The Persian Language Education Form is required for admission to the UMD Summer Language Institute in Persian. The form has nine (9) sections. Every section must be completed in full and submitted as a packet. Additionally, complete official transcripts must be included. Send the completed packet to:

**UMD Summer Language Institute**  
Attn: Caitlin Eaves  
2105 Susquehanna Hall  
University of Maryland  
College Park, MD, 20742

If you have questions about this form, please contact Caitlin Eaves at (301) 405-9266 or umdsi@umd.edu

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### Part I: Applicant Information

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**I am currently:**

- ☐ UMD Undergraduate Student
- ☐ Other Undergraduate Student
- ☐ UMD Graduate Student
- ☐ Other Graduate Student
- ☐ Working Professional
- ☐ ROTC, Military, or US Gov.
- ☐ Other ________________________________

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### Part II: Selection of Level

Please select your intended program by checking the corresponding square. Upon enrolling in the program, you should intend to complete a full academic year of Persian – appropriate placement pending proficiency testing.

- ☐ **Beginning Persian:** PERS 105, PERS 106 (12 Undergraduate Credits) *Suitable for complete beginners*
- ☐ **Intermediate Persian:** PERS 205, PERS 206 (12 Undergraduate Credits)
- ☐ **Advanced Persian:** PERS 305, PERS 306 (12 Undergraduate Credits)
- ☐ **Content Level Persian:** Special Topics in Persian Studies (12 Undergraduate Credits)
### Part III: Persian Proficiency Level
Rate your Persian language proficiency levels. Refer to the ACTFL rating scale if you are unfamiliar with the descriptions. Website: [http://www.actfl.org/files/public/ACTFLProficiencyGuidelines2012_FINAL.pdf](http://www.actfl.org/files/public/ACTFLProficiencyGuidelines2012_FINAL.pdf)

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### Part IV: Previous Language Courses
Please describe, in detail, the Persian language courses you have completed. Please make sure to fill in each category (if you are a beginner, please skip this question).

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Part V: Background & Experience

1. I consider myself a “native” or “heritage” speaker of: ☐ Iranian Persian ☐ Tajiki ☐ Dari
   If yes, please explain:

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2. I have worked/lived/studied in Iran, Afghanistan and/or Tajikistan: ☐ Yes ☐ No
   If yes, please explain:

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3. I have studied/reached an advanced proficiency level in another language(s): ☐ Yes ☐ No
   If yes, please explain:

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4. I have participated in an intensive summer institute previously: ☐ Yes ☐ No
   If yes, please explain:

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Part VI: Short Answer Questions
Please answer the three essay prompts below thoroughly and carefully; each essay should not exceed 250 words and should be written in English (double-spaced, 12pt. font). Type, print, and include all essays in your completed packet.

1. Please explain your current / future career plans and how studying Persian intensively will aid you in reaching your goals.

2. What experiences have you had that demonstrate your ability to commit to and excel in an intensive language and culture program? How would your experiences add to the diversity of our program?

3. This program involves significant interaction and collaboration with a small group of students, faculty, and program staff. How would you contribute to the group? Please give an example of a time when you worked effectively in a leadership role with a group.
Part VII: Reference Contact Information

Please provide contact information for an academic or professional reference who can attest to your ability to perform successfully in an intensive language and culture summer program. They will be required to complete the Reference Form (included below) and submit a Reference Letter. Each applicant is responsible for including the signed and sealed reference with their completed UMD Summer Institute Application packet.

Reference

Full Name (Last, First)

Title

Institution

Department

Area Code/Telephone Number

E-mail

Part VIII: Housing

Please indicate below if you intend to take advantage of on-campus housing in St. Mary’s hall during the Summer Institute. We encourage rising freshmen and out-of-state students to choose the on-campus option, as living with other students experiencing the same intensive program and having a secure living environment helps create a better overall language learning experience. Students will be advised on a case by case basis regarding housing.

☐ On-campus housing (St. Mary’s hall)
  ☐ Single room in group apartment
  ☐ Double room in group apartment
☐ Off-campus housing / Commuter

Part IX: Certification of Information

☐ By checking this box, I, _________________________________, acknowledge that participation in the UMD Summer Language Institute requires a full time commitment (40-50 hours per week).

☐ By checking this box, I, _________________________________, understand that without an Online Summer Term Visiting Student Application on file, complete official transcripts, and a recommendation letter and form my application will not be considered.

☐ By checking this box, I, _________________________________, certify that all of the provided information is true and accurate. I understand that my application may be rejected if any of the information provided proves false.
Recommendation Form – UMD Summer Language Institute, Persian

TO THE STUDENT: Complete the information below and provide this form to an academic or professional reference of your choosing. This reference should be an instructor/supervisor who is ideally familiar with your performance in Persian or has judged your academic/professional abilities. Your reference should complete this Recommendation Form in full and return it to you in a sealed envelope with his/her signature across the seal. If you have questions regarding options for references, please consult Caitlin Eaves (301-405-9266 or umdsi@umd.edu).

First Name: _____________________________ Last Name: ________________________________ UID: ___________________

Email Address: ___________________________________________________ Telephone Number: ________________________________

OPTIONAL: I hereby waive any rights of access to this recommendation under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, University of Maryland policy, or any other law, or regulation. I understand that the UMD Summer Language Institute does not require me to execute this waiver and is willing to review my application whether or not I sign it.

__________________________________________________________________                 ________________________________

Signature                                          Date

TO THE INSTRUCTOR/RECOMMENDER: The University of Maryland’s Summer Language Institute offers a comprehensive Persian language and culture program designed to help students and professionals working towards superior proficiency reach their language goals. Entry to this program is highly competitive and students who are accepted are eligible for merit and need-based financial awards.

The UMD Summer Institute selection committee will consider the following criteria, among others, in making admissions decisions: Persian proficiency, instructor/professional recommendation, and the ways in which a student will add to the depth and diversity of the program. This program is appropriate for students with ambition, commitment, and intellectual promise to pursue an academic degree or profession related to the Persian-speaking world. Accepted students will benefit from the academic excellence and opportunities offered through this program. *Please return this form to the student in a sealed envelope with your signature across the flap.

First Name

Title

Mailing Address

City

State

Zip Code

Email Address

Telephone Number

How long have you known this student/employee and in what capacity?

__________________________________________________________________

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What courses have you taught this student/in what capacity did you supervise this employee? When?


Recommendation of this applicant for admission to the UMD Summer Institute:

☐ STRONGLY RECOMMEND
☐ GENERALLY RECOMMEND
☐ RECOMMEND WITH RESERVATIONS
☐ DO NOT RECOMMEND

Please explain:


Please rate the applicant on the following: (10 = the top 5% of students/employees you have ever worked with)

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Please attach a letter of recommendation elaborating on the ratings above and answering the following questions:

- Why do you feel this applicant will be able to perform well in the UMD Summer Institute’s intensive environment?
- What differentiates this candidate from others you have taught / supervised?
- What other factors should the selection committee take into account when evaluating this applicant?

________________________________________________________________     ______________________________________
Name                                                                 Title
________________________________________________________________     _________________________
Signature                                                                  Date