



## AY2027-2028 Fulbright Egyptian Student Program – PhD Joint Supervision Program

### Instructions for Completing the 2027-2028 Fulbright Foreign Student Program Application

Application: <https://apply.iie.org/ffsp2027>

**Read all the instructions carefully before completing the application.**

Applicants may only apply for one award per application cycle.

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## **General Information**

The application is supported by all modern browsers. We highly recommend that you use the 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, read the program's eligibility criteria listed [here](#). If you need further assistance, kindly contact our office at: [student@bfce.eun.eg](mailto:student@bfce.eun.eg).

### **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. If you have an existing account, please enter your credentials to log in and start a new application for the Fulbright Egyptian Student Program AY2026-2027.

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

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

To complete your application correctly, please answer all questions completely and carefully. Review these additional tips:

- Use upper and lower-case letters (e.g., John Smith). Avoid using all capital letters (e.g., JOHN SMITH). Do not use special characters, such as accent marks.
- You can copy and paste information into all text boxes.
- Limit your responses to the space provided in all text boxes.
- Prepare the required documents and save them in PDF format. It is highly recommended that you upload documents in PDF format to preserve formatting and special characters in your documents.
- 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.
- Any required and/or additional supporting documents must be submitted through the online application only. Documents submitted by email, before and/or after the program's deadline, will not be considered.

### **Step 4: Submit the application**

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

## Creating Your Online Account

1. To start, click *Create an account*.
2. Enter your email address, first name, last name, and select your date of birth (Month-Date-Year) from the drop-down menus.

**NOTE:** 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	<input type="text"/>
First Name	<input type="text"/>
Last Name	<input type="text"/>
Birthdate	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>

**Continue**

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

3. Click Continue. You will receive an email from [apply@iie.org](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. (The temporary pin might be sent to the spam/junk folder)
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	<input type="text"/>
Account	<input type="text"/>
Temporary PIN	<input type="text"/>
Birthdate	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>

**Login**

**Set Password**

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

New Password

New Password (again)

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

**Set Password**

5. *Returning users:* Click *Log in* and enter your email address and password. If you do not remember your password, click *Forgot your password?* and follow the resulting instructions.

## Managing Your Application

### EDITING YOUR APPLICATION PRIOR TO SUBMISSION

1. You may log in at any time to review and edit your application form, 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 as long as it is by the program's deadline.

### 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. However, it is the applicant's responsibility to follow up with their recommenders and make sure that the recommendation letters are submitted by the program's deadline.
3. If your recommender is unavailable, you will have the option to exclude the recommender and add an alternative before you submit the application.

**NOTE:** You can edit, add, or exclude recommenders either before or after you submit the application. Please note that you cannot make any changes to the recommenders after the program's application deadline. Kindly make sure that the recommendation letters are submitted by the program's deadline. Recommendation letters submitted after the program's deadline, either through the online application system or through the hard copy method, will not be considered. Please click here <https://fulbright-egypt.org/program/jsp/> for more information about the program application process.

## Preliminary Questions

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

Home  
Welcome  
**Preliminary Questions**  
Country Information  
Application Notice

**Preliminary Questions**

Through which program country are you applying? \*  
Egypt

To which academic year are you applying? \*  
2027-2028

**Important!** The 2027-28 Academic Year generally refers to the time period of August/September 2027 to May/June 2028. 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 (**Egypt**).
2. The academic year to which you are applying **must** be **2027-2028**.

**NOTE:** Applications submitted to any other academic year cycle will not be considered.

3. Select the 2027-2028 program year from the drop-down menu.
4. U.S. Citizenship, Dual Citizenship with the U.S. or Permanent Residency: select 'Yes' or 'No' to indicate your response.
  - a. As per the [program's eligibility criteria](#), applicants cannot be U.S. citizens or permanent residents of the U.S. to participate in the Fulbright Foreign Student Program.
5. Select 'Yes', 'No', or 'Unsure' to indicate if you are aware of, and meet, all program eligibility requirements.
  - a. Please review the [program's eligibility criteria](#).

6. Carefully review the IIE Privacy Statement & Safeguarding Guidelines. If prompted, 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.
7. 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.

### **Reference Materials Waiver**

8. Please read the text carefully and answer the question with 'Yes' or 'No' to indicate whether you waive your right to review the information contained in the evaluations submitted by recommenders on your behalf. You must answer this question and press 'Continue' before you are able to register any recommenders. Once recommenders are registered, you will not be able to modify your response.
9. Click *Continue* to save your responses and advance to the next section.

