Description

** Program Description**

Summer Institute for the Study of East Central and Southeastern Europe (SISECSE)

The Summer Institute for the Study of East Central and Southeastern Europe (SISECSE) is a two-week residential workshop, that provides scholars of Eastern Europe time and space to dedicate to their own research and writing in a collaborative and interdisciplinary setting. ACLS in partnership with the Centre for Advanced Study Sofia (CAS) will convene leading scholars from Eastern Europe and North America for a two-week residency in Blagoevgrad, Bulgaria from June 13, 2024, to June 29, 2024.

SISECSE will also provide participating scholars with the opportunity to undertake local fieldwork, including archival research, work in museum collections, interviews, site surveys, or other forms of data collection. Fieldwork is not a requirement for participation.

Writing Workshops & Immersive Discussions

In addition to conducting their own research, scholars will also have the opportunity to participate in small group writing workshops, as well as a series of immersive discussions on a broad topic of shared academic interest.

In 2024, discussions will explore "The Humanities and Interpretive Social Sciences in a Time of Emergency, or Thinking Urgently." During periods of crisis, whether they are natural disasters, violent conflicts, or global pandemics, the humanities provide critical insights and new perspectives that contribute to our understanding of the human condition, offer solace and reflection, and help us navigate uncertainty. Participants will consider diverse questions: How do the humanities or interpretive social sciences (https://www.acls.org/faqs/acls-faq/) help us make sense of crises and the challenges they present? In what ways can humanistic research foster resilience, empathy, and collective action? How can humanistic scholarship inform policy-making and decision-making processes during emergencies? What distinct perspectives do different fields and disciplines offer?

Discussions will be held over several meals and in one seminar session.

It is not required or expected that applicant's research projects are connected to the workshop theme. Thematic discussions are intended for the enrichment of the participants.

This program is made possible thanks to a generous donation by Carl and Betty Pforzheimer.

DETAILS

- The program will offer a travel stipend and cover accommodation and per diem expenses for the two-week residency.
- Institute members will be expected to be in residence and to participate in all planned events for the duration of the institute.
- Scholars will also be provided with opportunities to travel locally during this time.
- Scholars should apply with their own research proposals through the ACLS online system.

ELIGIBILITY

- Applicants must have a PhD degree conferred (officially awarded) by an accredited university. An established scholar who can demonstrate the equivalent of the PhD in publications and professional experience may also qualify.
    - If the PhD is not conferred (officially awarded) by the application deadline, the applicant must submit:
        - (At the time of application) an institutional statement signed by a university official (dissertation advisor or departmental chair) confirming that the applicant is on schedule to complete the PhD by April 15, 2024.
        - (By April 15, 2024) a letter from the applicant's graduate school confirming that the dissertation has been submitted and approved by the graduate school for conferral according to the university calendar. The applicant is responsible for submitting the dissertation on time in order to meet this requirement. The applicant should request that the graduate school send the letter to ACLS at sisecse@acls.org (mailto:sisecse@acls.org).
- The competition is open to scholars in any field or discipline in the humanities or interpretive social sciences (https://www.acls.org/faqs/acls-faq/) pursuing postdoctoral or advanced research in East Central and Southeastern Europe, including Albania, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Czechia, Croatia, Hungary, Kosovo, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Poland, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, and Ukraine.
- Applicants must have an affiliation—a long-term regular research or teaching appointment—with an institution (i.e., college, museum, university) in North America (Canada, Mexico, US) or East Central and Southeastern Europe (see the list above).
- There are no restrictions as to the citizenship of applicants.
- The application must be submitted in English, but the written work produced may be in any language.

