

MEDICUS SCHOLAR EXCHANGE PROGRAM SWITZERLAND

Instructions for Completing the 2025-2026 Medicus Scholar Exchange Program Application

Application cycle **closes**: March 26, 2025 **at midnight**

This document provides step-by-step instructions for Swiss on how to complete the application correctly. Applicants are encouraged to print this document and keep it nearby as they complete the application.

- Applicants applying in this cycle, if successful, must commence their program between August 2025 and May 2026, please consider this when planning your proposed research stay.
- Late applications will not be accepted.
- Please read the eligibility requirements on the website before commencing an application.
- Recommenders must submit their statements online before the application deadline above.
- All applications must be completed (using these instructions) via the online application portal.
- Please read this document in full to prepare the necessary documentation before commencing your application.
- Please review your completed application before submitting it to ensure all elements are included.

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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](#), which supports Windows, Mac, and Linux platforms.

Prior to starting an application, please read the below information:

Learn requirements for submitting an application

Before you begin an application, please visit the "[Medicus Program](#)" webpage for comprehensive information on suitability, eligibility and applications requirements for a Medicus grant. You must make sure you are eligible to apply.

Record user name and password in a safe place

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

Complete the application

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

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

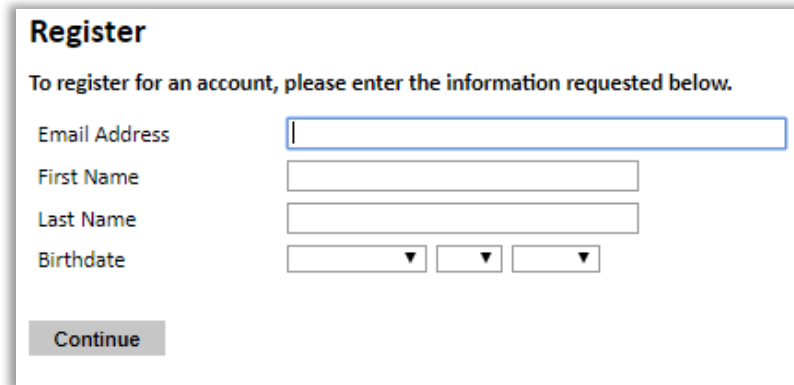
- Use upper and lower-case letters (e.g. John Smith). Avoid using all capital letters (e.g. JOHN SMITH). Do not use special characters, such as accent marks.
- You can copy and paste information into all text boxes.
- Limit your responses to the space provided in all text boxes.
- Prepare required documents and save them in PDF format. It is highly recommended that to preserve any formatting and special characters in your documents, you upload them in PDF format.
- Some questions are "required." They are marked with an asterisk (*). You will not be able to submit your application until all required items are complete.

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. Go to <https://apply.iie.org/fvsp2025>
2. Please read all instructions carefully before completing the application.
3. To start, click *Create an account*.
4. Enter your email address, first name, last name, and select your date of birth (Month-Date-Year) from the drop-down menus. **Your name must be entered exactly the way it appears (or will appear) on your passport.**