### **Country Information**

**NOTE: Applicants to the Fulbright Egyptian Student Program must choose and apply only to one of the following grants: Master's, Visiting Student Researcher, Applied, Fine and Performing Arts, Islamic Studies, MBA for University and Research Centers Leadership, PhD Joint Supervision. Applications to more than one grant will not be considered.**

1. Review all the information in this section.
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
3. If prompted, you must select an Award before proceeding. Click on 'Select/Change Award' and select the award you are intending to apply for (***Fulbright Egyptian Student Program – Ph.D. Joint Supervision Grant***) in order to be able to fully complete the application and register your recommenders. Otherwise, you will not be able to complete your application nor register your recommenders.

## Select / Change Award

Cycle	Award Name	Award Deadline ?	Award Status ?
<input type="checkbox"/> 2027-2028	Fulbright Egyptian Student Program - Visiting Student Researcher	June 6, 2026 11:59 PM ET/EST	Active
<input type="checkbox"/> 2027-2028	Fulbright Egyptian Student Program - MBA for University and Research Center Leadership	June 6, 2026 11:59 PM ET/EST	Active
<input type="checkbox"/> 2027-2028	Fulbright Egyptian Student Program - Applied, Fine and Performing Arts	June 6, 2026 11:59 PM ET/EST	Active
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2027-2028	Fulbright Egyptian Student Program - Ph.D. Joint-Supervision	June 6, 2026 11:59 PM ET/EST	Active
<input type="checkbox"/> 2027-2028	Fulbright Egyptian Student Program - Islamic Studies	June 6, 2026 11:59 PM ET/EST	Active
<input type="checkbox"/> 2027-2028	Fulbright Egyptian Student Program - Master's	June 6, 2026 11:59 PM ET/EST	Active

**Save**

**Cancel**

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

## Personal Information

Enter all **required** biographical information.

**NOTE: Your name MUST be entered exactly the way it appears (or will appear) on your passport.**

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).
2. If your name is recorded differently on any previous records, list it in the Name on Previous Records section (e.g., maiden name).

3. The birthdate that you used to create your account will automatically appear. 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, and for statistical purposes.

**NOTE: As per [program's eligibility criteria](#), applicants must hold an Egyptian citizenship.**

6. Select your country of citizenship and country of residence from the drop-down menus provided.
7. Enter your national identification number (الرقم القومي) 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.
8. Click *Continue* to save your responses and advance to the next section.

## **Contact Information**

Enter all required contact 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 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.

**NOTE: All system-generated emails and any future communication, if applicable, will continue to go to your primary email address. Make sure that your primary email address is an accessible and working email address.**

5. 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.
6. Enter your home country emergency contact information (**Required**). 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.
7. Entering emergency contact information in the United States is optional. If you have emergency contact(s) in the United States at this time, please enter the appropriate information.
8. Click *Continue* to save your responses and advance to the next section.

## **Academic & Professional Information**

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

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

## **Curriculum Vitae/Resume**

1. Upload your curriculum vitae/resumé in PDF format that **does not exceed 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.
  - c. Click *Open* and upload your selected file.

**Curriculum  
Vitae/Resume**

Please upload a document that does not exceed four  
(4) pages.

CV.pdf

**NOTE: When composing a curriculum vitae/resume, it is important to include:**

- a. Education (universities attended, degrees earned, and dates received)
- b. Professional positions held
- c. Courses taught, and other services provided to students and the home institution
- d. Publications (provide full citations and list them starting with the most recent)
- e. Other professional activities, such as workshops, seminars, and consultations
- f. Membership and activities in professional associations
- g. Professional honors, awards, and fellowships
- h. Community service

## Academic Background

2. List all post-secondary educational institutions you have attended for credit-bearing coursework, in reverse chronological order, including any in which you might be presently 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. Enter your final cumulative Grade Point Average, as noted on your transcripts or diploma.
  - k. Enter 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 the expected end date of the academic program.
  - m. Select the date (Month-Year format) that you received your degree from this institution.
    - If a degree is in progress, list the expected date of the conference in this field.
  - n. Click *Save*.

## Academic Background

X

Institution \*

Level of Study \*

Institution Location (all  
address fields are  
required) \*

Country \*

City \*

State \*

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 \*

Enrolled To \*

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

If your course does not result in a degree list the end date of the course for Date Degree Received.

