



UNITED STATES-INDIA EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION
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2027-2028 Fulbright-Nehru Doctoral Research Fellowships
FNDR Applicant Annexure

(Instructions to the applicant: Completion of this Applicant Annexure form is mandatory.
Please fill out the form electronically, save it, and then upload the completed version
on **Page: Additional Information** under *Country-Specific Materials* of your online application.)

I. Please select the field in which you are applying for the fellowship. Note that these fields may not exactly match the fields listed on the online application form. If you do not select any field or select more than one field here, your application will be considered ineligible.

Eligible fields:

1. Critical Minerals and Supply Chains
 - Geology
 - Materials Science
 - Mining Engineering
2. Defense and Security
 - Cybersecurity
 - Aerospace Engineering
 - Robotics and Autonomous Systems
3. Energy Security
 - Energy Engineering
 - Petroleum Engineering
 - Energy Innovation and Technology Commercialization
4. Science and Research Collaboration
 - Bioengineering
 - Artificial Intelligence
 - Semiconductor Engineering
5. Space Cooperation
 - Astrophysics
 - Planetary Science
 - Space Systems Engineering
 - Satellite Communications
6. Technology and Innovation
 - Data Science
 - Quantum Computing
 - Electrical and Electronics Engineering

II. Date of Ph.D. registration (DD/MM/YYYY):

III. Name of the Ph.D. supervisor:

IV. Title of the Ph.D. dissertation / thesis:



V. Please provide the title of the project you intend to pursue under your proposed Fulbright-Nehru Doctoral Research Fellowship in the United States:

VI. Expected Ph.D. thesis submission date (DD/MM/YYYY):

(Your anticipated Ph.D. dissertation or thesis submission date must be at least three months after the conclusion of your Fulbright-Nehru grant. For example, if May 2028 is your grant end date, you cannot submit your thesis before August 2028.)

VII. For employed applicants only: if employed, you should obtain your employer's endorsement in support of your Fulbright-Nehru application. Please obtain the letter from the appropriate administrative authority (e.g. Vice-Chancellor/Registrar/Principal/Director) and not the immediate supervisor or head of the department and upload it on the Additional Documentation section on the Page: Additional Information of your online application.

Have you uploaded the Employer's Endorsement Form from your home institution (choose as appropriate)? *(Applicants receiving fellowships from UGC, CSIR, ICMR, and ICSSR, etc. are not required to submit the Employer's Endorsement Form.):*

Yes

No

Not Applicable

If you have not uploaded the Employer's Endorsement Form from your home institution at the time of submission, please ensure that we receive it no later than July 1, 2026. You can also send the scanned copy of Employer's Endorsement Form to ffsp@usief.org.in.

VIII. Please read carefully and sign:

- I confirm that I have reviewed the prerequisites and eligibility requirements and any specific guidelines pertaining to the Fulbright-Nehru Doctoral Research Fellowships.
- I understand that any incomplete application, or application falsified by omission or misinformation, or plagiarism will automatically be disqualified.
- I understand that if I need to travel abroad (e.g. fellowship, conference) during the application cycle (in particular February 2026-July 2027), I will inform USIEF well in advance at ffsp@usief.org.in.
- I understand that the decisions taken by the reviewers/committees in connection with the selection process will be final and that requests for reconsideration will NOT be entertained.
- I understand that initial selection in India does not guarantee me final placement and an award.



- I understand that if selected for the 2027-2028 Fulbright-Nehru Doctoral Research Fellowship program, I will submit my Ph.D. thesis only after completion of my fellowship program in the U.S. not earlier than three months after my Fulbright-Nehru grant end date.
- I also understand and agree that if I am awarded a Fulbright-Nehru Doctoral Research Fellowship in the United States, I will abide by the policy guidelines established by the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board in connection with the grant.
- I understand that USIEF is not in the position to offer individual feedback to each of the applicants about the specific reasons for selection or non-selection.
- I understand that extension and transfer of visa sponsorship will not be permitted.

Date (DD/MM/YYYY):

Name of the Applicant (as per Indian passport):