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2027 Critical Language Scholarship Program

Printable Application

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Section 0: Pre-Application Form

Privacy Notice and Consent

Before you begin your CLS Program application, let us tell you about the data we will collect from you and how we will use and store it. Most of the data we collect is necessary to perform under the [CLS Terms and Conditions](#) and the [CLS Virtual Terms and Conditions](#) agreements we may conclude with you at a later stage in the application process. Some data will be required to perform certain legal obligations to which American Councils is subject, and for other data, we will ask for your explicit consent. Please note that, if you (or your parents or legal guardians, if applicable) choose not to give us your consent, you will not be able to participate in the CLS Program.

Questions?

If you have any questions about this Privacy Notice and Consent form, please contact the program staff at: cls@americancouncils.org.

Privacy Notice

Please provide the following information:

1) Applicant Name

First/Given Name:

Middle Name/Patronymic:

Last/Family Name:

2) Country of Current Residence:

3) Date of Birth:

American Councils for International Education: ACTR/ACCELS, Inc., (American Councils, we, us, or our) based at 1828 L Street NW, Suite 1200, Washington, D.C. 20036-5136, United States of America, would like to inform you about the **Critical Language Scholarship (CLS)** program. To participate in the CLS Programs, American Councils requires certain data about you. Your written consent is required to continue with your application.

What Regulation Governs Our Processing of Your Data?

See our [About Your Data](#) page.

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What is the Critical Language Scholarship (CLS) Program?

The Critical Language Scholarship (CLS) Program is a [U.S. Department of State](#) program with funding provided by the U.S. Government and supported in its implementation by [American Councils for International Education](#).

U.S. leadership abroad—in commerce, global affairs, and security—rests on Americans who can navigate other languages and cultures with expertise and fluency. The Critical Language Scholarship (CLS) Program delivers intensive summer language instruction to high-achieving undergraduate and graduate students, selected through a competitive, merit-based process. Offered in nine languages overseas or virtually, the program condenses a full academic year of language study into eight weeks of rigorous instruction and cultural immersion. Since 2006, the CLS Program has equipped more than 10,000 U.S. participants with the linguistic skills, regional knowledge, and global networks to advance U.S. interests worldwide. For additional information about the CLS Programs, please visit: <https://clscholarship.org>.

What Data Will Be Collected and for What Purposes, and with Whom Will We Share It?

For this program, your personal data will be collected, used, shared, and stored. Different data is collected for different processes. For more information on the processes for which we collect data, please see Table 1 in the Appendix.

How Long Will American Councils Retain My Data?

In line with Article 13(2)(a) GDPR, American Councils will retain personal data collected for only for as long as one or more of the following objective criteria continue to apply:

1. Program administration needs: the data remains necessary to verify eligibility, manage placements, and deliver participant support. This applies to the current program and any other program the participant may apply for in the future;
2. Post program obligations: the data remains necessary for follow up monitoring obligations, impact evaluations, alumni engagement, or mandatory reporting periods are still open;
3. Legal or contractual requirements: the data is required for financial grant rules, audit requirements, child protection or immigration laws, and other statutory record keeping or limitation periods have not yet lapsed;
4. Potential claims or investigations: the data may be required to establish, exercise, or defend legal rights; and
5. Long-term public interest archiving or research: fully anonymized statistical data continues to offer demonstrable value without allowing re-identification.

Once none of these criteria apply, the information is either irreversibly anonymized or securely destroyed in accordance with our data deletion procedures.

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What Risks May I Have If My Data Is Sent Outside the EEA or My Country?

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Use of Artificial Intelligence (“AI”)

As part of the post-program report preparation process, we may share your data with our enterprise AI service. Information provided to the enterprise AI service is processed within our organization's secure Microsoft 365 environment. It is not shared outside the organization except as necessary to provide the service, and it is not used to train public or shared AI models.

If you have questions about how we use AI or about your data protection rights, please contact us at privacy@americancouncils.org.

What Are My Options?

You have the following options in relation to personal data:

1. The option to access the personal data we hold about you.
2. The option to withdraw your consent. If you withdraw your consent, your personal data will be deleted or anonymized after you have withdrawn your consent, except for the personal data we are obliged to store in compliance with legal obligations.
3. The option to have your personal data corrected if any of your personal data held by us is inaccurate or incomplete. Please contact us using the contact details found at the end of this Privacy Notice and Consent form.
4. Under certain conditions, the option to be forgotten, which is the option to ask us to delete or otherwise dispose of any of your personal data that we have.
5. The option to restrict, or prevent, the processing of your personal data.
6. The option to data portability. This means that you can ask us for a copy of that personal data to re-use with another service or business in applicable cases.
7. The option to object to us using your personal data for a particular purpose or purposes.
8. The option to be informed about our collection and use of your personal data.
9. The option to lodge a complaint with the relevant Data Protection Authority.

All data subject access requests should be made in writing and sent to privacy@americancouncils.org. Please note that we may ask you to verify your identity before responding to such requests. We will respond to your request within 30 days of receiving such request.

Making a Request or Asking a Question

See our [About Your Data](#) page.

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Contacting the Relevant Data Protection Authority

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Consent for the Collection, Use, and Storage of Personal Data

Please indicate your consent choice for data processing activities related to special categories of your personal data that reveal background characteristics.

- ☐ Yes, I consent
☐ No, I do not consent

If you answer no, [1] American Councils will not be permitted to collect, use, or store your personal data; [2] your application form will be erased; and [3] you will not be able to participate in the CLS Program.

Date of Consent:

Applicant's Signature:

Please indicate your consent for the transfer of personal data outside your country or the European Economic Area (the “EEA” consists of all EU Member States, plus Iceland, Liechtenstein, and Norway).

- I consent that my personal data be transferred to the United States of America (USA) and, on a limited basis, to other countries outside of my country or the EEA.
- I understand that the standard protections afforded to those in my country or the EEA may not fully apply to my data that I voluntarily consent to be transferred to the USA or other countries outside of my country or the EEA.