Date Degree Received \*

**Save**

**Cancel**

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

## 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

X

Role \*

Position Title / Type of Work

Employer Name \*

Department Name

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

Start Date

End Date

### Employer Address

Country

Street

City

State

**Save**

**Cancel**

- 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 your travel/residency.
  - d. Enter the purpose of your travel abroad.
  - e. Click *Save*.

### Experience Abroad

X

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: \*

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.

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Previous DS-2019(s)

Please upload a copy of your previous DS-2019(s).

No file chosen

## Previous Fulbright Grant(s)

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*.

### Award 1

Award Type \*

Previous Grant Year \*

11. Click *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.

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.

**NOTE:** If you do not see an institution that you attended below, you may either return to the Academic & Professional Information page and update your academic background or add the institution by clicking the "Add Institution" link and complete the requested information.

3. Select *Choose File* and locate the desired file on your computer. Click *Open*.
  - a. You may upload transcripts/diplomas as a multi-page document or upload single page documents. PDF, JPEC, and TIFF image files are all accepted.
4. Click *Save*. Repeat these steps for all applicable institutions.

**NOTE:** You may upload transcripts/diplomas as a multi-page document or upload single page documents. PDF, JPEC, and TIFF image files are all accepted (PDF format is preferred).

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

## Language Skills

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

### Native Language

1. Select your native language (Arabic) 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 *Continue* to save your responses and advance to the next section.

## Standardized Test Scores (Optional)

This section collects information about standardized test scores that you have taken or will take in the future. Applicants to the Fulbright Egyptian Student Program - PhD Joint Supervision Grant are not required to submit proof of English Language Proficiency test as part of their applications. Applicants who wish to submit an English Language Proficiency test can consider submitting a score report from one of the following approved tests: TOEFL iBT, TOEFL ITP, IELTS, Duolingo test scores, an English Proficiency test from a Public Egyptian University by the program's deadline. Tests must be obtained from the approved test centers. Please click [here](#) to know the approved test centers in Egypt and the minimum required score.

**NOTE: Since the English Proficiency test from a Public Egyptian university is not listed in the drop-down menu, please make sure to choose any test type and make sure to upload the score report to the following section.**

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 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.

**Add Test**

Type	<input type="text"/>	X
Test Date	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>	

## **Score Reports (Optional)**

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* and upload your selected file.

## Plagiarism Agreement

**NOTE:** The Fulbright Egyptian Student Program seeks applicants that have developed a sense of personal integrity and are original thinkers. Copying someone else's writing, whether from the Internet, from a book or from a friend is considered plagiarism. Any quoted words or sentences should include a citation. An applicant who is found to have plagiarized in any form (including unintentional or accidental plagiarism) in his or her application will be disqualified.

For further information about plagiarism and citation, please click on the following link: <https://fulbright-egypt.org/resources/>. All content in applications must be the applicant's original contribution and his/her own intellectual property. Having someone else write or contribute to the writing of an individual's application, either fully or partially, does not uphold the standards of integrity expected of Fulbrighters and may result in the ineligibility of your application.

1. Carefully review the Plagiarism Agreement and indicate your acceptance of the terms by selecting 'Yes' or 'No'.
  - a. 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 in the U.S. Please carefully review country-specific guidance to determine if you must submit any additional documentation.

1. Select the degree objective to which you are applying (**Non-Degree**).
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.

4. Enter a description of your future plans that are related to the selected field in the text box.

## Intended Grant Period

5. 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.

**NOTE: The duration of the grant is for one academic year.**

## Study/Research Objective

Use the following tips while writing your Study/Research Objective essay:

- a. Write a clear and detailed description of your study/research objectives, and give your reasons for wanting to pursue them.
- b. Be specific about your major and your specialized interests within the field.
- c. Describe the kind of program you expect to undertake.
- d. Explain how your study plan fits in with your previous training.
- e. Explain how your study plan fits in with your future objectives.

For further information on how to write your research objective, please click on the following link: <https://fulbright-egypt.org/resources/>.

6. Upload a copy of your study/research objective. 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. **Do NOT mention specific U.S. universities at which you would like to study.**
  - a. Click *Choose File*.
  - b. Locate and select the file that you previously saved to your computer.
  - c. Click *Open* and upload your selected file.

**NOTE: It is strongly recommended that you upload in PDF format.**

## Personal Statement

Use the following tips while writing your Personal Statement essay:

- a. Personal Statement essay should be a narrative statement describing how you have achieved your current goals. It should not be a mere listing of facts.

