## **Application: Example Application - Stevens Initiative Alumni Fellowship**

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# 2021 Stevens Initiative Alumni Fellowship Application

All components of the application are required and must be completed by the deadline for the application to be considered complete and eligible for selection. Please follow all instructions below. At any point you can click the "Save and Continue Editing" button at the bottom to save your progress and return to the application later.

#### **Applicant Information**

All information requested is required.

#### **First Name**

First Name

#### Last Name

Last Name

#### **Email Address**

email@mail.org

#### **Primary Phone Number**

Please include country code.

+112325896362

#### **Date of Birth**

Only those born on or before 10/08/2003 (October 8th) are eligible to apply.

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#### Where do you live now?

City	State/Province/Region	Country
Washington	DC	USA

#### Where did you live when you participated in your virtual exchange program?

This might be the same as your answer above, that is fine.

City	State/Province/Region	Country
Washington	DC	USA

#### Virtual Exchange Program

Select your virtual exchange program. Programs are listed with the program name first and the organization second. If you don't recognize your virtual exchange, select "other" here and then name and describe your virtual exchange in the first essay below.

Center for Bioengineering Innovation and Design - Johns Hopkins University

#### In which year did your virtual exchange program begin?

Please only include the starting year of your Stevens Initiative virtual exchange program.

2019

#### **Essay Questions**

Read each question carefully. All questions are required and many have multiple parts. We encourage you to be thorough, but you must limit your response to 200 words per question.

## #1: Briefly describe your virtual exchange, including what skills and experiences you gained during your program and how you have used these skills and experiences since your exchange.

This question has a 200 word limit.

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#2: We are committed to ensuring our programs include people with diverse identities or from underrepresented backgrounds. After reading about the Alumni Fellowship, how do you think the identities you hold could contribute to this small cohort of fellows? How will your unique perspective and experience make the program better for all the participants?

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#3: How would participating in this Fellowship help you develop your leadership and communication skills?

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#4: The Alumni Fellowship will benefit participants that have experience with intercultural exchange and cross-cultural collaboration skills. How do you use these skills now, why are they important, and how will the fellowship develop them further?

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#5: One part of the Fellowship is the opportunity to do a "follow-on project" that you will select and work on during the program. This project will let you use what you learned from your virtual exchange and this Fellowship to either 1) continue learning, 2) develop professionally, or 3) make an impact in your community. Please describe an idea you have for what your follow on project might be.

Note: These follow-on projects could take one of many forms. For example, you could do a local community development project, advocate/raise awareness of virtual exchanges, or pursue new learning or leadership opportunities. This doesn't have to be final and could change before the end of the fellowship, it is only an idea.

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#### Additional Items

Each Additional Item is required. Please read the instructions carefully.

#### Resume

Upload your resume below. This resume can be in any format that you prefer, but should include your education, work, and other experience.

#### Sample.pdf

Filename: Sample.pdf Size: 33.6 kB

#### **Your Photo**

Please upload a photo of yourself. We would like this photograph to be high quality and composed in a way that makes it easy to recognize your face. Feel free to check out Stevens Initiative Alumni Success Stories (<u>this story</u> is an especially good example of the kind of photos we like) to get an idea of the kind of photos we are looking for. You can share a photo of:

- You during your virtual exchange program.
- You in a classroom or participating in a community event.
- A semi-formal profile picture, like one you would use on Linkedin or on your university website.

Please note, there **<u>should not be other people</u>** in your photo.

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#### **Video Introduction**

Upload a video introduction. In this introduction you should include:

- Your name
- A few personal or professional interests
- Your virtual exchange program
- One skill or experience you gained from your virtual exchange
- What you want to gain from the Fellowship (focus on one item)

This video doesn't need to be high-quality. Use whatever tools you have at your disposal to create the video (cell phone, headphones, computer, camera, etc.). This video can be up to **two minutes long**, the file size can be up to 500 MB, and the video file type should either be Audio Video Interleaved (.avi) or MPEG-4 (.mp4).

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#### **Recommendation Letter**

Please upload a letter of recommendation from a professional in your network or community. This recommendation letter should include:

- The writer's relationship to you (teacher/professor, mentor, employer, virtual exchange facilitator).
- Their contact information (full name, professional affiliation, email address).
- A brief description of why you should be included into this Fellowship opportunity and what you might gain from the experience.
- A statement of support for you being able to follow through on the commitment and expectations required for the program.

This letter does not have to be from a teacher or someone associated with your exchange, but should be from someone who knows you and can speak to your ability to follow through with commitments and how you can gain something from this program.

Recommendations can be uploaded as Word documents or PDFs and should be written in English.

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#### **Qualifications and Expectations**

Read and respond to the prompts below.

- I have successfully completed a virtual exchange program sponsored by the Stevens Initiative (this will be verified with virtual exchange program implementors).
- I am at least 18 years old (or will be by 10/08/2021).
- I have at least a moderate English language proficiency.
- I will have reliable access to the internet and will be able to participate in the live videoconference sessions and activities during the Fellowship.
- I have access to a computer with a strong internet connection, a microphone, and webcam.
- I am able to obtain a J1 visa, meaning having an active passport and the ability to travel to a U.S. embassy or consulate for an interview.
- I confirm my availability and intention to fulfill the time commitments outlined in the alumni fellowship description, including **5-6 hours** per months and to attend an in-person event in January 2022.

Yes, I confirm that i meet these qualifications and expectations.

#### **Commitment and Expectations**

The Fellowship can only accept a limited number of participants, and the Stevens Initiative expects full and active participation throughout the program. Fellows will be selected carefully and should expect to spend around 5-6 hours per month on this program, including the monthly live session and additional activities and preparation. The success of this cohort-model training relies on engaged and attentive Fellows during live sessions and any other group activities. Live sessions emphasize interaction rather than passive learning. Participants are expected to do all pre-session preparation thoroughly and on time and arrive ready to engage in activities and discussions.

#### **Responses Selected:**

Yes, this is acknowledged. I will commit to fulfilling all program components.

#### **Technology Support**

Many of the activities for this Fellowship will take place in live videoconference. We understand that, for some alumni, this might mean needing financial support to cover high internet data costs in your community. If this is true for you, please select the "I **do** need additional support" option below, and then describe your situation and approximately how much financial support (in USD per month) you would need to cover these high data costs.

#### **Responses Selected:**

I DO NOT require additional support.

#### Media Use Acknowledgement

I acknowledge that if I am selected for this Fellowship, some of the responses in this application might be used by the Initiative for publicity or program promotion.

#### **Responses Selected:**

Yes, this is acknowledged.

#### **Final Submission**

Once your application is complete please click the "Mark as Complete" button below. You will then have the opportunity to review your answers and test your uploaded files before you fully submit the application. You must press the "Submit" button on the top left of the next page to fully submit your application. You will receive an automatic email confirming your submission. If you do not receive this email, you should reach out for help to: <a href="mailto:stevensalumni@aspeninstitute.org">stevensalumni@aspeninstitute.org</a>.