- ☐ Yes, I consent
☐ No, I do not consent

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Opt-in to Email Communications from American Councils

May we contact you by email to alert you to programs, grants, or other opportunities and information available for CLS Program applicants, participants, and alumni?

Choose one

☐ Yes

☐ No

NOTE: You may give or withdraw your consent to receive application support or marketing emails from us at any time. You can do this by writing to us by email at: cls@americancouncils.org.

Campus Advisors Acknowledgement and Consent

The CLS Program collaborates with faculty and staff at colleges and universities across the United States who volunteer to support applicants. As part of the application process, advisors are granted access to an online portal containing the names, email addresses, degree programs, and languages of interest of their student(s). Advisors may use this information to promote the CLS Program, assist students, or encourage application submission.

We strongly encourage you to connect with the CLS advisor(s) on your campus. You can find a list of CLS advisors at <https://clscholarship.org/applicants/advisor-directory>. Other helpful resources may include study abroad advisors, fellowships advisors, academic advisors, or a campus writing center.

I understand that CLS will share limited application information, as indicated above, with my campus advisor(s).

☐ Yes

I would like to receive the following type(s) of information from the CLS Program during the application process:

☐ Reminders as the deadline approaches

☐ Worksheets to help with drafting essays

☐ A schedule of webinars and drop-in office hours

☐ Tips and best practices for completing the application

☐ I do not wish to receive any additional information

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U.S.-based college or university where you are currently enrolled in a degree program.

If you are studying abroad this semester, you should list your home institution

College or University Name:

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Section 1: Program Overview and Requirements

Below is basic information about the CLS Program, including eligibility criteria and requirements for participation. Afterward, you will be asked to certify that you have read the information.

Critical Language Scholarship Program

The Critical Language Scholarship (CLS) Program is a [U.S. Department of State](https://www.state.gov) program with funding provided by the U.S. Government and supported in its implementation by [American Councils for International Education](https://www.americancouncils.org).

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The CLS Program reserves the right to change, cancel, or hold any 2027 CLS institute virtually due to safety, health, and security considerations.

Eligibility?

To be eligible for the CLS Program applicants must:

- Be a U.S. citizen or national at the time of application.
 - Permanent Residents and individuals awaiting naturalization are not eligible.
- Be at least 18 years old by May 15, 2027.
- Be enrolled in an accredited U.S. degree-granting program at the undergraduate (associate, bachelor's) or graduate (master's, doctoral, professional) level at the time of application. Graduating seniors and students enrolled in one-year master's programs are eligible. Applicants for virtual institutes must be enrolled at the undergraduate level at the time of application.
 - Applicants must be enrolled in a program that results in a degree. Those taking stand-alone or continuing education classes or pursuing a certificate are not eligible.
 - Applicants must be enrolled at an accredited U.S. institution. Students earning degrees at foreign institutions outside the U.S. or its territories are not eligible, even if accredited by a U.S. agency. Students enrolled in dual-degree programs involving coursework at both a U.S. institution and an international institution may be eligible if they can provide a transcript from the U.S. institution.

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- Applicants must be enrolled in at least one credit-bearing class at or through their home institution in fall 2026. Exceptions are limited to three cases described below and are reviewed case-by-case starting in late January.
 - Applicants enrolled in a degree-granting program taking a leave of absence to participate in an organized term- or year-long study abroad program; national scholarship or fellowship program; or substantive co-operative or internship program may request an exception.
 - **Applicants with fall term activities that do not show up on their transcript must submit a CLS Enrollment Confirmation form (completed by their U.S. registrar) and a signed letter from the program provider confirming participation. American Councils will provide the CLS Enrollment Confirmation form and further instructions to applicants selected as semi-finalists. If selected as a finalist, applicants may need to submit updated documentation confirming their successful completion.**
- Applicants must complete fall academic requirements and maintain good academic standing to remain eligible. Applicants who withdraw or fail to maintain good academic standing with their institution are ineligible to participate.
- Applicants must be enrolled for the spring term unless they graduate in December 2026. The CLS Program reserves the right to revoke awards from applicants who withdraw or fail to maintain a good academic standing with their institution during spring 2027. Finalists may be asked to submit a CLS Enrollment Confirmation form for the spring semester.
- Undergraduate applicants must complete at least one full year of study (two semesters or three quarters) by the beginning of the CLS Program in summer 2027.
- Applicants must meet the language requirements, if applicable, of the program to which they apply.
- Applicants may only apply once, for one language, each year. Applicants who submit multiple applications will be considered ineligible.

The following persons are ineligible for one year after the employment, association, or service terminates:

- **Employees of the U.S. Department of State.** Including all paid or unpaid employees (part-time, temporary, consultants, externs, fellows and personal services contractors). Interns are exempt.
- **Immediate family members (e.g., spouses or dependent children) of the above employees.** Family members of interns are exempt.
 - Self-supporting children living apart from their parents are also eligible, provided that their parents/guardians do not work directly on the CLS Program.

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- **Employees (and their immediate family members) of contractors or grantees performing work on behalf of ECA's USA Study Abroad exchange programs.** Interns and their families, self-supporting children, or children who live apart from their parents, are qualified to participate.

Military Affiliation

The CLS Program welcomes applicants with affiliation to the U.S. armed services. All applicants with military affiliation, including all U.S. Department of Defense military and civilian personnel, service academy cadets, service members of active and reserve components, as well as inactive service members, including members of the Individual Ready Reserves (IRR), may be subject to passport or visa requirements, special waiver requirements, prohibition of travel to the host country, and/or other restrictions. Applicants affiliated with the U.S. armed forces should consult their commanding officer regarding travel restrictions and requirements, and review the CLS Program guidance provided in the Frequent Asked Questions section: <https://clscholarship.org/applicants/applicant-faq>.

Participation Requirements

The CLS Program is rigorous and immersive, requiring full commitment from participants. Reasonable accommodations are provided.