- b. Include information about your education, practical experience, special interests, and career plans.
- c. Describe any significant factors that have influenced your educational or professional development.
- d. Comment on the number of years of practical experience already completed in the field in which academic work will be done in the U.S.
- e. Do not mention specific U.S. universities at which you would like to study.

For further information on how to write a research objective, please click on the following link:  
<https://fulbright-egypt.org/resources/>.

7. Upload a copy of your personal statement (**This is a required document**).
  - a. Click *Choose File*.
  - b. Locate and select the file that you previously saved to your computer.
  - c. Click *Open* and upload your selected file.

**NOTE:** It is strongly recommended that you upload in PDF format.

## Writing Sample

8. Specific fields may require a writing sample. Please check the 'Review' section after choosing your major field of study and specialization to know whether you are required to submit a writing sample. Please upload in PDF format and make sure your writing sample meet the following criteria:

- Must be the applicant's own work, written in English, with no co-authors or outside editors. Omitting the names of the co-authors to meet this requirement is considered a misrepresentation of the information and will result in the disqualification of the application.
- The quality of the writing and formatting should be appropriate for submission as a Bachelor's-level course paper, at least. Submitting a document that was written for a previous bachelor's or master's course is acceptable.
- Must include appropriate citations if outside works are used for reference. Plagiarism is strictly forbidden, and applicants who submit a writing sample that contains plagiarism and/or lacks citations will be subject to disqualification.

**NOTE:** A writing sample shows the reader the applicant's academic skills.

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

## University Preferences

9. This section does not apply to applicants applying to the Ph.D. Joint Supervision grant since they should have a letter of initiation from a US University and not a preferred list of universities in the U.S.

## Contacted U.S. Institutions (Required)

\*Please complete this section with the information that are included in your letter of invitation from an American university and the US co-supervisor.

10. Select the number of U.S. institutions to which you have Contacted from the drop-down menu:

- Enter the name of the institution.
- Enter the specific name of department.
- Select the date you contacted the institution (Month-Day-Year format),
- Enter the term you applied for.
- Enter the year you applied for.
- Select the result of your application from the drop-down menu.
- 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\*

Enter YYYY

Result of Contact\*

Are you still interested in pursuing this program?\*

## Authorization of Release of Information

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

## Portfolio

**NOTE: Applicants applying for the PhD joint supervision grant in the fields of Arts or Architecture are required to submit a portfolio of their work.**

- 1- Use the *Upload Media* tab to upload any portfolio materials. Click on *Your Portfolio* tab to review uploaded materials and continue to the next page. **Follow the instructions** on the online application portal to upload your materials.

## Grant and Travel Plans

1. Applicants from Egypt are **not requested** to fill the financials related sections.

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

1. Upload a copy of your passport
  - a. Click *Choose File*.
  - b. Locate and select the file that you previously saved to your computer.
  - c. Click *Open* and upload your selected file.
2. Select the number of dependents you intend to have accompany you to the U.S. (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.
3. Click *Continue* to save your responses and advance to the next section.

## Additional Information

### **Additional Documentation**

- Upload the following documents to the **Country-Specific Required Materials** section:
  1. Proof of registration in a Ph.D. program at a university in Egypt.

2. Letter of support from your home institution and your Ph.D. supervisor in Egypt which covers the following:
  - a. Evaluation of the applicant's Ph.D. thesis proposal.
  - b. Approval to travel to the U.S. to conduct research and collect data for the Ph.D.
  - c. Confirmation for the supervision of research by the named US co-supervisor.
3. An invitation letter from a U.S. co-supervisor which includes:
  - a. Evaluation of the applicant's Ph.D. thesis proposal.
  - b. Confirmation for the supervision of the research.
  - c. Description of the facilities that will be available to the applicant in the U.S. for conducting his/her research.

**Note: The Invitation letter must be from a U.S. co-supervisor who is affiliated with an accredited degree granting institution that offers PhD program in the field of the applicant.**

4. An abridged thesis proposal covering the following points:
  - a. The dissertation's hypothesis and the overall purpose of the study.
  - b. The relevancy between your dissertation's thesis, research and the context of the current research taking place in Egypt and in the world in general.
  - c. The relation between your proposal and Egypt's national development needs.
  - d. A brief and relevant literature review.
  - e. A clear methodology.
  - f. Justification for travel to the U.S.
  - g. A clear timeline.
  - h. Bibliography.

