



FULBRIGHT SLOVAK SCHOLAR PROGRAM

Instructions for Completing the Fulbright Slovak Scholar Program Application

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General Information

The application is supported by all modern browsers. We highly recommend that you use a current version of Google Chrome or Firefox, 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, we recommend contacting the J. William Fulbright Commission for Educational Exchange in the Slovak Republic (Fulbright Slovakia) regarding country requirements. All candidates are encouraged to arrange a personal/online consultation with the program coordinator via email dasa@fulbright.sk prior to submitting their application. All Fulbright applications will be reviewed in light of the current priorities of the U.S. and Slovak governments.

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.

Step 3: Complete the application

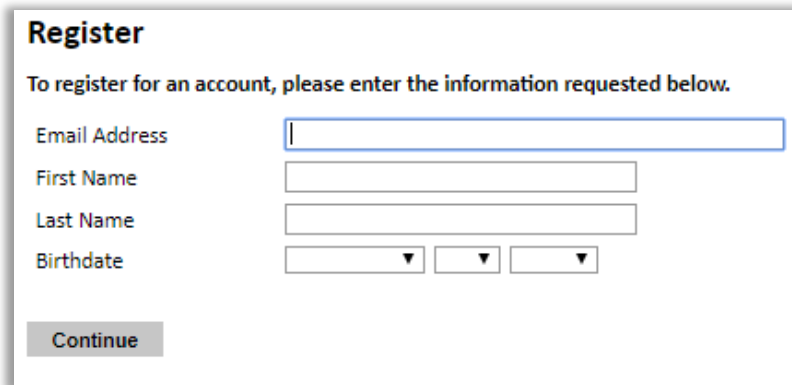
You do not need to complete this application at one time. You can re-enter at any time to edit your application. However, once you SUBMIT your application, **you CANNOT** make changes to it.

Step 4: Submit the application

Once you have entered all required information, including recommenders, review your application for errors. If all information is correct, submit your application. Once you submit **you CANNOT** make changes to your application.

Creating Your Online Account

1. To start, click *Create an account*.
2. Enter your email address, first name, last name, and select your date of birth (month-day-year) from the drop-down menus. **Your name must be entered exactly the way it appears (or will appear) on your passport (without diacritics).**



The image shows a registration form titled "Register". Below the title is the instruction: "To register for an account, please enter the information requested below." The form contains four input fields: "Email Address" (a text box), "First Name" (a text box), "Last Name" (a text box), and "Birthdate" (three separate dropdown menus for month, day, and year). At the bottom left of the form is a "Continue" button.

Note: Use an email address that you will be able to access for at least two years after submitting your application. This is the email address you will use to log in to your application account. We recommend you do NOT use a work email address if you will not have access to it during your grant in the U.S.

3. Click Continue. You will receive an email from apply@iie.org confirming that you have started the application. The email will include a temporary PIN. Follow the instructions in the email to activate your account using the temporary PIN.
4. You will be prompted to enter your pin and then create a password to complete login.
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.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE "FULBRIGHT VISITING SCHOLAR PROGRAM 2027-2028" APPLICATION FORM (selected items only)

Please read the instructions carefully before completing each item.

Before starting the application, please note that one of the key eligibility requirements is Slovak citizenship. While permanent residency in Slovakia and affiliation with a Slovak institution are not mandatory, they are strongly preferred.

Fulbright Scholar grants are intended for individuals who hold a PhD, as well as for advanced scholars and professionals with significant experience in their field.

Read the Welcome Section carefully

We would like to highlight the following important points:

- Please do not use diacritics when completing the application.
- You may log in and out of the application as often as needed.
- The Fulbright Slovakia eligibility requirements are mandatory for all Slovak applicants.

We also kindly ask you to read the Fulbright Policy Guidelines. Information specific to the Fulbright Slovak Scholar Program can be found in Chapter 700: "Lecturers and Research Scholars from Partner Countries."

You will need to confirm that you have read the Policy Guidelines in order to proceed to the next page of the application.