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Applications must include:

- A completed application form including demographic information.
- An application essay (no more than four double-spaced pages in Helvetica or Arial 11-point font). The application essay should lay out the research project—what it is about, its location in the current literature, what sources are to be examined, and how the applicant plans to carry out the work.
- An optional one to two pages of images, musical scores, or other similar supporting non-text materials.
- A bibliography (no more than two pages, double-spaced between entries, in Helvetica or Arial 11-point font).
- A list of the applicant's publications (no more than two pages, double-spaced between entries, in Helvetica or Arial 11-point font). Applicants should indicate if any of their publications resulted from prior ACLS funding.
- An applicant's statement (no more than one single- or double-spaced page in Helvetica or Arial 11-point font). The statement should describe the type of research, writing, or fieldwork an applicant intends to carry out in Bulgaria, the impact of this work on the applicant's research project, and the applicant's interest in participating in interdisciplinary conversations. *ACLS is committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion in all aspects of the fellowship application process. Please use the applicant's statement to note any relevant information about your personal background and/or ways in which your proposed research addresses issues related to diversity, equity, and inclusion.*

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Applications will be reviewed by a panel of scholars who specialize in East Central and Southeastern Europe according to the following criteria:

- Significance of the topic and its potential contribution to the study of East Central and Southeastern Europe.
- The quality and innovativeness of the proposal with regard to its methodology, scope, theoretical framework, and grounding in the relevant scholarly literature.
- The impact of the fieldwork on the applicant's research project, if applicable.

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Eligibility

Before beginning your application, you will be asked questions designed to determine preliminary eligibility for this program. Once you have answered the basic eligibility questions, please read all instructions, including those in the INSTITUTIONAL STATEMENT and PROPOSAL UPLOAD sections, before beginning to fill out the application form.

👤 Eligibility Check

1. Do you have a PhD degree conferred (officially awarded) by an accredited university OR are you an established scholar who can demonstrate the equivalent of the PhD in publications and professional experience?

○ Yes ○ No

2. If you are enrolled in a PhD program, will you have completed all requirements for the PhD, including submission and approval of the dissertation by April 15, 2024, and if so, are you submitting an institutional statement confirming that you are on schedule to complete the PhD by April 15, 2024? Note: If you have a conferred PhD degree or are an established scholar, please indicate 'No.'

○ Yes ○ No

3. Do you have an affiliation--a long-term regular research or teaching appointment--with an institution (i.e., college, museum, university) in North America (Canada, Mexico, US) or East Central and Southeastern Europe (Albania, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Czechia, Croatia, Hungary, Kosovo, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Poland, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Ukraine)?

○ Yes ○ No

4. Will you be able to travel to Bulgaria from June 13, 2024 to June 29, 2024?

○ Yes ○ No

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Instructions

** 👤 Instructions**

You may make as many visits to your application as you wish, and revise any information in your application until it has been submitted. In order to be considered, your application must be complete and in SUBMITTED status at **9:00 PM Eastern Time on November 2, 2023. If your PhD will be conferred after the application deadline, you must complete the INSTITUTIONAL STATEMENT section by this time; your university official will have until November 9, 2023, to submit the institutional statement.**

This application consists of three parts: the application form itself, the uploaded documents (see PROPOSAL UPLOAD), and institutional statement (see INSTITUTIONAL STATEMENT).

BEFORE BEGINNING the application form, please read the instructions regarding the PROPOSAL UPLOAD and the INSTITUTIONAL STATEMENT, as well as the following technical instructions.

A. HOW TO SAVE AND SUBMIT YOUR DATA.

1. Do not use your browser's "BACK" or "FORWARD" buttons for navigation. Instead, use the menu on the left to navigate between screens or the "SAVE AND CONTINUE" button at the bottom of each screen to take you to the next application screen.
2. You must **SAVE each time you leave a screen**. If you do not click on SAVE, anything entered since you last hit SAVE on that screen will be lost. (Any work from a previous session will be retained, but any new entries will be lost.) The SAVE button is on the bottom of your screen.
3. You may work on your application in as many sessions as you wish, and the status of your application will be **IN PROCESS** until you submit it. Once you are satisfied that your application is complete, you must go to the SUBMIT APPLICATION screen and select **SUBMIT APPLICATION.** Once your application has been SUBMITTED, it cannot revert to IN PROCESS status.
4. When you have completed your application, pause to check it one last time. We strongly suggest that you print and read your application before submitting it, so that you can be sure there are no further revisions you wish to make. Your print copy should include your uploaded document.
5. Your application status bar must show SUBMITTED at 9:00 PM Eastern Time on November 2, 2023, in order for it to be considered. ACLS will take no responsibility for applications that are not in SUBMITTED status at the deadline. **Once your application has been SUBMITTED, even if it was submitted before the final deadline, no changes will be permitted.**
6. We strongly urge you to print out and save a copy of the final version of your SUBMITTED application. Your print copy should include your uploaded documents. You can print your application until January 15, 2024.

