an award, there is no guarantee that your application will be sent to the institutions on your list. Applications will be submitted on your behalf to programs that are a good 'academic fit' based on your study plans and competitiveness, and that align with the goals and

priorities of the bi-national Fulbright Program in Sri Lanka.

Do not just list the name of a university you are interested in. Be specific. Provide the name of the department and the specific program within that department in which you are interested. If you have been in contact or correspondence with a faculty member, please provide the name and contact information for that individual.

Select the number of university preferences (up to 4) and complete the information below for each of the cited institutions.

- i. Enter institution name
  - j. Enter name of department
  - k. Enter the degree type and academic program that you wish to pursue at the institution
  - l. Enter your preferred specialization or concentration within the academic program
  - m. Enter your specific reasons for listing this institution and any contact information for professors at the institution with whom you have already communicated
5. Click *Save and Continue* to save your responses and advance to the next section.

**Preferred Institutions**

Institution Name*	<input type="text"/>
Department*	<input type="text"/>
Degree*	<input type="text"/>
Specialization/ Concentration*	<input type="text"/>
Specific reasons and contacts*	<input type="text"/>

## 7. U.S. Institutions Previously Applied To

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

Select “Yes” or “No” to indicate if you have applied to any U.S. institutions.

If “Yes,” list all programs to which you have applied or intend to apply.

Select the number of U.S. institutes you applied to and complete the information requested below.

- a. Enter institution name
- b. Enter name of department
- c. Select the date you applied for the institution (Month/Day/Year format)
- d. Enter the term you applied for
- e. Enter the year you applied for
- f. Select the result of your application from the drop-down menu
- g. Select “Yes” or “No” to indicate if you are still interested in pursuing this program

**Applied U.S. Institution 1**

Institution Name\*

Specific Name of Department\*

Date Application Made\*

Term Applied for

Year Applied For

Result of Application

Are you still interested in pursuing this program?

### 8. Authorization of Release of Information

Carefully read the provided statements and type your full name in the space provided to indicate your authorization for the release of the information you have submitted in this application.

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

## O. 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.

## P. Grant and Travel Plans

This section gathers information on your personal finances, additional funding you may have applied for/received, passport, and accompanying dependents.

**Note:** Personal/family funding information is gathered for general information and is not required to apply for a Fulbright Award. The US-SLFC **does not allow** personal funds to be applied towards supplemental funding to meet a short-fall of funds.

1. Enter your parent(s) and spouse's occupations in the corresponding boxes.

### 1. Expected Additional Funding

List all non-Fulbright funding you expect to receive during your grant. This includes funding from your employer if applicable. If you hold a permanent position in a Sri Lankan national university, there may be cost-sharing funding available and funding for travel as well.

2. 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., NSF grant)
    - Estimated Amount (in U.S. dollars)
    - The Other Funds Total (\$) field will automatically update based on the amounts provided above

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

Source Description 1	<input type="text"/>
Estimated Amount 1	<input type="text"/>
Other Funds Total (\$)	<input type="text" value="0"/>

3. Indicate if you are planning to apply for, have applied for, or have received other sources of funding, such as a fellowship, assistantship, or educational grant or loan from another organization, government, or educational institution. Provide the funding title, source, period of funding, and amount, and explain how this funding relates to your Fulbright project. If you receive additional funding after submitting your Fulbright application, please update the US-SLFC. (Maximum 1000 characters).
4. 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 U.S.
  - a. If yes, move to the next section
  - b. If no, enter the amounts of any additional funding you expect for the second year
5. Select “Yes” or “No” to indicate if you have travel funds available from an outside source and can pay for your round-trip travel to the U.S. if necessary.
  - a. If yes, enter the amount of travel funding available
  - b. If no, move to the next section

## 2. Passport/Travel Document and Dependents

6. If you have a valid passport, upload a copy of your passport (biography page only) – required document if you have a passport.
  - 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

## 3. Accompanying Dependents

7. Please indicate if you plan to take any dependents (spouse and children under 21 years of age) with you to the U.S. At this stage of your application, passport information for your dependents is not required. The Fulbright Master's Scholarships Program does not provide financial support for dependents. (Select 0 if you do not have dependents or if your dependents will not accompany you to the U.S.).
  - a. Enter required information for each dependent, including relationship to you, name, and intended length of stay in the U.S. (in number of months)
  - b. Enter information for how you will provide for your dependents during your time in the U.S. in the text box

**Dependent 1 Information**

Relationship to you

Please enter the following information as it appears or will appear on your dependent's passport.

First/Given Name

Middle Name(s)

Last/Family Name

Intended length of stay in the U.S. (Please list the number of months)



How do you intend to provide for these dependents during your time in the U.S.??\*

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

## 5. Additional Information

Use this section to upload any required additional documentation.

1. **Country-Specific Materials:** Please upload any additional country-specific material if required (See United States-Sri Lanka Fulbright Commission Master's Scholarship Award announcement at <http://www.fulbrightsrilanka.org> to determine if any additional forms/material are required). Upload scanned photocopies only. **Do not upload images taken by your mobile camera.**
2. **Supplemental Materials:** You are **not** required to submit the following forms available under the Supplemental forms link on the Country Information page at this stage of the awards competition:
  1. Information Concerning Foreign Student Academic Records
  2. Transcript Release Form
  3. Report on Proficiency in English
3. **Additional Documentation:** Upload any additional documents (e.g., proof of work/professional experience) not mentioned under above two categories under this category. **Upload scanned photocopies only and ensure the images are not upside-down. All submitted documents should be upright and in portrait orientation for easy reading. Do not upload images taken with your mobile camera.**
4. **Complete the Outreach Survey.** Please complete as per online form instructions.
5. Click *Continue* to save your responses and advance to the next section.

## 6. Recommendations

Use this section to register your recommenders. You are required to have **three (3) letters of recommendation** submitted on your behalf. These letters should be written by professors or teachers under whom you have studied or conducted research, or by someone who has supervised your work related to your proposed field of study. Letters of reference should not be written by individuals related to you by blood or marriage, or by personal friends. The letters should be written in English, on letterhead (if applicable), and signed and sealed. Use this section to register your recommenders.

Once you register your recommenders, they will receive an automatic email with instructions on completing the online recommendation form. Your referees will get an email from Fulbright@iie.org, asking them to register on the website and submit their recommendation. You will receive an email notification once the referee submits the online recommendation letter. If you do not receive the submission notification, you must follow up with the referee. You can track the status of recommendations, send reminders, and add or delete recommenders through this system, both before and after submitting your application.

**Note:** All recommendation letters must be received by 11:59 PM (IST time/Sri Lanka time) of May 31, 2025.

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. institutional email address for a professor, a corporate email address for a supervisor) when possible.

Personal message to recommender

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

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 their response, and you can also save, send reminders, or exclude the recommender if you wish to remove them and replace them with another individual.

**Edit Recommender**

Prefix

First Name

Last Name

Institution

Position/Title

Relationship

Telephone

Email

Personal message to recommender

Status **Sent to recommender on 12/20 at 11:18 AM**

## 7. Signature

**Read through the statements** and once fully understood and agreed with, 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:

Click *Confirm* to continue to the next page.

## 8. Application Review

The system 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
- **If desired, you can preview your application proof online. Once reviewed, the application still needs to be submitted by clicking the SUBMIT button**

**NOTE: Once submitted, changes CANNOT be made to the application.**

**Reminder:**

**Application Deadline May 31, 2025 23:59 (Sri Lanka Time/Indian Standard Time [IST])**

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**If you have come this far...**

**Congratulations you have completed the application submission!**