



SIR New Member Application Fall 2025

Welcome to the new member application for Sigma Iota Rho (SIR), the Global Studies honorary. SIR is an active student group, working in conjunction with Wash U's GS department to host events and spread international awareness on campus. By completing this form, you are declaring your interest in becoming part of the Fall 2025 cohort of SIR new members and to partake in a noncompetitive new member process this semester to be accepted. **New Member Responsibilities are listed on the last page** of this application - please read them to know important dates and what will be expected throughout the semester. If you have any questions please email washusir@gmail.com!

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MANDATORY NEW MEMBER MEETINGS ON 9/2, 9/9, AND 9/16
THIS APPLICATION IS DUE VIA EMAIL BY 11:59 PM ON SUNDAY 9/14
TO washusir@gmail.com

If you have a conflict with any of the new member meetings, please reach out to washusir@gmail.com as soon as possible so we can send you the important information!

We have two options for our application. **Option 1** *is for anyone, regardless of year or major*. **Option 2** is *only for seniors* who have completed at least 21 hours of coursework in the Global Studies (GS) department, including at least 2 courses at the 300/400 level.

Option 1: SIR Programming Body: this option allows for applicants to go through our new member process this Fall. Upon completion of all new member requirements, they will be inducted as full members into our General Body at the end of the semester. These members will contribute to the general body through planning/participating in events and attending general body meetings. Membership in the programming body also gives students access to SIR resources including internship search assistance, networking opportunities with alumni and professors, and a great sense of community. Option 1 requires you to complete this entire application. *Note - this application is meant to be a low-stress way for us to get to know you and your interests.*

Option 2: SIR Academic Honors: SIR Academic Honors are available to seniors who meet the GPA requirements (maintain a 3.3 cumulative GPA) and other criteria for membership in the

national charter. Academic Honors recipients pay \$45 to become official members of the Sigma Iota Rho National Honorary and receive a cord at graduation. These members do not need to participate in the committee and programming body of our local organization. If you are applying only for SIR Honors, please only complete the sections up until/including GPA.

Please indicate which option you wish to apply for (you can apply for just one or both):

_____ Option 1

_____ Option 2

General Information:

Name:

Email Address:

Major(s):

Minor(s):

GPA (If applying for Option 1):

How did you hear about SIR?:

General Questions (no need to respond to these questions in depth - we just want to know a little bit more about you!):

1. Why are you interested in joining SIR?

2. What is a particular world area and/or world issue about which you are passionate? Elaborate on your relationship with that passion if possible.

3. What other extracurriculars are you currently involved in?

Short Answer Question (Pick one of two prompts -- there is no word limit, write from your heart! Again, this isn't meant to be super formal or a judgment of your writing):

Prompt A: Our SIR members take immense pride in creating international-oriented programs for the greater SIR body to participate in. If you were able to plan one event for SIR this semester (professor panel, dinner, movie screening, etc.) what would it be? Use this as an opportunity to discuss issues that you are passionate about, professors or possible speakers that you think are interesting, and/or more generally the kind of events you would like to see on campus.

Prompt B: Our SIR members are constantly learning the skills necessary to become involved citizens in today's highly globalized society. If you could be paid to do any job with an international focus, which job would you choose and why? Use this as an opportunity to think big (there are no limits!) and to contemplate the way in which your membership in SIR can help you achieve that goal.

New Member Responsibilities:

Please make sure you can commit to the following as your attendance is essential to the SIR new member experience:

- a) Attend New Member Meetings on **9/2, 9/9, and 9/16 from 8-9 P.M.**
- The 1/28 and 2/4 NMMs will be in Seigle 308 (same location as the GBMs). The 2/7 NMM will be at a Seigle 210, check [Instagram](#)/Slack for details.
- b) Attend General Body Meetings (GBMs) every other Tuesday from 8-9 P.M. (**Starting 9/30**)
- c) Interview with two exec members (casual, 15 min each)
- d) Plan a New Member Event with a group (additional details provided in New Member Meetings)
- e) Make points by attending other mandatory SIR socials and events throughout the semester (who wouldn't want free food?)

And you're done!

Basically, **block off 8-9 P.M. on Tuesdays** for the first four weeks (9/2-9/16) and every other following Tuesday when there will be General Body Meetings or other SIR events. If you have a conflict with this time, SIR might not be the right fit for you this semester but we encourage you to apply in future semesters! Occasional excuses can be permitted if they are communicated with the Director of Membership. After your first semester, you will be initiated and your SIR schedule will be less packed.

Current Director of Membership: Gitanjali Raghava (g.raghava@wustl.edu)

When emailing the application please send a fresh email to washusir@gmail.com with the subject line: firstname_lastname_application.

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