B. HOW TO ENTER DATA.

1. You may begin completing the application at any section.
2. What you type into the form is exactly what will be seen by our reviewers. Therefore, please fill out the form carefully, paying attention to spelling, punctuation, and grammar. (For instance, do not use all caps.)
3. Text boxes will hold only a limited amount of text. Where longer answers are permitted, the number of available characters will normally be indicated. We suggest that you type rather than paste your response.

If you paste your response, be sure your character count does not exceed the limit: excess text may appear on the screen but will not print and will not be visible to reviewers. Examine your print application to be sure your response is complete.

4. Dates should always be entered in the format mm/yyyy or mm/dd/yyyy where indicated. Where an entry continues into the present, please simply leave the ending date blank (mm/yyyy - [blank]).
5. Begin typing all answers at the extreme left hand side of the response area or box; do not leave a space or indent at the beginning of your answer.
6. In all dollar amount fields, use only digits. Please do not use the dollar sign or commas.

C. HOW TO GET HELP.

1. If you have questions about the application process, please consult FAQ (https://www.acls.org/FAQ/Henry-Luce-Foundation-ACLS-Program-in-China-Studies). If your question is not answered there, click on the "OFA HELP" link that appears on the blue bar at the top of each screen to submit your query.
2. If you are unable to use the "OFA HELP" link that appears on the blue bar at the top of each screen (after this one), contact ofahelp@acls.org (mailto:ofahelp@acls.org) with questions. (Please use the "OFA HELP" link instead if possible.)

Good luck with your application!

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Contact Information

The information you enter in the Common Profile sections (Contact, Professional Background, Education) will be retained for this application and copied to any other fellowship or grant application you undertake in this competition year. You may edit the information in future applications; however, it will not overwrite data in previously submitted applications.

👤 Contact Information

Salutation

Ms.

First Name

Sample

Middle Name/Initial

Last Name

Application

Suffix

Preferred Pronouns

Primary Email Address

sisecse@acls.org

(should be valid through May 2024)

👤 Mailing Information

Address

City

State

Select One ⌄

(If your address is not within the United States, please use this field to complete the address information.)

Zip/Postal Code

(if using a ZIP-plus-4 code, please include hyphen)

Country

Telephone

(   )   -   , ext.

(If not United States)

Which is this address?

Select ⌄

Save   Save and Continue

Education

👤 Education

What is your highest level of education?

○ PhD
○ Pursuing PhD
○ Master's
○ BA/BS

👤 Other Degrees

List any additional degrees

(150 max character limit: *character count = 0*)

👤 Languages

List up to six non-English languages you can use, indicating proficiency in reading, speaking, and writing. *(Use E=Excellent, G=Good, F=Fair or less, N/A=Not applicable.)* *If you are either a Native Speaker or Heritage Speaker of a language, please indicate by checking the appropriate box.*

Language	Reading	Speaking	Writing	Native Speaker	Heritage Speaker
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Language	Reading	Speaking	Writing	Native Speaker	Heritage Speaker
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Professional Background

👤 Current Position

Rank / Title

Select One   ⌄

(Please choose the most appropriate from the list. If you have no current affiliation, please select "Independent Scholar.")

If you do not hold a faculty appointment, what is the exact title of your current position?

(150 max character limit: *character count = 0*)

Discipline

(Please indicate here the discipline in which you primarily publish, research, and/or teach. This may be included in an academic title, if you hold one, for example Assistant Professor of French Literature, Lecturer of Philosophy, etc. Write only the name of your discipline, not your title.)