Register

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

Email Address

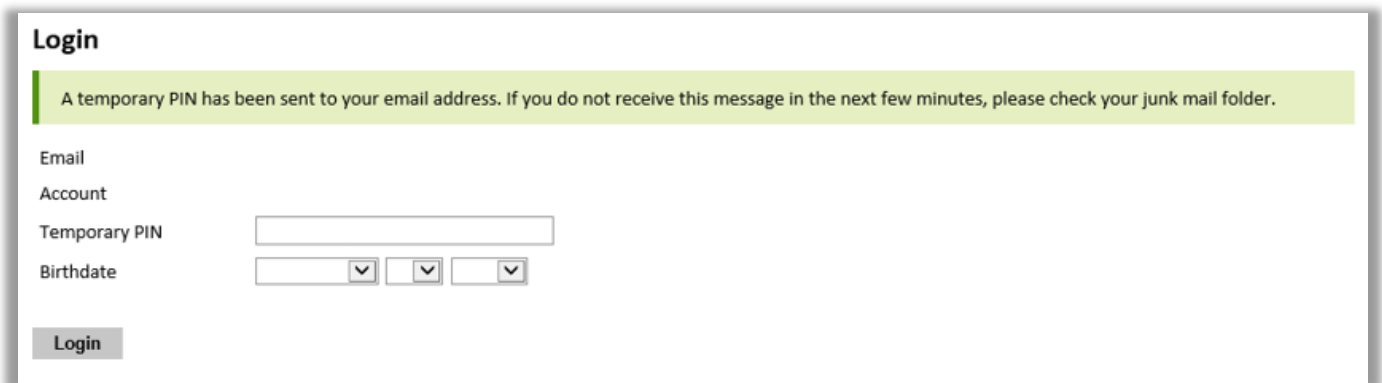
First Name

Last Name

Birthdate

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

5. 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.
6. You will be prompted to enter your pin and then create a password to complete login.



Login

A temporary PIN has been sent to your email address. If you do not receive this message in the next few minutes, please check your junk mail folder.

Email Account

Temporary PIN

Birthdate

Set Password

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

New Password

New Password (again)

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

Set Password

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

Managing Your Application

EDITING YOUR APPLICATION PRIOR TO SUBMISSION

1. You may log in at any time to review and edit your application form, upload documents, and enter recommender information.
2. Remember to save your application after completing each page by pressing the *Continue* button at the bottom of each page.

Note: *The application will automatically log you out after 60 minutes of inactivity, so it is best to save your application frequently.*

REVIEWING YOUR APPLICATION AFTER SUBMISSION

1. After you SUBMIT your application, you CANNOT make any changes.
2. You may continue to log in to your account to view the information you have submitted, save a PDF of your application form, and manage your recommenders.
3. You can manage your recommenders by clicking on the *Recommendations* section of the online application.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

1. Letters of recommendation will be submitted directly to the online application portal by the recommenders you registered via your application.
2. If your recommender is unavailable, you will have the option to exclude the recommender and add an alternative after you submit the application.

Preliminary Questions and Data Privacy

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

Preliminary Questions

Through which program country are you applying? *

To which academic year are you applying? *

Important! In the U.S. academic calendar, the academic year begins in August (2025) and runs through the following May (2026). If you intend to apply for a period that begins outside of academic year 2025-2026, make sure to consult with your home country Fulbright office (see [Country Information](#) page at left) to ensure you are filling out the correct application.

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?

Please review the [program details](#) and [eligibility requirements](#) for the country through which you are applying before selecting a response. *

Save and Continue

1. Select the country (Switzerland) through which you are applying for the Medicus grant from the dropdown menu.
2. Select the 2025-2026 program year from the dropdown menu.
3. U.S. Citizenship, Dual Citizenship with the U.S. or Permanent Residency: select 'Yes' or 'No' to indicate your response.
 - Applicants cannot be U.S. citizens or permanent residents of the U.S. to participate in the Medicus Program.
4. Select 'Yes', 'No', or 'unsure' to indicate if you are aware of, and meet, all program eligibility requirements.

- Please visit the “[Medicus Program](#)” webpage to review the program eligibility requirements before proceeding.

IIE Data Privacy Consent for Applicants in IIE-Managed Programs

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

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

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

[Please see the IIE Privacy Statement for more details.](#)

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

Yes ▼

Save and Continue

5. Carefully review the Data Privacy information. If prompted, indicate your acceptance of data privacy terms by selecting 'Yes' or 'No'.
6. Click *Save and Continue* to proceed to the next section.

[Country Information](#)

Review all information in this section!

1. Note any country-specific instructions for completing the rest of the application, including:
 - a. Program website and instructions
 - b. Deadline information
 - c. Open application cycleIf prompted, you must select an Award before proceeding.
2. Click *Save and Continue* to proceed to the next section.

