Students should pay close attention to the application requirements:

- Complete application
- Complete three short typed essays on the topics of challenges within a international setting personal, educational and professional goals, and how this experience would relate to your MSW career.
- Two (2) letters of recommendation from professors or field instructors. (It is the responsibility of the student to ensure that the recommendations are submitted by the application deadline. Applications that do not include both letters of recommendation will not be considered after the deadline).
- Most recent course tracking sheet
- Copy of valid and signed passport (The passport must be valid through 6 months after the end of the international field placement. Any student without a passport at the time of application must submit a dated copy of a passport application. Faxed copies of the passport will not be accepted.)
- Once application is received, International Field Chair will contact students to set up an interview.

All materials (including all additional materials relevant to the specific program) should be submitted at the same time in an envelope, marked with the student’s name and ID, to:

Dr. Frederick Ahearn  
International Field Chair  
National Catholic School of Social Service  
Shahan 100  
The Catholic University of America  
Washington, DC 20064  
Fax (202) 319-5093

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Applications are due: January 15, 2013
THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA
National Catholic School of Social Service

International Field Experience Application

PROGRAM FOR WHICH YOU ARE APPLYING:
First choice: _____________________________  SESSION:
10 week May-July _____
Second choice: ___________________________
Post-graduate (one year) _____

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Last Name: __________________________   First Name: _______________________   ID: _______________

Current Address
Address___________________________________________________________
City _______________________________________
State _______ Zip Code _________________

Sex
Male ___  Female ____

Date of Birth
Mo _______ Day ________ Yr ________

I am an American citizen  Y   N

Phone Number _______________________________
Cell Number _________________________________
Email address ________________________________

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Concentration ______________________________  Advisor ________________________________
Current academic standing ____________________  Expected date of graduation ______________
Cumulative GPA ___________________________

LANGUAGE SKILLS
Language _________________________________ Fluent  Proficient  Basic
Language _________________________________ Fluent  Proficient  Basic
ESSAYS
Please answer the following essays below. The essays must be typed, double-spaced, at least 250 words and no more than 500 words.

Essay 1: Anticipate a significant (non-linguistic) challenge during your international field placement. Comment on possible ways of meeting that challenge.

Essay 2: Describe the specific goals (personal, educational, professional) behind your decision to do international field placement.

Essay 3: Discuss how an international field placement can help you as a MSW professional.
Applicant’s Name _____________________________________________________________________

Name of Reference (please print) _____________________________________________________________________

To the applicant—Please check one of the following statements:
☐ I waive my right of access to this reference form.
☐ I do not waive my right of access to this reference form.

Signature of Applicant _____________________________________________________________________

To the reference—Please return the recommendation in a sealed envelope to the applicant. Thank you for your comments. All applications are due: TBA.

1. How long have you known the applicant? In what capacity?

2. Please describe your experience of the applicant’s ability to work and relate to others.

3. Please describe how you think the applicant will succeed in an international field setting.

Please complete survey on the next page.
List three adjectives that best describe the applicant:

______________________  ______________________________  ____________________________

Overall, how would you rate the applicant?

☐ Recommend most highly  ☐ Recommend strongly  ☐ Recommend

☐ Recommend with reservation  ☐ Do not recommend

Signature _____________________________________________________________   Date _______________

Address ______________________________________________________________  Phone ______________

City/ State/ Zip _____________________________________________________________________________________

Email ____________________________________________________________________________________________

Occupation _______________________________________________________________________________________

Title ________________________________________________________________