Section: Preliminary Questions

Country You Are Applying From:

Slovak Republic

Academic Year:

Select 2027-2028. Please note that the deadline to submit the application is **October 15, 2026 (23:59 CET/5:59 PM ET)**.

U.S. Permanent Residency:

If you have, or are currently applying for, U.S. permanent residency, you are not eligible for the Fulbright Program.

Program eligibility requirements for Slovakia:

If you are unsure whether you meet all the eligibility requirements, please feel free to contact Fulbright Slovakia at dasa@fulbright.sk or +421-919-496-191.

IIE Privacy Statement for and IIE Safeguarding Guidelines

Please read the provided IIE Privacy Statement and Safeguarding guidelines carefully.

Section: Country Information

Please do not hesitate to contact Fulbright Slovakia with any questions you may have during the application process.

In the "Award Information" section, be sure to select "Fulbright Slovak Scholar Program" as your current award.

Section: Personal Information

Name: Please enter your name exactly as it appears on your passport. Do not use diacritical marks.

Country of Citizenship: Slovak Republic

Country of Permanent Residence: Preference will be given to candidates with permanent residence in the Slovak Republic.

Section: Contact Information

Please be sure to provide your current mailing address if different from your permanent address.

Email:

The email address you used to create your account will appear in the Primary Email Address field and cannot be edited. You may provide an alternate or secondary email address for contact purposes in case Fulbright Program officers are unable to reach you via your primary email.

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

Emergency contact:

Please provide the contact information for your emergency contact in Slovakia.

Section: Academic & Professional Information

Curriculum Vitae:

The application requests similar information but provides limited space for your answers. Your curriculum vitae should expand on these topics to fully showcase your accomplishments.

Note: If your CV exceeds 6 pages, an error message will appear on the review page, preventing submission of your application.

Academic Background:

Please enter your highest degree first. Include only post-secondary degrees (Bc, (BA), Mgr/Ing, (MA), PhD, etc.).

Relevant Employment History & Significant Professional Accomplishments, Organizational Membership:

Please provide the exact name of your employer. List the name of your department/unit and home institution in English.

Professional accomplishments may include teaching and research awards, compositions, exhibitions, and similar achievements.

List up to three significant publications, including title, date, and publisher's name. A comprehensive list of your publications should be included in your curriculum vitae, or you may upload the publication list separately in the "Additional Information" section.

Letter of Support from Home Institution:

Not required.

Experience Abroad:

Please include all your professionally related stays abroad. In particular, do not forget to mention any previous stay in the U.S., if applicable.

If you have participated in the Work and Travel Program, you do not need to provide a copy of the DS-2019 form.

Previous Fulbright Grant(s):

Previous recipients of a Fulbright or Humphrey grant are eligible to apply but should clearly explain how their prior experience strengthens their candidacy for a Fulbright grant at this time. Preference will be given to applicants who have not previously received a Fulbright grant.

Section: Language Skills

English Language Proficiency:

Please provide your personal assessment of your English language skills. No formal test is required.

However, if you have previously completed an English language test, please upload your results in the "Additional Information" section.

Section: Plagiarism Agreement

Please read this section carefully and indicate your response. Be aware that any plagiarism in your application will result in disqualification from the Fulbright Slovak Scholar Program.

Section: Project Proposal

To which grant category are you applying for:

You may apply under one of three categories:

- Research
- Teaching/Research
- Teaching

If you are applying for the Teaching/Research or Teaching category, please include the proposed course name(s) and syllabi that you have agreed upon with your host institution.

Project title: Briefly describe the focus of your proposed activity (e.g., "Evaluating Fundamental Tax Reform in a Globalizing World").

Brief Summary of Project Proposal:

Rationale: In a few sentences, provide a concise overview that allows non-specialists to understand the significance of your project and its potential contributions to the field. (Maximum 700 characters.)

Project Statement:

The project statement is the cornerstone of your Fulbright application. It should be four to five single-spaced pages (not exceeding 3,000 words). We recommend structuring your proposal using the sections below as guiding headings. While you are not required to follow them in this exact order, please ensure that each area is addressed clearly and comprehensively.

