# The University of Maryland, Persian Flagship Program

Undergraduate Application for Admission
Return to Mona Mostofi via email: mmostofi@umd.edu

## I. CONTACT INFORMATION

**First Name:** _____ **Last Name:** _____ **UID:** _____

**Mailing Address:** _____ **Apt/Unit #:** _____

**City:** _____ **St:** _____ **Zip code:** _____

**Permanent Address:** _____ **Apt/Unit #:** _____

**City:** _____ **St:** _____ **Zip code:** _____

**Email Address:** _____ **Phone #:** _____

**Citizenship Status:** ☐ Us Citizen ☐ Permanent Resident ☐ Non-Citizen ☐ Other: _____

**Are You a Maryland Resident?** ☐ Yes ☐ Non-Resident ☐ International

## II. ACADEMICS/LANGUAGE STUDY

**Institution of Current Enrollment:** _____

**Current Year at UMD:** ☐ Incoming ☐ Freshman ☐ Sophomore ☐ Junior ☐ Senior **GPA:** _____

**Major(s):** _____

**Minor(s):** _____

**List all Persian language courses in which you are currently enrolled:**

| Course | Textbook | Hours Per Week |
|---|---|---|
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**List all Persian language courses you have previously completed:**

| Course | Hours/Week | No. of Weeks | Institution | Year |
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**List all Persian language textbooks used and the units/chapters covered in the course of your Persian studies:**

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**List any Persian speaking countries visited, purpose of the visit, year & duration:**

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**List other languages spoken or studied and respective levels of proficiency:**

| LISTENING | READING | WRITING | SPEAKING |
|---|---|---|---|
| ☐ ELEMENTARY<br>☐ INTERMEDIATE<br>☐ HIGH INTERMEDIATE<br>☐ ADVANCED<br>☐ NATIVE COMPETENCE | ☐ ELEMENTARY<br>☐ INTERMEDIATE<br>☐ HIGH INTERMEDIATE<br>☐ ADVANCED<br>☐ NATIVE COMPETENCE | ☐ ELEMENTARY<br>☐ INTERMEDIATE<br>☐ HIGH INTERMEDIATE<br>☐ ADVANCED<br>☐ NATIVE COMPETENCE | ☐ ELEMENTARY<br>☐ INTERMEDIATE<br>☐ HIGH INTERMEDIATE<br>☐ ADVANCED<br>☐ NATIVE COMPETENCE |
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**Mark the statements below that apply to you:**

☐ I am a heritage speaker and speak Persian, Dari, or Tajik at home.  List languages: _____

☐ I have attended school in a Persian-speaking country. Where? _____

☐ My parents are from a Persian-speaking country. List country(ies): _____

## III. ESSAYS

**Please respond to the below essay questions and include them as separate attachments to your application, limiting your response to 500 words for each essay.**

1. Please provide a statement explaining your immediate academic objectives and your long term professional goals. Discuss how Persian fits into your academic and career plans and explain what makes you prepared to and capable of reaching Superior proficiency in Persian. Please also address your experience working/studying/or living in a diverse community.

2. Please provide a statement about a time when you overcame a problem and what interpersonal skills you used to solve this problem, along with how this demonstrates your resilience and leadership skills.

## IV. RECOMMENDATION FORM – PERSIAN FLAGSHIP PROGRAM, UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND

**TO THE STUDENT:** Complete the information below and provide this form to an academic reference of your choosing. The reference should be an instructor who is familiar with your performance in Persian, has judged your academic abilities, and has or will award you a grade in a foreign language course. Your reference should complete the Teacher Recommendation Form below and email it to Mona Mostofi directly at mmostofi@umd.edu. If you are not a student, please consult the PFP Program Coordinator regarding options for references.

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**Email Address:** _____ **Phone #:** _____

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 Persian Flagship Program 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 Persian Flagship Program offers a comprehensive Persian language and culture program designed to help students develop Superior proficiency while pursuing an undergraduate degree in a major of their choice. Entry to this program is highly competitive, and students who are accepted are eligible for merit-based financial awards.

The PFP selection committee will consider the following criteria, among others, in making admissions decisions: Persian proficiency, instructor recommendation, and the ways in which a student will add to the depth and diversity of the PFP. This program is appropriate for students with the ambition, commitment, and intellectual promise to pursue a 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 directly to Mona Mostofi via email at mmostofi@umd.edu.***

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**How long have you known this student, and in what capacity?**

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**What courses have you taught this student? When?**

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**Recommendation of this applicant for Persian Flagship Program admission:**

☐ STRONGLY RECOMMEND
☐ GENERALLY RECOMMEND
☐ RECOMMEND WITH RESERVATIONS (EXPLAIN BELOW):
☐ DO NOT RECOMMEND (EXPLAIN BELOW):

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**Please rate this applicant on the following:** *(10 = a student in the top 5% of students you have ever taught)*

*PLEASE CIRCLE ONE*

| | LOW | | | | | | | | | HIGH |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| MOTIVATION & COMMITMENT | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| MATURITY | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| CLASS PARTICIPATION | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| PERFORMANCE ON HOMEWORK | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| ATTENDANCE & ATTITUDE | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| ABILITY TO LEARN NEW CONCEPTS | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| LANGUAGE LEARNING APTITUDE | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| CURRENT SKILL IN PERSIAN | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |

**Based on class performance, aptitude, drive, and skills, how likely is it that this applicant will reach Superior Proficiency or better in Persian:**

☐ Certainly    ☐ Highly Likely    ☐ Possibly    ☐ Unsure    ☐ Not Likely

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

Why do you feel this applicant will or will not be able to reach Superior proficiency in Persian?

What differentiates this student from the average hard-working student in your class?

What other factors should the selection committee take into account in evaluating this applicant?

_____    _____
**NAME**                                                                      **TITLE**

_____    _____
**SIGNATURE**                                                                    **DATE**