Participants in all CLS Program institutes must be able to:

- Stay alert and focused for several hours at a time during classes, cultural activities, and when receiving staff instructions;
- Attend the pre-program orientation and all required classes and activities, as dictated by the program schedule and for the duration of the program (program dates will be announced prior to the deadline for accepting the award, if offered);
- Work effectively as a member of a team despite potentially stressful and difficult conditions. This may require problem solving on an interpersonal or group level as well as a willingness to accept differences;
- Contribute to a safe learning environment. No inappropriate verbal or physical behavior toward others, either in person or online, is tolerated for any reason; and
- Communicate ideas and concerns on an individual and group level.

Participants in the CLS Program's overseas institutes must:

- Perform necessary self-care, including maintaining adequate nutrition and hydration, dressing appropriately for environmental conditions, maintaining personal hygiene, and managing known medical conditions;
- If taking prescription medications, be able to maintain proper dosage without assistance from instructors or others (except in emergency situations);
- Follow detailed instructions on travel, risk management, and personal care; and

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- Navigate transportation independently between housing and the institute site (up to one hour each way).

Participants in the CLS Program's virtual institutes must:

- Have reliable Internet and access to a device capable of supporting live online instruction; and
- Be able to participate in live classes weekly using a camera and microphone.

Program dates may overlap with academic terms, requiring participants to coordinate with their institutions.

Medical Review

Participants in the CLS Program's overseas institutes must submit a medical information form and physician's statement for review by an independent medical professional contracted by the CLS Program. Participants must also inform the program of any changes in their health status between submission of these forms and the start of the program in order to participate. Falsifying or omitting medical information may result in revocation or termination of the CLS award at any time prior to, or during, the program. Students who are not medically cleared by both their own medical professional and by the CLS-contracted medical professional may not be allowed to participate in the CLS Program.

Passports, Visas, and Entry Requirements

Participants in the CLS Program's overseas institutes must enter the host country using a U.S. passport. Dual citizens may face restrictions if host country laws require entry on the local passport. Applicants are responsible for determining whether they hold, or are eligible for, dual citizenship with the host country, and addressing any potential consequences before accepting a CLS award. Failure to obtain a valid U.S. passport by the specified deadline may result in visa denial and disqualification from the program.

Participants must secure an appropriate visa, if required, and meet all local entry requirements, including vaccinations and/or health tests.

- **Visa issuance is at the discretion of the host country.**
- Finalists may be required to work closely with program staff to complete visa paperwork well in advance of regular deadlines. This may include submitting passports for visa processing in the spring before the program begins, which could require canceling or rescheduling planned international travel.
- If traveling with a valid U.S. passport with an X sex marker, participants should check the travel advisory for immigration regulations at their destination, as acceptance may vary. The United States government cannot guarantee entry or transit through other countries. Participants should consult the foreign embassy or consulate in the United States for more information.

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Terms and Conditions of Award

Selected participants must agree to the CLS Program's terms and conditions, which are updated annually.

You may review Terms and Conditions from previous years here:

[Sample of the CLS Terms and Conditions](#)

[Sample of the CLS Virtual Terms and Conditions](#)

Program Benefits

All CLS participants receive:

- Intensive language instruction and cultural enrichment experiences;
- Textbooks and language learning materials;
- Official certification of language gains through ACTFL OPI test; and
- Academic credit issued through Bryn Mawr College.

Additional program benefits may be provided at a later date.

Additional benefits for participants in the CLS Program's overseas institutes:

- International and domestic travel between the student's home city in the U.S. and the CLS Program site abroad;
- Visa application fees, where applicable; and
- Room, board, and program-sponsored travel within the host country or location.

Additional benefits for participants in the CLS Program's virtual institutes:

- A stipend towards supplemental equipment and connectivity costs (for example, a web camera or microphone).

Participant Responsibilities

Participants in the CLS Program's overseas institutes are responsible for:

U.S. passport fees (except for those eligible for [CLS Passport Assistance](#));

- Cost of medical exams and any follow-up visits necessary to pass the medical review process, as determined by the CLS Program; and
- Cost of any immunizations required for entry, and travel health clinic appointments.

Participants in the CLS Program's virtual institutes are responsible for:

- The cost of necessary equipment (for example, a new laptop);

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- The cost of phone or internet connectivity plans;
- Living expenses; and
- Physical and mental health expenses.

For more information, visit: <https://clscholarship.org/about/program-overview>.

Selection Criteria and Process

Applicants are selected based on:

- Commitment to language learning;
- Preparation for and alignment with program expectations;
- Connection between language and academic or professional goals.
- Contribution to citizen diplomacy; and
- Contribution to national impact

All other factors being equal, the CLS Program awards primary preference to veterans of the United States armed forces, in recognition of their service. Applicants are not expected to have prior study abroad or international experience.

Notifications of **semifinalist status** will be sent by email in late January 2027.

Finalists, alternates, and non-recipients will be notified by email in **early March 2027**.

Finalists will have approximately two weeks to accept or decline, and alternates may be promoted on a rolling basis.

For full selection criteria visit <https://clscholarship.org/applicants/selection-process>.

Institute Choice

The CLS Program provides instruction in nine critical languages through overseas and virtual summer institutes. Applicants of all levels, including beginners, are welcome.

Language	Beginner Level (No prior language study required)	Advanced Beginner, Intermediate, and Advanced Levels (At least one year of prior study required or the equivalent)
Arabic	Virtual	Overseas
Chinese	Virtual	Overseas
Hindi	Overseas	Overseas
Japanese	Virtual	Overseas

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Language	Beginner Level (No prior language study required)	Advanced Beginner, Intermediate, and Advanced Levels (At least one year of prior study required or the equivalent)
Korean	Virtual	Overseas
Persian	Overseas	Overseas
Portuguese	Overseas	Overseas
Russian	Virtual	Overseas
Swahili	Overseas	Overseas

Program Choice

1) Select the institute for which you are applying.

