

SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION

JD/MA Lauder Program



The Lauder Institute
Wharton · Arts & Sciences
UNIVERSITY of PENNSYLVANIA

If you would like to be considered for the Lauder MA in International Studies Program, please complete the information below and email it to Michael Alexo, Director for Admissions Marketing and Financial Aid, at malexo@wharton.upenn.edu. Please also include an up-to-date resume with your application. To learn more about Lauder and the admissions process visit our [website](#).

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State/Province _____ Postal Code _____ Country _____

Phone _____ E-mail Address _____

Undergraduate Institution _____ Graduation Date _____

Undergraduate Degree & Major _____

Graduate Institution (if applicable) _____ Graduation Date _____

Graduate Degree & Major (if applicable) _____

I. International Experience

Please indicate in brief the nature of your experience in the following categories, e.g. Colombia (study abroad, summer of 2019); Ethiopia (UN Economic Commission, summer internship 2021), etc.

A. Countries in which you have lived for 3 or more months:

B. Countries in which you have worked for 3 or more months:

II. Lauder Essay

Discuss why you are applying to the Lauder Institute, detailing specific reasons, experiences, and background for choosing your Program of Concentration, as well as your interest in further study in that Program.

Applicants to Programs of Concentration involving language study (Africa-French; East and Southeast Asia; Europe; Latin America; South Asia, the Middle East, and North Africa) should also discuss what they hope to gain from advanced language and cultural education, as well as describe how they have learned the language they will study (e.g. undergraduate courses, undergraduate major, etc.). Finally, please describe how you see yourself benefiting from, and contributing to, the Lauder community. (800 words)

Describe a challenging intercultural or politically sensitive situation where you had to navigate a difference in perspective or opinion. Explain how you handled it and any lessons learned. (200 words)

Please attach your essay as a separate document.

III. Preferred Program of Concentration and Language

As a Lauder student, you will pursue courses and activities common to all Lauder students as well as others specific to your Program of Concentration and your areas of interest.

Please select below your desired **Program of Concentration** and **language**. Your Program of Concentration defines your overall focus, including the location(s) of your 8-week summer immersion. Your language choice is the language in which you plan to demonstrate Superior proficiency as evidenced by a Superior rating on an Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI), either at the time of application or before graduation from the Lauder Program. A minimum of Advanced-level proficiency is expected to be admitted to the Lauder Program.

If you wish to be considered for more than one region or language, please mark your first preference below and indicate your other preference(s) in the Lauder essay.

Africa:

Choice of language (select one only one option):

- English (Please indicate which language you speak at the superior level: _____).
- French
- Another language spoken in this region: _____
- None. I speak _____ at the superior level, to be validated by an OPI test result.

East and Southeast Asia:

Choice of language (select one only one option):

- Japanese
- Mandarin Chinese
- Korean
- Another language spoken in this region: _____
- None. I speak _____ at the superior level, to be validated by an OPI test result.

Europe:

Choice of language (select one only one option):

- French
- German
- Italian
- Russian
- Spanish

- Another language spoken in this region: _____
- None. I speak _____ at the superior level, to be validated by an OPI test result.

Latin America:

Choice of language (select one only one option):

- Portuguese
- Spanish
- Another language spoken in this region: _____
- None. I speak _____ at the superior level, to be validated by an OPI test result.

South Asia, the Middle East and North Africa:

Choice of language (select one only one option):

- Arabic
- Hindi
- Another language spoken in this region: _____
- None. I speak _____ at the superior level, to be validated by an OPI test result.

Global Program:

Please list the languages you speak at the superior level on an OPI test. For the Global Program you must be either a native speaker, or a superior-level speaker, in at least one language other than English.

IV. Self-Evaluation of Language Proficiency

Which languages do you speak at a native, or near-native, level?

List any language(s) in which you have some proficiency in the boxes below. Rate your listening, reading, writing, and speaking abilities based on the following scale: 0=novice, 5=native proficiency.

	Reading	Writing	Listening	Speaking
Language 1:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Language 2:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Language 3:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Language 4:	_____	_____	_____	_____

IV. OPI Testing Information

An OPI is required of all Lauder applicants and must be arranged, scheduled, and completed with [Language Testing International \(LTI\)](#). The OPI is a live 20-30 minute conversation, taking place over the phone, between a trained, certified [ACTFL](#) tester and the candidate. To schedule an OPI, complete and submit LTI's [online application](#). When scheduling your OPI, please be sure to register as a Lauder applicant with LTI. The OPI must be scheduled and completed with LTI.

The OPI may be completed any time after July 1 to count for the current admissions cycle, but it must be completed within two weeks after submitting your Lauder Application. This will ensure that the results are available when the Admissions Committee reviews the complete application. If you have any questions about the OPI or about scheduling your OPI please contact LTI by telephone at +1 914-963-7110 (extension 115 or 127) or by email at testing@languagefestesting.com. When scheduling your OPI, please be sure to register as a Lauder applicant with LTI. Please consult with the Lauder admissions office if you have questions regarding the program and/or language requirements.

If you have a valid OPI test result or have scheduled an OPI, you may indicate your results in the following form:

Date of OPI (mm/dd/yy) _____ Language of OPI _____ OPI rating (if known) _____
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All applicants are required to submit at least one OPI test result in a language other than English as a part of the application process: An Advanced rating is the expected level for admission to the Lauder Program. Applicants may test in their native level language (other than English),

V. Additional Information

1. For current Penn Carey Law 1L students:

Please contact Amanda Aronoff, Managing Director of Cross-Disciplinary Programs, via email at aramanda@law.upenn.edu to have a copy of your law school application (with transcripts with but without letters of recommendation) sent to Michael Alexo at Lauder. Provide Lauder with a copy of your first semester grades when they become available.

The final deadline for 1L students is March 1. Application decisions for 1L students are rolling so you may apply at any time prior to March 1. **Note that the Lauder program begins the last week of May.** Please contact Michael Alexo at malexo@wharton.upenn.edu with questions.

2. For those applying to Penn Carey Law and Lauder simultaneously

Please contact Stephanie Thistle, Director of Recruiting, via email at sthistle@law.upenn.edu to request a copy of your law school application and CAS report (with transcripts but without letters of recommendation) sent to Michael Alexo at Lauder.

The final deadline for joint applicants is March 1. A decision on your Lauder application can only be rendered after an admissions offer from Penn Carey Law on your JD application.

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