Personal Information

Enter all required biographical information.

1. **Name:** Enter your name exactly as it appears on your passport. Only enter a preferred name if it is DIFFERENT than your legal name (e.g. Alex instead of Alexander).
2. **Name on Previous Records:** If your name is recorded differently on any previous records, list it in the Name on Previous Records section (e.g. maiden name).
3. **Biographical Information:** The birthdate that you used to create your account will automatically appear. Enter your city of birth, country of birth, sex (as it appears or will appear on your passport or travel document), preferred gender identity, marital status, and number of dependents.
4. **Citizenship Information:** Select your country of citizenship and country of residence from the dropdown menus provided.
 - a. If applicable, enter your national identification number and any additional countries in which you hold citizenship.
 - b. To select multiple countries, hold down the CTRL (PC) or Command (Mac) button when selecting options.
5. Click *Save and Continue* to save your responses and advance to the next section.

Contact Information

Enter all required contact information.

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

Academic & Professional Information

This section collects information about your academic and professional background, including your curriculum vitae/resumé, academic degrees, professional experience, organizational memberships, letter of support from home institution, experience abroad, and previous Fulbright grants, if applicable.

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

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

Note: *If your file exceeds 6 pages, an error message will appear on the Review page and will prevent submission of your application.*

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

Curriculum Vitae/Resume*

The curriculum vitae/resume describes academic credentials and demonstrates a record of scholarly achievements. When composing a curriculum vitae/resume, it is important to include:

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

The area below asks for similar information, but provides limited space for answers. In the curriculum vitae, you should expand upon these topics to display more completely your accomplishments. It is strongly recommended that you upload in PDF format.

Curriculum Vitae/Resume	Please upload a document that does not exceed six (6) pages.	The following files have been uploaded: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 11/15/2023 - VS CV.docx - 1 page(s) Preview Delete
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2. **Academic Background:** List all post-secondary educational institutions from which you have received a degree or academic credential **in reverse chronological order** (putting the most recently attended first). **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 dropdown menu
- d. Select the country where the institution is located from the dropdown 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. If relevant, provide the actual name of the degree or diploma (e.g., license)
- i. Enter the discipline in which this degree or diploma was earned
- j. Select the month and year of the date this degree was received (Month – Year format) from the drop down menu. If a degree is in progress, list expected date of conferral for Date Degree Received.
- k. Click *Save*.

Academic Background [Close]

Institution *

Level of Study *

Institution Location (all address fields are required) *

Country *

City *

State *

Website

Name of Diploma or Degree Equivalent *

Actual Name of Degree or Diploma

Discipline *

Date Degree Received *

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

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

- a. Choose the role which most closely corresponds to your current role from the dropdown menu
- b. If you are an independent/unaffiliated scholar, check the box underneath the Current Role field. The Institution Name and Department Name fields will disappear after the box is checked
- c. Enter your current position title (e.g. Director, Assistant Director, etc.)
- d. Enter the name of the institution and, if relevant, the department where you are currently employed
- e. Enter the start and end dates for the position you entered (Month-Year format). If you are currently employed in this role, leave the End Date fields blank.
- f. Select the country where your current place of employment is located from the dropdown menu. Enter in the street address, city, state/region, and post code as applicable
- g. Click *Save*

Relevant Employment History [X]

Current Role *

Are you an independent/unaffiliated scholar? *

Position Title *

Institution Name *

Department Name

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

Start Date *

End Date

Institution Address

Country

Street

City

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

6. **Significant Professional Accomplishments:** List your most significant professional accomplishments, honors and awards, and up to three significant publications in the text box.
 - a. List no more than five accomplishments, honors, or awards
 - b. Separate each entry with a semicolon (;)
 - c. 700-character limit

7. **Organizational Memberships:** List up to four professional memberships in cultural, educational, and professional organizations.
 - a. Select the number of organizational memberships you would like to add (up to 4).
 - b. Enter the name of the organization
 - c. If you held an elective office in the organization, enter the name of your role (e.g., Treasurer)
 - d. Enter the start and end dates (Month-Year format) that correspond with your membership in this organization. If you are still an active member, leave the End Date blank.
 - e. Click *Save*

Organizational Memberships

List up to four professional memberships in cultural, educational, and professional organizations.