- ☐ Virtual (beginning Arabic, Chinese, Japanese, Korean, or Russian)
☐ Overseas

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Section 2: Application Instructions

How to Apply

Eligibility

- Review the eligibility requirements at www.clscholarship.org/applicants/eligibility.

Detailed Instructions

- Review the [detailed instructions for the application](#).

Application Submission

If unable to submit online, mail your application to the address below. Materials must be received by **November 17, 2026**.

ATTN: CLS Program
American Councils for International Education
1828 L St NW, Suite 1200
Washington DC 20036-5136

Questions?

- Visit the CLS website: www.clscholarship.org
- Review the Frequently Asked Questions page: <https://clscholarship.org/applicants/applicant-faq>
- Contact CLS Program staff during business hours (9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. U.S. EST Monday-Friday)
 - **Toll-free number:** 1-877-257-9922
 - **Email:** cls@americancouncils.org

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Section 3: Eligibility

Please refer to the Eligibility Requirements listed in Program Overview and Requirements.

1) Are you a U.S. citizen or national?

Naturalized citizens must be naturalized by the date of the application deadline, November 17, 2026. For more information about naturalization, please visit the [U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services website](#).

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

2) Will you be at least 18 years old by May 15, 2027?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

3) Are you currently enrolled in a degree-granting program (i.e., undergraduate, master's, joint undergraduate-graduate, doctoral, or professional degree)?

Students taking stand-alone or continuing education classes or pursuing certificates are not eligible. Students enrolled in dual degree programs that include coursework at a U.S. institution and an international institution should self-identify in Section 3: Eligibility, Question 6.

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

3a) If yes, please indicate your degree type.

- ☐ Undergraduate (Bachelor's or Associate's)
☐ Master's
☐ Dual or joint undergraduate-graduate degree
☐ Doctoral (PhD)
☐ Professional (DDS, MD, DO, PAC, JD, etc.)

3b) If no, please explain.

4) Are you currently taking at least one credit-bearing class at or through your home institution?

Students not taking classes at or through their home institution are only eligible if they are participating in an organized semester- or year-long study abroad program, a national fellowship or scholarship program, or a substantive co-operative or internship program and intend to re-enroll following its completion.

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

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4a) If no, are you currently participating in a study abroad, scholarship or fellowship, or co-operative or internship program?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

4b) If yes, please provide details.

5) Is your institution accredited and based in the United States?

*Students earning degrees at foreign colleges or universities that are not based in the United States or its territories are not eligible. **All finalists must submit a transcript from an accredited U.S.-based institution to confirm eligibility.***

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

6) Are you enrolled in a dual-degree program involving coursework at both a U.S. institution and an international institution?

Students enrolled in joint or dual undergraduate-graduate degree programs in which both degrees are awarded by a U.S. institution - either concurrently or sequentially - are eligible and should self-identify in Section 3: Eligibility, Question 3a.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

7) Will you have completed at least one academic year of study at the undergraduate level (two semesters or three quarters) by summer 2027?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

8) Are you submitting only one CLS Program application for only one language?

- ☐ Yes

9) Are you a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces?

All other factors being equal, the CLS Program awards preference to veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces, in recognition of their service. Active-duty members do not qualify for veterans' preference. If you answer yes to this question, you must attach a copy of your DD214 or NGB-22 Form.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Decline to State

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9a) If yes, attach a copy of your DD214 or NGB-22 Form.

10) Do you certify that you have reviewed the eligibility and program requirements, and that you are eligible to apply for the CLS Program?

CLS Program staff will review each applicant's eligibility for the program during the evaluation process.

☐ Yes

11) Do you understand that if selected for an overseas institute, you will be required to submit a medical information form and physician's statement for review by an independent medical professional?

Results determine placement and participation eligibility.

For more information: <https://clscholarship.org/applicants/participation-requirements>.

The CLS Program does not discriminate on the basis of medical condition or disability.

☐ Yes

12) Do you understand that if selected for an overseas institute, your participation depends on the decision by the host country to issue you a visa that is appropriate and valid for the CLS Program.

For more information about participation requirements:

<https://clscholarship.org/applicants/participation-requirements>.

☐ Yes

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Section 4: Applicant Information

Contact Information

Notifications about selection status will be sent in January and March 2027, with program updates continuing through October 2027. Provide contact information where you can be reached through October 2027.

1) Primary Email Address:

This email address will be used through October 2027.

2) Alternate Email Address:

This address will only be used if we cannot reach you at the address provided above.

3) Primary Telephone Number:

Please provide a telephone number where you can be reached regarding your application and, if selected, your participation in the Critical Language Scholarship Program. American Councils may use this number to contact you about application status, program requirements, deadlines, and other program-related matters. This number will be used through October 2027.

4) Alternate Telephone Number:

This number will only be used if we cannot reach you at the number provided above; a friend or family member's number is recommended.

Biographical Information

Please provide your preferred name, legal name (if different), and any previous legal names you have used.

5) Preferred Name

First Name:

Middle Name:

Last Name:

6) Is your legal name different from your preferred name?

☐ Yes

☐ No

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6a) Legal name (i.e., as on government-issued ID)

Legal First Name:

Legal Middle Name:

Legal Last Name:

7) Have you had a different legal name before?

☐ Yes

☐ No

7a) Previous legal name(s) used

Previous Legal First Name:

Previous Legal Middle Name:

Previous Legal Last Name:

8) Sex

Please select the option that best describes your sex. This information will not be shared with application evaluators.

☐ Female

☐ Male

☐ Prefer not to answer

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9) Date of Birth:

10) Place of Birth

Birth City:

Birth State/Province/Region:

Birth Country:

Permanent Address and Congressional District

The CLS Program reports to members of Congress when constituents from their states or districts receive a CLS award. Your address should fall within the congressional district you indicate.

11) Permanent Residential Address:

For example, if you live in Rhode Island but attend school in Illinois, then please indicate your address in Rhode Island.