Specialization

Department

Institution

To ensure proper processing of your application, your institution's name must be displayed correctly. Enter a few letters of your institution's name to search against our database. **Use the full name, not an acronym or abbreviation**.

Date you began this position

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**Second Institution
      (if applicable)**

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If you are currently affiliated with more than one institution, please list the second institution here.

Date you began this position

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👤 Positions Held

List positions held (professional, teaching, administrative, curatorial), beginning with the position immediately preceding the one you currently hold. Give the name of the institution, title, and approximate dates of employment for each.

Please remember:

- use only numbers in the date fields, for example, 09/2015
- use the format mm/yyyy throughout
- where an entry continues into the present, leave the "To" field blank

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Program Questions

👤 Current Position

Are you tenured?

Select	▾

Anticipated date of tenure review completion

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If you do not hold an academic appointment, what is your current position?

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Awards and Publications

👤 Awards

Beginning with the most recent, list up to eight of the grants, fellowships, scholarships, academic honors, or awards you have received, giving in each case the dates, purposes (tuition, travel, expenses, etc.), and, if funded, the approximate amounts. If you are listing only selected awards, choose those that are most significant to the project you are proposing for an ACLS fellowship. Please do not be concerned if you cannot recall exact dates or amounts, and do not feel you must use all eight entries.

Please remember:

- use only numbers in the date fields, for example, 09/1995
- use the format mm/yyyy throughout
- where an entry continues into the present, leave the "To" field blank
- use only numbers in all dollar amount fields, for example, 1000

Award

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👤 Publications

Please include titles, dates of publication, names of publishers or journals, and number of pages for up to EIGHT publications.

(1500 max character limit: *character count = 0*)

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Research Project

👤 Research Project

In the text boxes below, please type rather than paste your response. If you paste your response, be sure your character count does not exceed the limit. Excess text may appear on the screen but will not print and will not be visible to reviewers. Examine your print application to be sure your responses are complete.

Do not use hard returns.

Research Proposal Title

(250 max character limit: *character count = 0*)

Research Proposal Abstract

(800 max character limit: *character count = 0*)

If there is a web page associated with your project, please provide the URL here:

(Optional)

👤 Countries or Geographical Areas – Research Focus

List any countries or geographical areas on which your research is focused.

1.

Select One   ▾

2.

Select One	⌄

3.

Select One	⌄

4.

Select One	⌄

Other

👤 Countries or Geographical Areas – Research Completed

List any countries or geographical areas other than the US in which you have done research in the last five years.

1.

Select One	⌄

2.

Select One	⌄

3.

Select One	⌄

Other

👤 Disciplinary Areas

Please identify up to five disciplinary areas, in order of relevance, that best describe your research project. Do not choose "other" unless none of the options is close to your field. **For your first selection please choose the specific field that most closely corresponds to your fellowship project.**

1.

| Select One | ⌄ |

Other

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Administrative Information

👤 Administrative Information

This information is REQUIRED (except as noted). It is for administrative purposes only and will not be distributed as part of the selection process.

Please remember:

- use only numbers in the date fields, for example, 09/1995
- use the format mm/yyyy throughout, except where mm/dd/yyyy is specifically requested
- where an entry continues into the present, leave the "To" field blank
- use only numbers in all dollar amount fields, for example, 1000

Current salary

0.00

(do not add benefits or summer salary)

What is your country of citizenship?

Select One	⌄

👤 ORCID iD (Optional)

ORCID iD

ACLS requires all applicants to provide an ORCID iD as part of their application. Learn more (https://www.acls.org/FAQ/ACLS-Fellowships).

The record search feature works for public ORCID records only.
(click here to search ORCID)

👤 Sources of Support - Confirmed

List other sources of support, for example, sabbatical salary, other fellowships and grants, **ALREADY CONFIRMED** in connection with your proposed research project or planned total period of research leave. Also indicate the approximate amount of funding and period of support.