- Use the **Supplemental Materials and Additional Documentation** to upload the following:
  - Scanned copy of the original valid National ID.
  - Personal photo.
- Use Additional Documentation available space to upload any other supporting documents you would like to share.

## **Outreach Survey**

- Complete the Outreach Survey.
- Click *Continue* to save your responses and advance to the next section.

## **Recommendations**

Use this section to register your recommenders. **Applicants are required to submit three recommendation letters to have a complete application.** Recommendation Letters can be submitted through one of the following submission methods:

## 1. Online Registration (Applicants are encouraged to use this method)

Use the 'Recommendations' section to register your three recommenders.

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 via the online application.



The form is titled 'Add Recommender' and contains the following fields:

- Prefix: A dropdown menu.
- First Name: Text input field.
- Last Name: Text input field.
- Institution: Text input field.
- Position/Title: Text input field.
- Relationship: Text input field.
- Telephone: Text input field.
- Email: Text input field.

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

Personal message to recommender: A large text area for a personal message.

1- Click Add Recommender.

2 - Complete all fields in the pop-up form.

3- Click Send to Recommender to generate automatic email to recommender.

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

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.

## 2. Hard Copies (Must be submitted in the required form)

Although online registration is highly encouraged, recommendation letters can be submitted as hard copies using the below guidelines.

**NOTE:**

1. **Each application cycle is separate and distinct. Recommendation letters submitted to previous application cycles will not be considered for any future applications.**
2. **Applicants are no longer able to upload recommendation letters as attachments to their online applications on behalf of their referees.**
3. **Do not upload the recommendation letters to your application if they were already sent as hard copies to the Commission for the AY2027-2028 application cycle.**

- a. Refer to the *Country Information* section – Supplemental Forms to download the required Letter of Reference Form in PDF format.
- b. Ask your recommender to fill in the two-pages form.
  - The letter can be typed or clearly handwritten.
  - It is preferred that recommenders fill the second page on the letterhead of their affiliated institutions.
- c. Ask your recommender to **sign the letter**.
  - Signature must include the recommender's title, affiliation, and contact information. It is highly important to include this information on the second page in the recommendation letter form.
- d. Recommendation letters must be delivered to 21 Amer St., Al Messaha, Dokki, 12311, Giza, Egypt **by the program's deadline in sealed envelopes**.

**NOTE: The name of the applicant, the program, and the grant (Fulbright Egyptian Student Program – PhD Joint Supervision Grant) must be clearly labeled on the envelop.**

**IMPROTANT NOTES:**

- a. All applicants must register their recommenders in order to submit their online applications successfully (This also applies to applicants submitting recommendation letters in hard copies).
- b. Applicants submitting their recommendation letters in hard copies can ask their recommenders to ignore the automated email they will receive.
- c. It is the applicant's responsibility to follow up with their recommenders and make sure recommendation letters are submitted by the program's deadline.
- d. Recommendation letters submitted after the program deadline **WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED**.

**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

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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 are detected in any of the application sections, you will receive an error message with the needed action. Refer back to the identified section to complete and/or correct the information. After editing, return to the "Review" section to check if your application is ready for submission.

### **IMPORTANT NOTES:**

- If the selected field of study requires a writing sample, you will receive an error message indicating that this document is missing from your application. Refer back to the 'Study Plan' section and upload your writing sample; otherwise, the 'SUBMIT' button will not appear and you will not be able to proceed with your application and submit it successfully.
- Before you click submit, make sure all required documents are uploaded to the application, as per the program announcement in the following link: <https://fulbright-egypt.org/program/js/>

### **Please note that a complete online application consists of:**

- Copies of transcripts for all post-secondary degrees in English
- Proof of registration in a Ph.D. program at a university in Egypt
- Letter of support from Egyptian home institution Ph.D. supervisor
- Invitation letter from a US co-supervisor
- An abridged thesis proposal
- Evaluation of the thesis proposal by both the Egyptian supervisor and the U.S. co-supervisor (this can be included in the home institution supervisor letter of support and the U.S. co-supervisor invitation letter)
- Three recommendation letters
- Applicants applying for the PhD joint supervision grant in the fields of Arts or

Architecture are required to submit a portfolio of their work.

- Scanned copy of the original valid National ID
- Personal photo
- Scanned copies of any previous U.S. J1 or J2 visas (if applicable)

**NOTE: Any required and/or additional supporting documents must be submitted through the online application only. Documents submitted by email, before and/or after the program's deadline, will not be considered.**

**REVIEW ALL RESPONSES. CLICK SUBMIT.**