12) U.S. Congressional District

List your U.S. Congressional District. If unsure, find it at: <https://www.house.gov/representatives/find-your-representative>

Note: This may be where your permanent residence is located or where your institution is located.

State/Territory:

District:

List "At Large" for states with only one Congressional representative (Alaska, Delaware, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Vermont, and Wyoming), and for the District of Columbia and U.S. territories (American Samoa, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, and U.S. Virgin Islands).

Passport Information

You do **not** need to have a passport to apply for the CLS Program.

Note: All finalists for overseas institutes must have a valid U.S. passport by March 2027; failure to do so may prevent visa issuance and program participation. You may need to apply for a new passport if you do not currently have one, if it will not be valid through the required dates, or if it lacks at least two blank visa/stamp pages. [CLS Passport Assistance](#) may be available to help with costs associated with passport procurement (excluding expedited processing and shipping fees).

13) Do you hold dual citizenship with another country?

☐ Yes

☐ No

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14a) If yes, please list the other citizenship country:

14b) If yes, do you understand that you will be required to travel on your U.S. passport to participate in the CLS Program?

☐ Yes

14c) If yes, do you acknowledge that participation in a CLS Program in the country of your other nationality may not be feasible?

☐ Yes

14) Do you have a U.S. passport with your legal name valid through March 1, 2028 with two blank visa pages?

☐ Yes

☐ No

14a) If yes, what is the date of issue?

14b) If yes, what is the date of expiration?

Routine passport processing can take up to eight weeks from the date of application to the receipt of a new passport. If you do not take timely measures to secure a valid U.S. passport by March 2027, you will be responsible for any fees associated with expediting your passport.

For more information, visit: <https://travel.state.gov>.

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Section 5: Current Academic Information

List the college or university where you are enrolled in a degree program. If studying abroad, list your home institution.

1) Current College or University Name:

2) University City and State:

3) Start Date:

4) Anticipated Date of Graduation (if applicable):

5) Current or Anticipated Academic Major(s):

6) Current or Anticipated Academic Minor(s):

7) Are you pursuing any fields that are critical to U.S. national security/interests, such as those listed below or others that you consider relevant?

Check all that apply.

- ☐ Aerospace and military technology
- ☐ Super Intelligence (SI)/Machine Learning/Supercomputing
- ☐ Automotive
- ☐ Aviation
- ☐ Clean coal technologies
- ☐ Critical minerals and mining
- ☐ Cybersecurity
- ☐ Defense
- ☐ Domestic energy production
- ☐ Drone technology
- ☐ Financial services/Banking
- ☐ Financial technology
- ☐ Healthcare technology/Biotech
- ☐ Manufacturing
- ☐ Maritime infrastructure
- ☐ Military/Veterans services

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- ☐ National intelligence
- ☐ Nuclear energy
- ☐ Pharmaceutical manufacturing
- ☐ Public health/infectious disease prevention
- ☐ Road safety/Logistics
- ☐ Skilled trades and advanced manufacturing
- ☐ Timber/Paper
- ☐ Other
- ☐ None of the above

7a)

If Other, please list:

Spring 2027

8) Will you be enrolled in courses at this college/university during the spring 2027 academic term?

Choose one.

- ☐ Yes, I am taking classes at my home campus.
- ☐ Yes, but I am studying abroad, taking classes, or completing a fellowship, co-op, internship elsewhere.
- ☐ No, I am studying abroad, taking classes, or completing a fellowship, co-op, internship elsewhere.
- ☐ No, I am transferring to a different campus or institution.
- ☐ No, I am graduating before Spring 2027 (i.e., in December 2026).
- ☐ No, I am taking a leave of absence.

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8a) If relevant, when is the estimated date of your last final exam?

8b) If relevant, where are you studying abroad, taking classes, or completing a fellowship, co-op, or internship? With whom?

City:

Country:

Program Name:

Fall 2027

9) Will you be enrolled in courses at this college/university during the fall 2027 academic term?

This has no impact on your application, it is used for internal purposes only.

☐ Yes

☐ No

9a) If yes, when is the anticipated date of your first day of class for fall 2027?

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Section 6: Language Choice and Past Experience

The 2027 CLS Program offers instruction in nine languages across four different levels.

Level	Experience Required
Beginner	Less than one year of prior study
Advanced beginner	1 year of prior study (or the equivalent)
Intermediate	2 years of prior study (or the equivalent)
Advanced	3 years of prior study (or the equivalent)

Language and Level

Before selecting a language and level, review the [Language Levels and Prerequisites guidelines](#) and consider the level you expect to reach by the start of the program in summer 2027. You should apply for the next level of study beyond your current ability. For example, applicants who expect to complete one year of language study before the program begins should apply for an advanced beginner level, while applicants who expect to complete two or more years of study should apply for the appropriate intermediate or advanced level.

Accurate information about your previous coursework, self-study, language use, and travel experience helps reviewers assess your preparation and readiness for your chosen institute.

Virtual Program

1) Indicate the language for which you are applying:

Choose one.

- ☐ Arabic
- ☐ Chinese (Mandarin)
- ☐ Japanese
- ☐ Korean
- ☐ Russian

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2) Which statement best describes your post-secondary (university or college) language experience with your CLS target language?

Choose one.

- ☐ I have taken college or university coursework in my CLS target language.
- ☐ I have studied or gained experience in my CLS target language, but not through formal college or university coursework.
- ☐ I have no prior experience with my CLS target language.

Overseas Program

Choose one.

1) Indicate the language for which you are applying:

- ☐ Arabic
- ☐ Chinese (Mandarin)
- ☐ Hindi
- ☐ Japanese
- ☐ Korean
- ☐ Persian
- ☐ Portuguese
- ☐ Russian
- ☐ Swahili

1a) Indicate the level for which you are applying.

Indicate the level you anticipate achieving by the program start date in June 2027.

Assess yourself according to the [Language Levels and Prerequisites guidelines](#).