Please select how many Organizational Memberships you would like to add. *

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8. **Letter of Support from Home Institution:** A letter of support/leave from your home institution, confirming your ability to participate in a Medicus award for the time frame you are proposing is **NOT** required for the application. However, please upload a PDF file of such a letter here should you wish to include one in your application file.
 - a. Click *Browse*
 - b. Locate and select the file that you previously saved to your computer
 - c. Click *Open*

Letter of Support from Home Institution

As directed in your country-specific instructions, please upload a letter of support/leave from your home institution, confirming your ability to participate in a Fulbright award for the time frame you are proposing.

Letter of Support Please upload any letters of support/leave from your home institution. No file chosen

9. **Experience Abroad:** List any professional travel and/or residence abroad exceeding three (3) months, including any stays in the United States, during the last six years:
 - a. Click *Add New Experience Abroad*
 - b. Select the country in which you spent your professional travel and/or residence abroad from the dropdown menu provided

- c. Select the start and end dates (Month-Year format) of your travel/residency
- d. Enter the purpose of your travel abroad
- e. Click *Save*

Experience Abroad ✕

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

Country *

Start date: *

End date: *

Purpose of Travel Abroad: *

- f. If you have more than one trip abroad to enter, click *Add New Experience Abroad* again, and follow the bulleted instructions until all entries have been saved.
10. Select 'yes' or 'no' to indicate if you have previously entered the United States on a J-1 or J-2 visa
 - If 'yes', you are required to select the J category of sponsorship from the list and upload a copy of your previous DS-2019
If you have participated in a J-1 or J-2 visa exchange program in the Professor or Research Scholar categories, please check with the Scholarship Service of swissuniversities to confirm you are eligible to apply for the program at this time.
 11. **Previous Fulbright Grant(s):** Select 'yes' or 'no' to indicate if you have previously been awarded a Fulbright grant.
 - If 'yes' indicate the number of prior Fulbright awards you have received (up to 4). Then,
 - 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.
 12. If you are applying for another Scholar Opportunity, please provide justification as to why you should be considered for another award in the text box.
 13. Click *Save and Continue* to save your responses and advance to the next section.

Previous Fulbright Grant(s)

Have you previously been awarded a Fulbright grant? *

Yes ▾

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

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

2 ▾

Award 1	Award 2
Award Type *	Award Type *
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Previous Grant Year *	Previous Grant Year *
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

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

Language Skills

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

Language Skills

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

Native Language

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

Native Language *

Additional Language Skills

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

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

Save and Continue

1. **Native Language:** Select your native language from the dropdown menu provided.

2. **English Language Proficiency:** If your native language is not English, a section collecting your English language proficiency will appear.
 - Rate your English language proficiency in Reading, Writing, and Speaking. Select Native, Advanced, Intermediate, Beginner or No Ability from the dropdown menus as appropriate. Please upload English language proficiency results and/or TOEFL scores in the Additional Information section, if available.
3. **Additional Language Skills:** Select the number of additional languages that you would like to include that may be of use for your project or study plans.
 - Select the language you are reporting from the dropdown menu and rate your proficiency in Reading, Writing, and Speaking. Select Native, Advanced, Intermediate, Beginner or No Ability from the dropdown menus as appropriate.

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

Plagiarism Agreement

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

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

Plagiarism will be understood to include any of the following:

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

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

It is expected that your project proposal will be your own work and writing, clearly citing secondary sources when describing the academic work and writing of others (including one's own previously published work). Any sources used in the construction of your responses must be clearly cited.

