



**APPLICATION FOR THE 2010-2011
US EMBASSY POLICY SPECIALIST PROGRAM (EPS)**
This program is funded by the US Department of State (Title VIII Program)

I. PERSONAL DATA

1. **NAME:** _____
(Dr., Ms., Mr.) (Last Name) (First) (Middle)
2. **PLACE OF BIRTH:** _____
(City) (State) (Country)
3. **DATE OF BIRTH:** _____
4. **GENDER:** Male: _____ Female: _____
5. **AMERICAN CITIZEN OR PERMANENT RESIDENT:** Yes _____ No: _____

II. CONTACT INFORMATION

6. **HOME ADDRESS:** (Unless otherwise notified, this address will be used for all mailings to you):
Street: _____
Apartment: _____ City: _____
State: _____ Zip: _____
Country: _____ Telephone: _____
Fax Number: _____ E-mail: _____
7. **INSTITUTIONAL ADDRESS** (employer, college/university, other institutional affiliation):
Institution: _____
Department: _____ Sub-department: _____
Job Title: _____
Street: _____ City: _____
State: _____ Zip: _____
Country: _____ Telephone: _____
Fax Number: _____ E-mail: _____

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III. RESEARCH GRANT INFORMATION

8. PLACEMENT INFORMATION

Please select your US Embassy/Consulate and topic of choice. The US Embassy/Consulate has specifically requested specialists in the following field(s):

Armenia

US Embassy, Yerevan

Economics
Anti-Corruption/Economics

Azerbaijan

US Embassy, Baku

Economic Development
Alternative/Renewable Energy
History

Georgia

US Embassy, Tbilisi

Higher Education/Public Policy
Civic Engagement
Higher Education

Kazakhstan

US Embassy, Astana

Civil Society
Foreign Relations
Politics

Kyrgyzstan

US Embassy, Bishkek

Foreign Investment and Trade
Labor Migration
Kyrgyz Attitudes towards the US

Moldova

US Embassy, Chisinau

Democracy Building/Civil Society
Transnistria

Russia

US Consulate, St. Petersburg

History of US-Russia Relations

US Embassy, Moscow

Environment

Tajikistan

US Embassy, Dushanbe

Politics
Energy Economics
History

Turkmenistan

US Embassy, Ashgabat

Agriculture
Alternative Energy

9. PROPOSED GRANT TRAVEL DATES (up to two months; please make sure that your dates correspond with the fellowship length requested by the Embassy/Consulate in the Application Instructions):

In the event that the Embassy/Consulate is unable to accommodate you during your proposed time frame, are there any other dates that may also be possible for you? If so, please list:

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10. INTEREST STATEMENT

In your interest statement please provide the following information and note that **your statement must be between 1,000 and 2,500 words**. Attach a separate sheet that is typed and double-spaced.

1. Describe why the EPS program interests you.
2. Describe what skills and experience you possess that would be useful to the Embassy/Consulate.
3. Describe the research you plan to pursue during this program with respect to the Embassy/Consulate topic, as well as any additional personal research you plan to pursue during the program.

IV. PROFESSIONAL INFORMATION

11. HIGHEST DEGREE OBTAINED: _____ **YEAR:** _____

INSTITUTION: _____

V. LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY SELF-EVALUATION

12. LANGUAGE(S) TO BE USED IN RESEARCH: If you are a beginner, or plan to conduct your research in English, please briefly explain how you plan to undertake your proposed research without relying on knowledge of the host-country language.

13. Please evaluate your present ability to write, speak, and understand the language(s) to be used in your research. (See explanation of rating scale in instructions.)

	Fluent	Good	Fair	Poor	Beginning
Reading	5	4	3	2	1
Writing	5	4	3	2	1
Speaking	5	4	3	2	1
Listening	5	4	3	2	1

_____:	_____ reading	_____:	_____ reading
(language)	_____ writing	(language)	_____ writing
	_____ speaking		_____ speaking
	_____ listening comprehension		_____ listening comprehension
Years of study: _____		Years of study: _____	

_____:	_____ reading	_____:	_____ reading
(language)	_____ writing	(language)	_____ writing
	_____ speaking		_____ speaking
	_____ listening comprehension		_____ listening comprehension

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Years of study: _____

Years of study: _____

14. List language courses taken to date in reverse chronological order; if you have had no formal training, explain what steps you have taken to prepare yourself for advanced research or training in this language(s).

VI. MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

15. GRANT INFORMATION

- List any other grants (non-IREX) for which you are currently applying or plan to apply:

- Have you received an IREX grant in the past? YES: _____ NO: _____

- If yes, please list all previous IREX grants received and the years in which the grant(s) were completed:

16. WHERE DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THIS PROGRAM?

- Advisor
- Conference Booth
- Electronic listserv
- Friend/Colleague
- Internet
- IREX office
- Lecture/Presentation
- Newspaper Advertisement
- Program Brochure or Poster
- Program Alumni (please list name): _____
- University faculty/staff
- US Embassy
- Other (please specify): _____

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IREX Privacy Policy and Application Certification Statement

Your privacy is important to IREX. That is why we request that all applicants read the following privacy policy statement carefully.

1. APPLICANT AND PARTICIPANT INFORMATION CONTENT AND STORAGE

Information about program applicants and current and past participants consists of data contained in their applications, information derived from interviews, and information gathered during the course of their program and as program alumni. IREX stores this information in written and electronic form indefinitely. Some data, such as contact information and professional experience, is continually updated.

2. USE OF INFORMATION

Information, which is described above, may be:

- A. Used by selection committees and interviewers to review applicants;
- B. Supplied to the program's funding organization;
- C. Submitted to potential host schools, universities, or organizations and/or organizations that provide research opportunities;
- D. Used for the evaluation of an individual's participation in the program and in the collection of data for general program evaluation by IREX, funding agencies or other organizations contracted to conduct evaluations;
- E. Used for notifying program participants/alumni of upcoming events and programs;
- F. Provided to participants/alumni of this and other US government-sponsored programs for the purpose of fostering alumni networking;
- G. Provided to non-commercial, nongovernmental organizations for the purposes of promoting professional development among program participants/alumni; and
- H. Used by IREX for general promotional purposes in written or electronic form, including program directories, newsletters, web sites and other promotional materials.

If the applicant or current/past participant does not want to be included in points E-H, it is their responsibility to notify their specific program administrator at IREX/Washington. IREX does not sell applicant or current/past participant information. The principles stated herein are binding only to IREX; other organizations involved in the administration of these programs may adhere to other privacy or similar policies.

3. CERTIFICATION

I certify that the information given in this application and supporting materials is complete and accurate, and I have carefully read and understand the privacy policy above.

I understand IREX reserves the right to verify all the information listed in the application. I understand that giving false or misleading information in the application will result in exclusion from the competition or immediate dismissal from the US Embassy Policy Specialist Program.

Signature: _____ Date: _____