- ☐ Beginner
- ☐ Advanced Beginner
- ☐ Intermediate
- ☐ Advanced

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2) Which statement best describes your post-secondary (university or college) language experience with your CLS target language?

Choose one.

- ☐ I have taken college or university coursework in my CLS target language.
- ☐ I have studied or gained experience in my CLS target language, but not through formal college or university coursework.
- ☐ I have no prior experience with my CLS target language.

Post-Secondary Courses in Your CLS Target Language

2a) If you have taken, are taking, or plan to take college or university level classes in your target language, please provide details. Include the following information about your past, current, and planned language courses, starting with the most recent.

This includes literature or other content courses in the target language, where readings and written assignments were completed in the language.

Course Title:

Institution:

Start Date:

End Date:

Average Number of Hours Per Week Spent in Classroom:

Grade:

Other Language Experience with Your CLS Target Language

3) Which statements best describe any additional ways, if any, in which you have engaged with the target language?

Check all that apply

- ☐ Private or small group study or tutoring
- ☐ Formal classes in high school, middle school, or elementary school
- ☐ Interactions with family, friends, coworkers, or community members who speak the language
- ☐ Self-study (e.g., apps or software, podcasts, films, TV, books, music, etc.)
- ☐ I am a heritage speaker (family background in the language, practicing the language at home)
- ☐ None of the above

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3a) If you indicated you had any additional experience, please provide details about your coursework and/or activities in the target language. Include the frequency, number of hours, materials used, topics covered, and level of engagement. If you are a heritage speaker, describe your language use at home. If you are a beginner, you may have limited or no activities to describe.

Target Language Travel

4) Have you previously visited or lived in any countries where the target language is spoken?

☐ Yes

☐ No

4a) If yes, please provide details about your past, current, and planned travel to countries where the target language is spoken, starting with the most recent.

Country:

Year of Visit:

Sponsoring Organization (if any):

Travel Duration:

Travel Purpose (Study, vacation, family, work/internship, other):

Other Language Experience

5) Have you studied or do you speak languages other than English and/or your target language?

☐ Yes

☐ No

5a) If yes, list the other language(s) you speak or have studied.

Language:

Primary Study Method (High school, college/university, tutoring, self-study, other):

Number of Years Spoken/Studied:

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Section 7: Transcript and Grades

Please provide a list of the courses and grades from your **current** college or university. If accepted, you must submit an official transcript to verify this information. Discrepancies between your CLS application and official transcript may result in award revocation unless verified by your institution.

1) Are you currently in your first semester at your current college or university?

☐ Yes

☐ No

With your submission, attach an unofficial transcript that includes past courses and in-progress coursework for fall 2026. First-year students without grades may substitute proof of enrollment, such as a screenshot of their enrollment status, or request a document from their registrar showing in-progress courses. Grades for the current semester are not required.

Please contact us with any questions regarding the transcript reporting requirements:

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Section 8: Previous Academic Information

Questions? Contact cls@americancouncils.org.

1) Have you completed college-level coursework in the past five years that is not reflected on your current institution's transcript?

☐ Yes

☐ No

1a) If yes, please list all previous colleges and universities you attended in the past five years and provide related transcripts. If relevant, you may also list previous colleges and universities from beyond five years ago.

If the courses you took already appear on your current institution's transcript, you do not need to fill out this section.

Country:

College or University Name:

Type of Program (Undergraduate, Master's, Doctoral, Professional, Non-Degree):

Degree Awarded (Bachelor of Arts, Master of Science, Doctor of Education, etc.):

Date Degree Awarded:

Field of Study:

Section 9: Previous Programs, Activities, Honors, and Fellowships

CLS Program Awards

1) Have you applied for the CLS Program overseas in the past?

This includes programs that were virtual due to the pandemic or other unanticipated circumstances.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

1a) If yes, have you received a CLS award for overseas study in the past?

- ☐ No, I have not received a CLS award
- ☐ Yes, I received a CLS award for overseas study and completed the program
- ☐ Yes, I received a CLS award for overseas study, but declined or did not begin the program
- ☐ Yes, I received a CLS award for overseas study, but did not successfully complete the program

1b-i) If yes, explain your circumstances and how this application builds on your previous experience. Please include whether you are applying for the same language.

2) Have you applied for the CLS Spark virtual initiative in the past?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

2a) If yes, have you received a CLS award for CLS Spark in the past?

- ☐ No, I have not received a CLS Spark award
- ☐ Yes, I received a CLS Spark award and completed the program
- ☐ Yes, I received a CLS Spark award, but declined or did not begin the program
- ☐ Yes, I received a CLS Spark award, but did not successfully complete the program

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2b-i) If yes, explain your circumstances and how this application builds on your previous experience. Please include whether you are applying for the same language.

3) Please indicate all CLS Programs completed from 2006-2026.

Year:

Award type (Overseas, Virtual (due to the pandemic), CLS Spark):

Language:

Level:

City:

U.S. Government Programs

4) Which of the following language programs have you participated in?

This list is for statistical purposes and may not include all programs. If you participated in a language program that is not listed here, you are welcome to discuss it in your essays or elsewhere in the application.

Check all that apply.

- ☐ Boren Award (Fellowship or Scholarship)
- ☐ Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange (CBYX)
- ☐ Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (FLAS)
- ☐ Kennedy-Lugar Youth Exchange and Study (YES) Abroad
- ☐ Language Flagship Program
- ☐ National Security Languages Initiative for Youth (NSLI-Y)
- ☐ STARTALK
- ☐ Title VIII Award (Research and Training on Eastern Europe and Eurasia)
- ☐ Other (please specify)

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4a) If you checked any boxes above, please indicate the year and location for each.

Program Name:

Program Location, including city, state/region, and country:

Language studied (if applicable):

Year :

Activities, Honors, and Employment

5) List up to five jobs, internships, fellowships or academic honors, and/or volunteer or campus activities that you have engaged in that demonstrate leadership capacity, community involvement or a connection to your professional goals. Include the following information:

Activity Name:

Start Date:

End Date:

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Section 10: Essays

The following essays are designed to help us understand your motivations and fit for this federally funded scholarship. Using Super Intelligence tools, such as generative chatbots or agents, to brainstorm, structure, or create content for your essays may hinder this process and make it difficult for reviewers to assess your fit for the program. You may reuse material from previous applications as a starting point, but your essays should reflect your current goals and interests. Please review resources on the CLS website before you start your essays.