Background/Introduction:

Introduce your research topic and provide relevant context. Situate your project within the broader academic, professional, or societal framework.

Objectives:

Clearly define the aims of your project. Be specific and precise, as your proposal will be reviewed by experts in your field as well as a broader academic audience.

Methodology:

Describe your overall approach, methods, and project plan (e.g., interviews, archival research, laboratory experiments). Indicate whether your research is quantitative, qualitative, or mixed-method, and outline a realistic timeline for completion.

Significance:

Explain the importance of your project for your field, your professional development, and your home country. Highlight its potential impact on your teaching or professional practice in Slovakia - for example, through curriculum development, innovative pedagogy, student mentoring, or collaboration with U.S. colleagues. Briefly describe the expected benefits for your home institution or community after your return.

Evaluation and Dissemination:

Explain how you will evaluate the outcomes of your project and how you plan to share the results in Slovakia and, where appropriate, internationally.

Justification for Residence in the U.S. for the Proposed Project:

Clearly explain why conducting your project in the United States is essential. Specify what resources, expertise, or institutional context make your chosen host uniquely suited to your project.

English Proficiency:

Describe your experience with the English language, including your educational background and your proficiency in speaking, reading, and writing.

Tips for Crafting Your Project Statement:

- Follow the "4W" rule: Address What (project focus and goals), Where (why you chose the specific U.S. institution), Why (the importance of your research or teaching), and With what result (the benefits for Slovakia after your return and how you will use the experience/results).
- Tailor to your audience: While demonstrating expertise in your field, remember your statement will be read by a diverse panel including both specialists and non-specialists. Use clear, accessible, and engaging language in a science-popularization style that still conveys depth and rigor.
- Highlight feasibility: Propose ambitious yet realistic projects. A clear, detailed plan showing how you will complete the project within the given timeframe and resources will strengthen your application.

- Be authentic: Use this opportunity to showcase your unique perspective, experiences, and aspirations. Let your individual voice and passion come through in your writing.

Course Syllabi

If you are applying in the Teaching or Teaching/Research category, you are required to provide preliminary course syllabi that have been agreed upon with your host institution.

Academic Discipline:

Applicants in the field of Arts should include relevant portfolio materials along with their application.

Intended Grant Period:

Candidates from Slovakia may propose a grant period ranging from **three to six months**. Please specify as precisely as possible the dates during which you plan to carry out your program in the U.S.

It is recommended to plan your program during the U.S. academic year (typically September through May), when your U.S. colleagues are more likely to be available. The duration of your stay should reflect the time needed to complete your proposed project.

Please note that the exact dates of the visit may be adjusted after nomination for the grant.

Institutional Affiliation:

Candidates are required to secure affiliation with a U.S. institution before submitting their application.

Please indicate only one institution (as accurately as possible) and provide an invitation letter from that institution. **Applications submitted without an invitation letter will not be accepted.**

If you plan to conduct your research or teaching stay at more than one institution, please contact Fulbright Slovakia for guidance.

Letter of Invitation:

The letter of invitation must be typed on the institution's official letterhead and signed by an administrative officer with the authority to approve official affiliations (such as a Provost, Dean, Department Chair, or equivalent). The letter may have more than one signatory if applicable.

There is no specific format required for the Letter of Invitation; however, it should clearly include the following information:

- Name of the applicant
- Country of origin
- Description of the research or lecture activity (topic/title) related to the proposed project during the grant period at the host institution
- Exact start and end dates of the visit (subject to possible change upon nomination for the scholarship)
- Expected project outcomes, reflecting both existing collaboration and plans for future cooperation
- Nature of activities planned during the stay

- Facilities and resources available to the candidate, such as access to a library, office space, or any in-kind support the institution can provide
- Whether the scholar will be responsible for any affiliation fees required by the institution
- Name of the primary faculty host and the hosting department
- Any contingencies or conditions that the host institution may have

Alternate Awards:

There are no alternate awards applicable for Slovakia.