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👤 Sources of Support - Applying

List other major funding sources, with approximate amount and tenure period, to which you **ARE APPLYING** for your present research proposal.

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👤 Statistical Purposes Only

The following questions are optional and will be used for statistical purposes only.

Date of birth

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Gender

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With which group or groups do you most identify?

☐ Non-Hispanic White

☐ Black or African American

☐ Latina/o/x or Hispanic

☐ American Indian or Alaskan Native

☐ East Asian American

☐ South Asian American

☐ Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander

☐ Middle Eastern or Arab American

  Other:

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☐ I prefer not to answer this question.

👤 Informational Purposes Only

1. How did you learn about this program? (Please select all that apply.)

☐ Higher Education publication (e.g., Chronicle of Higher Education, Inside Higher Ed)

☐ Dean or other administrator

☐ University fellowship/grants office

☐ ACLS website

☐ Other website (e.g. H-Net)

  Please specify:

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☐ Former fellows/grantees

☐ Colleague at my institution

☐ Colleague at another institution

☐ Social media

  Please specify:

☐ Online Advertisement
   Please specify where:

☐ Email from ACLS
☐ Other Email newsletter or Listserv
   Please specify where:

☐ Web Search
☐ Academic Conference or Meeting
   Please specify:

☐ Other/informal communication
   Other:

2. Please identify the ACLS member scholarly societies or ACLS affiliate organizations (if any) of which you are a member or with which you have an affiliation. (Please check all that apply.)

ACLS Constituent Learned Societies

☐ African Studies Association
☐ American Academy of Arts and Sciences
☐ American Academy of Religion
☐ American Anthropological Association
☐ American Antiquarian Society
☐ American Association for Italian Studies
☐ American Association for the History of Medicine
☐ American Association of Geographers
☐ American Comparative Literature Association
☐ American Dialect Society
☐ American Economic Association
☐ American Folklore Society
☐ American Historical Association
☐ American Musicological Society
☐ American Numismatic Society
☐ American Oriental Society
☐ American Philosophical Association
☐ American Philosophical Society
☐ American Political Science Association

- [ ] American Society for Aesthetics
- [ ] American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies
- [ ] American Society for Environmental History
- [ ] American Society for Legal History
- [ ] American Society for Theatre Research
- [ ] American Society of Church History
- [ ] American Society of Comparative Law
- [ ] American Society of International Law
- [ ] American Society of Overseas Research
- [ ] American Sociological Association
- [ ] American Studies Association
- [ ] Archaeological Institute of America
- [ ] Association for Asian Studies
- [ ] Association for Jewish Studies
- [ ] Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies
- [ ] Association for Study of African American Life and History
- [ ] Association for the Advancement of Baltic Studies
- [ ] Association of American Law Schools
- [ ] Austrian Studies Association
- [ ] Bibliographical Society of America
- [ ] College Art Association
- [ ] College Forum of the National Council of Teachers of English
- [ ] Dictionary Society of North America
- [ ] Economic History Association
- [ ] German Studies Association
- [ ] Hispanic Society of America
- [ ] History of Science Society
- [ ] International Center of Medieval Art
- [ ] Latin American Studies Association
- [ ] Law and Society Association
- [ ] Linguistic Society of America
- [ ] Medieval Academy of America
- [ ] Metaphysical Society of America
- [ ] Middle East Studies Association of North America
- [ ] Modern Language Association of America
- [ ] National Communication Association
- [ ] National Council on Public History
- [ ] National Women's Studies Association
- [ ] North American Conference on British Studies
- [ ] Oral History Association
- [ ] Organization of American Historians
- [ ] Philosophy of Science Association

- ☐ Renaissance Society of America
- ☐ Rhetoric Society of America
- ☐ Shakespeare Association of America
- ☐ Sixteenth Century Society and Conference
- ☐ Society for American Music
- ☐ Society for Cinema and Media Studies
- ☐ Society for Classical Studies
- ☐ Society for Ethnomusicology
- ☐ Society for French Historical Studies
- ☐ Society for Military History
- ☐ Society for Music Theory
- ☐ Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Study
- ☐ Society for the History of Authorship, Reading and Publishing
- ☐ Society for the History of Technology
- ☐ Society of Architectural Historians
- ☐ Society of Biblical Literature
- ☐ Society of Dance History Scholars
- ☐ World History Association