1) Commitment to Language Learning

Maximum of 400 words allowed.

The CLS Program supports U.S. students building high-level linguistic and cultural expertise in languages critical to U.S. security, economic competitiveness, and global engagement.

Please address the following points:

- Why are you interested in your target language and culture? Describe any past formal or informal experience with the language. If you are a true beginner, you may have limited to no previous opportunities to discuss.
- How will CLS advance your language proficiency, and how will you meet the demands of an intensive language program?
- How will you keep building your language skills after CLS, even if resources are limited on your campus?

2) Citizen Diplomacy

Maximum of 400 words allowed.

CLS scholars serve as citizen diplomats. They represent the United States while adapting to an intensive academic schedule and an unfamiliar culture, all while building relationships with host community members.

Please address the following points:

- How will you adapt to new cultural perspectives and experiences, including collaborating with a cohort of American peers?
- What experiences and perspectives have prepared you to represent the United States as a citizen diplomat?
- How do you plan to develop an understanding of the people, cultures, and communities connected to your target language?

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3) Goals and National Impact

Maximum of 400 words allowed.

The CLS Program equips the next generation of American leaders with international experience, global networks, and foreign language skills, preparing participants to apply these abilities in service of U.S. national interests.

Please address the following questions:

- What are your academic or professional goals, and how does your target language advance them?
- How will you apply your target language and cultural expertise gained through CLS to contribute to your career, community, or field of study?
- Beyond your person path, how might your participation benefit the United States in the future – for example, by building relationships with other countries, supporting U.S. businesses and innovation, or contributing to U.S. security?

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Section 11: Statistical Information

This information will **not** be shared with application reviewers and will have no bearing on your selection for the CLS Program. It may be used in aggregate for the production of external reports or public presentations.

The CLS Program welcomes all eligible applications without discrimination.

1) How did you learn about the program?

Check all that apply

- ☐ CLS Alumni or Participants
- ☐ Email Announcement
- ☐ School Presentation
- ☐ Social Media
- ☐ Study Abroad Fair
- ☐ College/University Staff (e.g., Academic Advisor, Fellowship Advisor, Study Abroad Advisor, Teacher/Professor, Career Counselor)
- ☐ Website or Internet Search
- ☐ Other

1a) If you checked Other above, please specify:

2) What is your race or ethnicity?

*Check all that apply. **Note:** Categories adhere to Office of Management and Budget's Statistical Policy Directive No. 15: Race and Ethnic Standards for Federal Statistics and Administrative Reporting, which also guide the U.S. Census.*

- ☐ American Indian or Alaska Native
- ☐ Asian
- ☐ Black or African American
- ☐ Hispanic or Latino
- ☐ Middle Eastern or North African
- ☐ Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
- ☐ White
- ☐ Some Other Race
- ☐ Decline to State

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2a) If Some Other Race, please explain:

Maximum of 20 words allowed.

3) Are you a first-generation college student?

Answer No if one of your parents or guardians graduated from a four-year college.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ I decline to state

5) Are you a Pell Grant recipient?

Note: Federal Pell Grants are generally awarded only to undergraduate students. If you are a graduate student, please indicate whether you received a Pell Grant as an undergraduate.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ I decline to state

6) Are you a veteran, or active or reserve duty member of the U.S. Armed Forces?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ I decline to state

7) Do you have a disability?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ I decline to state

8) Select the location that best describes where you grew up.

- ☐ Major City
- ☐ Other City or Town
- ☐ Rural Area

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Section 12: Review and Submit

Final Review of Application

Before you mail your application, please be sure to review all sections. Make sure you have answered all the questions, included all the required documents, and that you are satisfied with your responses.

Once you submit your application, you will no longer be able to make changes to any section of the application. Please note that due to the large volume of applications received, the CLS Program is unable to provide feedback on individual applications.

Certification

1) Please sign your name below to indicate your agreement with this statement:

I certify:

- I completed this application and the written portions are my own work;
- All information in my CLS application is truthful and accurate, and I understand that misrepresentation or omissions may result in disqualification or award revocation;
- No supplemental materials have been included nor will supplemental materials be accepted after the application is submitted;
- I understand that American Councils and the U.S. Department of State will not discuss individual selection decisions with applicants; and
- I understand that my application is in no way an offer or a guarantee of an offer for a Critical Language Scholarship award.

Signature:

Date:

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Appendix

Table 1

Name of Process	Description of Purpose	Categories of Personal Data	Which Third Parties Might Have Access to My Data?	Legal Basis
Recruitment	Application and testing for programs, tracking, and support and encouragement for submitting an application	○ Biographical information ○ Contact information ○ Cultural information (<i>which may include data revealing background characteristics</i>) ○ Educational history ○ Essays ○ Language skills other than English ○ Military service history ○ Program participation history ○ Related-party information	○ Cloud computing platforms ○ Communications platforms ○ Program advisors at universities and colleges ○ Third-party system developer ○ U.S. Department of State	○ Performance of pre-contractual measures at the request of the data subject ○ Performance of a contract ○ Performance of a legal obligation ○ Explicit consent for special categories of personal data

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		○ System access history ○ Travel history ○ Work and volunteer history		
Evaluation and Selection	Evaluating candidates, reviewing health eligibility, and selecting finalists and semi-finalists	○ Biographical information ○ Cultural information (<i>which may include data revealing background characteristics</i>) ○ Educational history ○ Essays ○ Language skills other than English ○ Military service history ○ Program participation history ○ Related-party information ○ Travel history ○ Work and volunteer history	○ Cloud computing platforms ○ Evaluators ○ Third-party system developer ○ U.S. Department of State	○ Performance of pre-contractual measures at the request of the data subject ○ Performance of a contract ○ Explicit consent for special categories of personal data