By indicating 'Yes', you are acknowledging that you understand both what actions constitute plagiarism in this application, and the consequences resulting from any plagiarism found in your submission.

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

Project Proposal

This section collects information about your proposed project.

1. Select the category of grant for which you are applying.
 - a. If you select Research, you must upload a Bibliography.
 - a. If you select Teaching/Research, you must upload a Bibliography and Course Syllabus.
 - b. If you select Teaching, you must upload a Course Syllabus.
2. **Project Statement:** Enter your Project Title in the Project Title field. The project title must be in English. Make sure it is written in AP style: no abbreviations, not all caps; all words of four or more letters should be capitalized, no Oxford commas.
3. **Brief Summary of Project Proposal:** Enter a summary of your Project Proposal in the text box (maximum of 700 characters)
4. **Project Statement Uploader:** Upload a detailed project statement of three (3) to five (5) pages in PDF format
 - a. Click *Choose File*
 - b. Locate and select the file that you previously saved to your computer
 - c. Click *Open*
5. **Bibliography:** If you selected Research or Teaching/Research category of grant, you will be prompted and required to upload a Bibliography of one (1) to three (3) pages of references relevant to the proposed research in PDF format following the instructions above.
6. **Course Syllabi:** If you selected Teaching/Research or Teaching category of grant, you will be prompted and required to upload Course Syllabi of up to ten (10) pages for courses you either propose to teach or have taught in PDF format following the instructions above.
7. **Academic Discipline:**
 - a. Select the most appropriate major academic discipline for your project from the dropdown menu.
 - b. Select the most appropriate primary specialization from the dropdown menu.
 - c. Enter a brief description of the area of the field in which you plan to specialize/conduct research in the United States in the text box.
 - Some fields (for example Arts) will ask you if you'd like to upload portfolio materials as part of your application. Select 'Yes' or 'No'
 - If you select 'Yes,' you will be directed to upload your materials on the next page. Please follow the upload instructions listed.

8. Intended Grant Period:

- a. Select your proposed grant length (in months) from the dropdown menu
- b. Enter your proposed grant start and end dates (Month-Day-Year format)

9. Host Institutional Affiliation(s) and Letter of Invitation: *Visiting Scholars are strongly encouraged to propose to work with no more than one host institution while in the United States. This is to ensure that program participants have sufficient time to develop ties to their host institutions and communities.*

An institutional affiliation and Letter of Invitation are NOT required at the time of application, but must be submitted to the Scholarship Service of swissuniversities by the end of May at the latest. If you have already made affiliation arrangements with a U.S. host institution select 'Yes'.

- a. If 'Yes', enter a primary, and, if applicable, a secondary (backup) host institution.
 - Enter Institution Name
 - Enter Name and Contact Information of the person at the Institution who will be your primary contact
 - Enter the address of the Institution
 - Indicate whether you have received a letter of invitation
 - Upload the Letter of Invitation (if available) by clicking *Choose File*, locate and select the file from your computer, click *Open*
 - **Note:** *Letters of Invitation should be typed on institutional letterhead and signed. The letter should indicate the nature of in-person activities the host institution would make available to the scholar, whether regular meetings with the host faculty member, departmental events, office access, library access, lab work, teaching, or any collaborative activities. The letter should also contain the proposed grant dates and include day, month, and year for both start and end dates.*
- b. If 'No', list up to 3 host institution preferences in order of priority
 - Enter Institution Name
 - Enter Name and Contact Information of the person at the Institution who you have communicated with previously, OR the main contact for the department that you are interested in joining
 - Enter the address of the Institution
 - If you are in contact with the Institution, enter the date (Month-Day-Year form) of your initial contact
 - Enter a reason for the suggested affiliation

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

Grant and Travel Plans

This section gathers information on your personal finances, additional grants you may have applied to/received, passport, and accompanying dependents. These sections are required. Please complete all questions as best as presently possible.