ACLS Affiliates

- ☐ Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action (ARNOVA)
- ☐ Association of American Colleges and Universities
- ☐ Association of Art Museum Curators
- ☐ Association of College & Research Libraries
- ☐ Association of Research Libraries
- ☐ Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences
- ☐ Center for Research Libraries
- ☐ Community College Humanities Association
- ☐ Consortium of Humanities Centers and Institutes
- ☐ Federation of State Humanities Councils
- ☐ International Society for Third-Sector Research
- ☐ Phi Beta Kappa

3. Please identify all ACLS fellowship programs (if any) to which you have previously applied.

- ☐ ACLS Fellowship
- ☐ ACLS Collaborative Research Fellowship
- ☐ ACLS Digital Extension Grant
- ☐ ACLS Digital Innovation Fellowship
- ☐ ACLS Emerging Voices Fellowship
- ☐ ACLS Leading Edge Fellowship
- ☐ ACLS New Faculty Fellows

☐ Charles A. Ryskamp Research Fellowship

☐ Frederick Burkhardt Residential Fellowship

☐ Getty/ACLS Postdoctoral Fellowships in the History of Art

☐ Luce/ACLS Dissertation Fellowship in American Art

☐ Luce/ACLS Fellowships in Religion, Journalism & International Affairs

☐ Luce/ACLS Program in China Studies

☐ Mellon/ACLS Community College Faculty Fellowship

☐ Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowship

☐ Mellon/ACLS Public Fellows

☐ Mellon/ACLS Scholars & Society Fellowship

☐ The Robert H. N. Ho Family Foundation Program in Buddhist Studies

☐ African Humanities Program

☐ CCK Comparative Perspectives on Chinese Culture and Society

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Institutional Statement

 👤 Institutional Statement

Institutional Statement *(required only for applicants whose PhD degree will be conferred after the application deadline).* Your institutional representative (dissertation advisor or departmental chair) will be asked to confirm that you are on schedule to complete all requirements for the PhD, including submission and approval of the dissertation, by April 15, 2024.

PLEASE NOTE: You MUST ENTER YOUR INSTITUTIONAL REPRESENTATIVE on the Institutional Statement page BEFORE they can log in to use the online references system. Please do not ask them to access the system until you have done this. Once you have entered the information and clicked the "send email" button, an email will be automatically generated with appropriate instructions to the institutional representative.

The institutional statement must be submitted online. It is your responsibility to convey information about your proposal to your institutional representative. After your institutional representative has agreed to write on your behalf:

- Tell your institutional representative to expect an email from ACLS.
- Make absolutely certain you have the correct email address for your institutional representative.
- Enter the institutional representative's name and email address by clicking on the "Add Recommender" button at the bottom of this page. Please capitalize the name properly.
- Once you have entered the information and clicked the "send email" button, an email will be automatically generated with appropriate instructions to the institutional representative.
- You can return to this screen at any time to enter an institutional representative.

No more than one institutional statement will be accepted.

- Enter only one institutional representative. It is possible to enter additional institutional representatives, but you should do this only if you learn that an institutional representative is unable to complete the promised institutional statement.
- **The first institutional statement submitted will be the statement on file in support of your application.** Once one statement has been submitted, another institutional representative attempting to submit a statement for you will be prevented from doing so. Be careful not to put anyone in this situation.

If you learn that your institutional representative did not receive an email with instructions, enter the information again using the "Add Recommender" button below to have the email sent again. You will not be able to enter the information again, however, if the institutional representative has begun your statement.

The institutional statement is due by November 9, 2023. It is your responsibility to check online to see whether a statement has been submitted. The system will continue to accept statements after the deadline and will add them to your application at the earliest possible time, though we cannot guarantee that they will accompany your application through our entire review process.

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