Section: Grant & Travel Plans

Financial Information:

Please indicate whether you expect to receive sabbatical pay and whether you plan to apply for, or have already applied for, other sources of funding.

For grantees traveling without dependents, the current grant amount is typically sufficient to cover living expenses in the United States. However, if you plan to travel with dependents, you will need to secure additional funds to cover their stay.

Receiving paid leave or a sabbatical is acceptable. However, receiving additional funding intended to cover your expenses in the United States may result in a reduction of your Fulbright grant.

Passport:

Please upload a current bio-data page of your passport, as well as those of any accompanying dependents. If your passport is nearing expiration, you may still upload it now and provide an updated passport if selected for the program.

Accompanying Dependents:

Please list all accompanying dependents (defined as a spouse and unmarried children under the age of 21) who will travel with you for at least 80% of your stay. The Commission will assist in obtaining J-2 visas for all eligible dependents. If available, please upload scanned copies of passports for all dependents in the "Additional Information" section under "Additional Documentation."

We recommend listing all dependents you are considering bringing with you. We will confirm with nominees/grantees which dependents will ultimately travel. It is generally easier to remove dependents from the list later than to add them.

Please note that the scholarship is intended to cover the expenses of the grantee only. If accompanied by dependents, the grantee will receive a small additional allowance; however, applicants are expected to have sufficient personal funds to cover the living expenses of their dependents while in the United States.

Section: Additional Information

Country-specific materials are not required.

Supplemental Materials

Please complete and upload the following documents in the Fulbright application form:

- Consent to Process Personal Data (*Súhlas so spracovaním osobných údajov*)
- Declaration on the Use of Generative AI

You may either complete and sign these documents electronically, or print, complete, sign, and scan them before uploading.

These documents should be available in an editable PDF format. If they are not, you may contact the Program Officer by email (dasa@fulbright.sk) to request editable versions.

Additional documentation

This section allows you to upload optional supporting materials, such as: Scanned copies of dependents' passports; Language certificates (if available; not required); A comprehensive list of publications (optional if not already included in your CV).

Please fill out the Outreach Survey.

Section: Recommendations

Please list the names and contact information of three individuals from whom you have requested letters of reference. By registering these individuals in the online application system, you enable them to submit their letters directly through the platform.

Each referee will receive an automated email with instructions for preparing and submitting their recommendation, including guidance on the expected content and format.

Please contact your recommenders in advance, clearly explain your request, and provide them with a draft or outline of your project or teaching proposal. Recommenders are expected to address and comment on your proposed project in their letters.

Recommenders must not be relatives. They should be selected based on prior professional interaction or collaboration. Suitable recommenders may include a former PhD supervisor, academic mentor, project collaborator, or a department or unit head who is familiar with your work at a professional level.

It is not recommended to request letters from senior institutional representatives (e.g., university rectors) who may not have direct knowledge of your work. Recommenders may be either international or local (Slovak) professionals.

Important: Letters of reference are confidential and will not be shared with the applicant.

We strongly recommend submitting all letters of reference through the online system. It is your responsibility to ensure that all three letters are submitted by the application deadline: October 15, 2026.

You may submit your application before your recommenders upload their letters of reference.

Additional information:

Fulbright grantees and their dependents travel to the U.S. on a J visa, which is subject to specific conditions:

- Two-Year Home Residency Requirement (Section 212(e)): After completing the program, grantees may be required to return to their home country for a total of two years before becoming eligible for certain types of U.S. visas, including H-1B, L-1, or U.S. permanent residency.

- 24-Month Bar: Individuals who have participated in a J-1 program as a Research Scholar or Professor are not eligible to begin a new program in either of these categories for 24 months after completing their previous program.

For detailed information on these requirements, please visit the U.S. Department of State website: <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/study/exchange.html>

Note: Even after obtaining a J visa, individuals may still enter the U.S. on an ESTA (Visa Waiver Program) or a tourist visa, if eligible.