

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

Peace Corps Master's International 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 fullest consideration. Later applications may be considered on a case-by-case basis. If you are unable to apply online, fill out the Request for Information Form on our website Admissions page 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.

Applicants must also complete the Peace Corps application, available through the Peace Corps website (www.peacecorps.gov) or by calling 1-800-424-8580.

- ✓ **Graduate School Application** (<http://admissions.illinoisstate.edu/apply/>)
Select Applied Economics/ACED, Political Science/ACD, or Sociology/ACED to indicate the appropriate master's degree program sequence. Choose only one: you may not apply to more than one program at a time.
- ✓ **Graduate School Application - Additional Requirements:**
- Required attachments:
 - 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).
 - 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>).
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.

- ✓ **Letters of Recommendation** (http://stevensoncenter.org/downloads/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.

Letters of Recommendation are directed to:

Beverly Beyer, Associate Director
Stevenson Center for Community and Economic Development
Illinois State University
Campus Box 4200
Normal, IL 61790-4200

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.