1. **Financial Information:** Select 'Yes' or 'No' to indicate if you have other sources of financial support during your Medicus grant
 - a. If 'Yes', select the number of other sources of funding you expect to receive
 - Enter Source Description (e.g., SNSF grant)
 - Estimated Amount (in U.S. dollars)
 - The Other Funds Total field will automatically update based on the amounts provided above
 - Financial Support Documentation: Once you enter a number for additional sources of funding expected, upload supporting documentation by selecting *Choose File*, select the relevant file and click *Open*

Grant & Travel Plans

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

Financial Information

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

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

Yes ▾

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

1 ▾

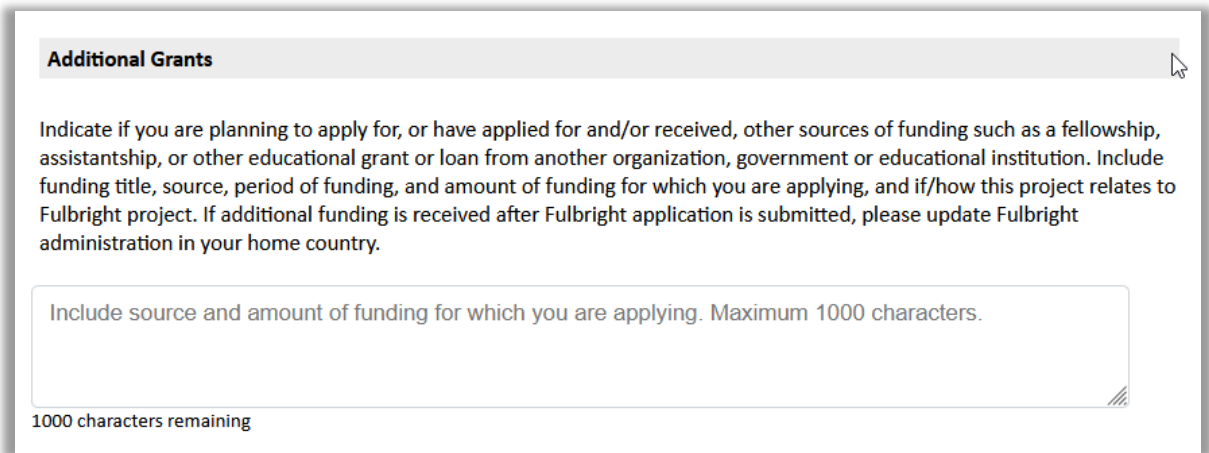
Please specify all amounts in U.S. dollars. Please enter total amounts for the expected grant period, rather than monthly amounts.

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

Financial Support Documentation

Financial Support Documentation	Please upload relevant documentation of any financial support you expect to receive.	The following files have been uploaded: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 11/15/2023 - Financial Support Document.docx - 1 page(s) Preview Delete• Add Another
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- b. **Additional Grants:** Indicate if you are planning to apply for other sources of funding to supplement the Medicus grant award in the text box (1000 character limit). Include the duration and amount for all funding.



The screenshot shows a form titled "Additional Grants". The title is in a grey header bar. Below the header, there is a paragraph of instructions: "Indicate if you are planning to apply for, or have applied for and/or received, other sources of funding such as a fellowship, assistantship, or other educational grant or loan from another organization, government or educational institution. Include funding title, source, period of funding, and amount of funding for which you are applying, and if/how this project relates to Fulbright project. If additional funding is received after Fulbright application is submitted, please update Fulbright administration in your home country." Below the instructions is a large text input box with a light blue border. Inside the box, there is a placeholder text: "Include source and amount of funding for which you are applying. Maximum 1000 characters." At the bottom left of the form, there is a label "1000 characters remaining".