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Notification and Registration	Notifying candidates of their status and confirming program participant enrollment	○ Bank account information ○ Biographical information ○ Confirmation of identity ○ Contact information ○ Cultural information (<i>which may include data revealing background characteristics</i>) ○ Essays ○ Health information ○ Language skills other than English ○ Military service history ○ Photographs and videos ○ Program participation history ○ Related-party information ○ System access history	○ Banking services providers ○ Cloud computing platforms ○ Communications platforms ○ Consulting medical professionals ○ Implementing organizations ○ Learning management systems ○ Third-party system developer ○ Third-party testing service providers ○ U.S. Department of State	○ Performance of pre-contractual measures at the request of the data subject ○ Performance of a contract ○ Performance of a legal obligation ○ Explicit consent for special categories of personal data
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		○ Work and volunteer history		
Visa Issuance (For overseas programs only)	Securing international visas	○ Biographical Information ○ Contact information ○ Cultural information (<i>which may include data revealing background characteristics</i>) ○ Health information ○ Military service history ○ Passport information ○ Photographs ○ Travel history ○ Work and volunteer history	○ Cloud computing platforms ○ Embassies other than the U.S. ○ Implementing organizations ○ Placement organizations ○ Recruiting organizations ○ Third-party system developer ○ U.S. Department of State ○ U.S. Embassies	○ Performance of pre-contractual measures at the request of the data subject ○ Performance of a legal obligation ○ Explicit consent for special categories of personal data

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Travel (For overseas programs only)	Booking participant travel and providing travel support	○ Confirmation of identity ○ Contact information ○ Passport information	○ Cloud computing platforms ○ Housing and lodging providers ○ Implementing organizations ○ Third-party system developer ○ Travel services provider ○ U.S. Department of State	○ Performance of pre-contractual measures at the request of the data subject ○ Performance of a legal obligation
Participant Medical Insurance (For overseas programs only)	Securing medical insurance coverage for participants	○ Contact information ○ Health information	○ Cloud computing platforms ○ Insurance providers ○ Implementing organizations	○ Performance of pre-contractual measures at the request of the data subject ○ Performance of a legal obligation

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			○ Placement organizations	○ Explicit consent for special categories of personal data
Orientation	Preparing participants for programs	○ Contact information	○ Cloud computing platforms ○ Communications platforms ○ Housing and lodging providers ○ Learning management systems ○ Third-party system developer ○ U.S. Department of State ○ U.S. Embassies	○ Performance of pre-contractual measures at the request of the data subject ○ Performance of a legal obligation

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Program Placement	Placing participants in host families and host institutions	○ Biographical information ○ Contact information ○ Cultural information (<i>which may include data revealing background characteristics</i>) ○ Essays ○ Health information ○ Language skills other than English ○ Photographs and videos	○ Cloud computing platforms ○ Implementing organizations ○ Third-party system developer ○ U.S. Department of State ○ U.S. Embassies	○ Performance of pre-contractual measures at the request of the data subject ○ Performance of a legal obligation
On-Program Support	Providing ongoing support to participants during their exchange, including assistance with academic challenges, host family changes, and health-related concerns, while ensuring personal data is processed securely by designated staff to maintain safety, well-	○ Academic information ○ Bank account information ○ Behavioral information ○ Biographical information ○ Communication information ○ Complaint and investigation information	○ Banking services providers ○ Cloud computing platforms ○ Communications platforms ○ Healthcare providers	○ Performance of pre-contractual measures at the request of the data subject ○ Performance of a contract ○ Performance of a legal obligation

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	being, and clear communication with natural families.	○ Contact information ○ Digital and online activity information ○ Emotional and psychological information ○ Family circumstance information ○ Health information ○ Legal and disciplinary information ○ Language skills other than English ○ Photographs and videos ○ Related-party information	○ Housing and lodging providers ○ Implementing organizations ○ Insurance providers ○ Parent(s) or legal guardian(s) ○ Social media platforms ○ Tax authorities ○ Third-party system developer ○ U.S. Department of State ○ U.S. Embassies	○ Protecting the vital interests of the data subject ○ Explicit consent for special categories of personal data
Post-Program Reporting	Participants prepare an anonymous survey on their program activities and results	○ Biographical information ○ Confirmation of identity	○ Cloud computing platforms	○ Performance of a contract

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		○ Contact information ○ Cultural information (<i>which may include data revealing background characteristics</i>) ○ Essays	○ Communications platforms ○ Implementing organizations ○ Learning management systems ○ Third-party system developer ○ Third-party testing service providers ○ U.S. Department of State ○ U.S. Embassies	○ Performance of a legal obligation ○ Explicit consent for special categories of personal data
Post-Program and Alumni	Providing professional development, volunteering, and grant opportunities to alumni	○ Biographical information ○ Confirmation of identity ○ Contact information	○ Cloud computing platforms ○ Communications platforms ○ Evaluators	○ Performance of pre-contractual measures at the request of the data subject ○ Performance of a contract

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		○ Cultural information (<i>which may include data revealing background characteristics</i>) ○ Educational history ○ Health information ○ Language skills other than English ○ Passport Information ○ Photographs and videos ○ Related-party information ○ System access history ○ Travel history ○ Work and volunteer history	○ Housing and lodging providers ○ Insurance providers ○ Implementing organizations ○ Learning management systems ○ Placement organizations ○ Recruiting organizations ○ SEVIS ○ Social media platforms ○ Third-party system developer ○ Third-party testing service providers	○ Performance of a legal obligation ○ Explicit consent for special categories of personal data
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			○ U.S. Department of State ○ U.S. Embassies	
Marketing	Promoting the organization and its programs	○ Contact information ○ System access history	○ Cloud computing platforms ○ Social media platforms ○ Third-party system developer	○ Performance of pre-contractual measures at the request of the data subject