

**Stevenson Center for Community and Economic Development
at Illinois State University**

Peace Corps Fellows/USA Program Task List

Important: Please read all instructions carefully before completing each of these steps, in order to prevent delays in processing your application. Apply by March 1st for Fall admission and October 15th for Spring admission for fullest consideration. Later applications will be considered on a case-by-case basis. If you are unable to apply online, fill out the Request for Information Form (<http://www.stevensoncenter.org/requestinfo.shtml>) or contact us at: Stevenson Center, Illinois State University, Campus Box 4200, Normal, IL 61790-4200, Phone 309-438-7090, Fax 309-438-5228, E-mail StevensonCenter@ilstu.edu.

✓ **Graduate School Application** (<http://www.admissions.ilstu.edu/Apply/>)

Use program code 14202 for Applied Economics/ACED, 4402 for Political Science/ACD, or 4501 for Sociology/ACED to indicate the appropriate master's degree program sequence.

✓ **Graduate School Application - Additional Requirements:**

- One official transcript sent to the Illinois State University Graduate Admissions Office directly from all previously attended colleges and universities:

Graduate Admissions Office

Illinois State University

Campus Box 2200

Normal, IL 61790-2200

- Graduate Record Examination (GRE) General Test official scores. Use code R1319 for transmission of scores to Illinois State University.

Your academic department and the Stevenson Center can access these items once all are received.

✓ **Graduate Assistantship Application** (<http://www.stevensoncenter.org/admissions.htm>).

You must first complete the Graduate School Application, which will provide you with a University ID number. Your academic department will access your completed graduate assistantship application.

✓ **Required Attachments for Graduate School Application AND Graduate Assistantship Application:**

- Résumé.
- A two-page statement of purpose describing why you would like to be in the Master's International Program in your chosen department at Illinois State University.
- Sample of academic writing (five pages minimum).

✓ **Letters of Recommendation** (http://www.stevensoncenter.org/pdfs/recommendation_form.pdf)

Three letters of recommendation – AT LEAST one of these letters should be from a person familiar with your academic work, if possible. Reference letters may supplement the standard reference form provided, but they should not substitute for the form except in special circumstances.

Applicants may send Letters of Recommendation to the Stevenson Center as a packet or as separate items. Letters will be copied to your academic department as received.

- ✓ **A copy of your signed, official DOS.** Current Peace Corps Volunteers may send an unofficial DOS signed by your country director, to be replaced with the official DOS at Close of Service.

Letters of Recommendation and DOS are directed to:

Beverly Beyer, Assistant Director

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