2. **Passport/Travel Document:** Upload a copy of your passport by selecting *Choose File*.
Note: *Your passport should be valid for at least six months past your proposed exchange end date. If selected for a Medicus award and your passport will expire before or during your program, please renew your passport prior to beginning your program.*
3. **Accompanying Dependents:** Select the number of dependents (defined as spouse and unmarried children under the age of 21) you intend to have accompany you the U.S. (select 0 if you do not have dependents or your dependents will not accompany you to the U.S.). If you intend to have dependents join you for part of your grant, but you are not yet certain whether they will accompany you, please list them and keep swissuniversities informed of any changes.
If you select 1 or more, you will be prompted to enter required information for each dependent, including relationship to you, name, date of birth, sex, country of citizenship, previously held U.S. J-1 or J-2 visa, and intended length of stay in the U.S.
Please upload a copy of the passport of your accompanying dependent(s) in the Additional Information section (see page 22).
4. Click *Save and Continue* to save your responses and advance to the next section.

Additional Information

Use this section to upload additional documentation in support of your application. You may need to combine related documents in one PDF if you have multiple documents to upload.

1. **Additional Documentation**

a. Supplemental Materials

- Academic Materials
 - Master's degree: Please upload a copy of your Master's degree
 - Ph.D. degree: Please upload a copy of your Ph.D. degree.
- Dependent Passport
Please upload a copy of the passport of your accompanying dependent(s), if applicable.
- English Language Proficiency
Please upload English language proficiency results and/or TOEFL scores here, if available. The TOEFL is not required.

b. Additional Documentation

Upload any other additional material you feel important to support your application. Please note that all documents must be written in or translated into English.

2. **Outreach Survey:** Complete the Outreach Survey but related to the Medicus Scholar Exchange Program (instead of the Fulbright Visiting Scholar Program).

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

Recommendations

Use this section to register your recommenders. You must have three letters of recommendation submitted on your behalf. Your recommenders must complete the forms online and submit electronically. Recommendations must be written in or translated into English.

Once you register your recommenders, they will receive an automatic email with instructions on completing the online recommendation form. It is strongly recommended that after registering you contact your recommenders to make sure they have received the instruction email. In some rare cases the receiving computer system's firewall may block the notification email.

If you register your recommenders first, they have time to submit their letter of recommendation to your application while you are working on it. You can track the status of recommendations, send reminders, and add/delete recommenders through this system before and after submission of your application. Late referee reports cannot be accepted.

Note: *It is your responsibility to ensure that recommendation reports are submitted by the deadline. Your application will be considered incomplete if the three letters of recommendation have not been received.*

Letters of recommendation are an extremely important aspect of your application. Tips on recommendations:

- Please provide your recommenders with a copy of your project statement.
- Recommendations should be from people qualified to evaluate your professional work; the abilities you bring to the proposed project; your ability to adapt to another country and culture; and the merits of the project itself.
- At least one academic and one professional or work-related letter should be included among the letters.
- If you have recently moved to a new home institution, one should be from your previous institution.
- Do not ask someone for a letter of recommendation unless the person is well acquainted with your qualifications. A pro forma letter from a well-known scholar, a contact abroad or a prominent government official will carry less weight than a realistic assessment of your abilities from someone who knows you and your work well.

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

Add Recommender ✕

Prefix

First Name

Last Name

Institution

Position/Title

Relationship

Telephone

Email

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

Personal message to recommender

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

Your name will be displayed to recommender as:
Liliane Jaermann [Change](#)

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

Signature

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

Signature

By my signature,

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

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

Date Signed: November 15, 2023

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 any errors appear, correct or complete these sections and return to the Review section to determine if your application is ready for submission. However, the system will not evaluate your additional documents e.g. your Ph.D. degree, etc. – please ensure these supplementary documents are attached before submitting.
- Please note that you must submit all required supporting documents electronically by the application deadline. No material will be accepted after this date.

REVIEW ALL RESPONSES. CLICK SUBMIT APPLICATION.

**You will be able to download a PDF of your complete application following submission.
Please send a copy of the application in PDF format to stip@swissuniversities.ch no later than
March 26, 2025 at midnight.**

**Thank you for your interest in the Medicus program.
You will be notified of your application progression in due course.**