

Application for the 2012-2013 U.S. Embassy Policy Specialist Program

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**APPLICATION FOR THE 2012-2013
U.S. EMBASSY POLICY SPECIALIST PROGRAM (EPS)**
This program is funded by the U.S. 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 (check one):** Male: Female:

5. **Are you a US citizen? (check one):** YES: NO:

(Note: Eligibility for the EPS program is limited to US citizens.)

II. CONTACT INFORMATION

6. **PRIMARY EMAIL ADDRESS:** _____

SECONDARY EMAIL ADDRESS (if applicable): _____

7. **INSTITUTIONAL ADDRESS** (employer, college/university, other institutional affiliation):

Institution: _____

Department: _____ Sub-department: _____

Title: _____

Street: _____

City: _____ State/Country: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

8. **HOME ADDRESS:** (Unless otherwise notified, this address will be used for any mailings to you):

Street: _____ Apt.: _____

City: _____ State/Country: _____

Zip: _____ Telephone: _____

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IV. PROFESSIONAL INFORMATION

9. HIGHEST DEGREE OBTAINED: _____

YEAR: _____ INSTITUTION: _____

10. CURRICULUM VITAE: Please attach a current CV or resume to your application.

III. RESEARCH GRANT INFORMATION

11. PLACEMENT INFORMATION

Please select your U.S. Embassy/Mission and topic of choice. The U.S. Embassy/Mission has specifically requested specialists in the following field(s). If you wish to apply for more than one placement, you must submit a separate and complete application for each field/topic.

Armenia
USAID Mission, Yerevan

Media
Politics
Think Tanks
Migration

Azerbaijan
USAID Mission/U.S. Embassy, Baku

Youth/Civil Society
U.S. Embassy, Baku
Economics/Banking Sector
Agriculture
Economics/Tax Code

Georgia
U.S. Embassy, Tbilisi

Media
Public Administration
Public-Private Partnerships

Kazakhstan
U.S. Embassy, Astana

Economics
Religion

Kyrgyz Republic
USAID Mission, Bishkek

Public Health/Business
Governance
Migration

Russia
USAID Mission, Moscow

Islam/N. Caucasus Conflict Mitigation
Gender/N. Caucasus Conflict Mitigation
Youth/N. Caucasus Conflict Mitigation

U.S. Embassy, Moscow
International Trade
Economic Growth

Tajikistan
U.S. Embassy, Dushanbe

Education/Religion
Education/Governance
Youth
Agriculture

Turkmenistan
U.S. Embassy, Ashgabat

Islam
Rural Life
Clan Structures

Ukraine
USAID Mission, Kyiv

Health Reform
Anti-Corruption
Energy

U.S. Embassy, Kyiv
Law Enforcement
Property Rights
Public Health

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10. PROPOSED GRANT TRAVEL DATES: Fellowship dates must fall between July 1, 2012 and August 31, 2013. See application instructions for requested length of fellowship for each placement.

In the event that the Embassy/Mission 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 below:

11. RESEARCH STATEMENT

In your research statement, please provide the following information and note that **your statement must be between 1,000 and 2,500 words**. Please attach the statement as a separate document.

1) Why does the EPS program interest you?

2) What skills and experience do you possess that would be useful to the Embassy/Mission, per the topic and qualifications outlined by the Embassy or Mission?

3) What research you plan to conduct during this program with respect to the topic proposed? You may describe your research question or focus area, any preparatory work completed, your proposed research venue and methodology in the field, and/or the anticipated utility of your research for the U.S. Embassy/Mission and U.S. policymaking community in general. (Please also briefly describe any additional personal research you plan to pursue during the program.)

V. LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY SELF EVALUATION

11. Please evaluate your present ability to write, speak, and understand the language(s) to be used in your research on a **scale from 1-5, where 1=Beginning, 2= Poor, 3=Fair, 4=Good and 5=Fluent**. (For a more detailed explanation of the rating scale, see the application instructions.)

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

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_____ : (language)	reading writing speaking listening comprehension	_____ : (language)	reading writing speaking listening comprehension
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12. 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).

13. 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.

VI. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

14. 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:

15. WHERE DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THIS PROGRAM?

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

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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 U.S. Embassy Policy Specialist Program.

Signature: _____ Date: _____