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Creating a Dossier

The following information should be submitted to your GPA (Florian Fues flo.fues@princeton.edu) to set up your dossier with the department:

1. **Placement Release File Form**

This form is located on our website under the [“Forms & Downloads”](#) section.

Please review, sign, and submit to your GPA via office or e-mail (flo.fues@princeton.edu).

Important: This form must be completed and turned in before letters can be send.

2. **Letters of Recommendation**

The average is 3 letters. All recommendation letters should be sent electronically to your GPA (flo.fues@princeton.edu). If possible, please have your recommenders submit letters in both word and PDF format.

“Generic” letters should be updated once a year to include recent achievements and milestones. Sometimes your recommender may choose to tailor their letter to a specific job (recommended for tenure track positions) or wish to submit their letter on their own. Both options are fine. Keep this in mind when setting up your prompts.

3. **Prepare spreadsheet of jobs**

Please prepare a spreadsheet or word document with the following information for your GPA and recommenders

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1	Deadline	Position Title	Position Type	Name of Institution	Method of submission	List of Recommenders	Link to job posting
2							
3			TT, Postdoc ...		Interfolio, University Portal...		
4							

Ideally you can share this via *Google Docs* or *MS SharePoint* or simply email me.

Method of submission: Institutions typically offer one of the following methods for submission of your letters:

- a. Submission via Interfolio (see instructions on page 4)
- b. Unique Institution Portal
- c. Emailed submissions

For Interfolio and unique institution portals it is important that you indicate your GPA's email address instead of that of your recommenders (use flo.fues@princeton.edu and ff8514@princeton.edu, if needed). This way prompts are sent directly to Flo.

4. ***Current CV (optional)***

For archival in your department Dossier only This is not submitted with your letters.

5. ***Transcript (optional)***

For archival in your department Dossier only. This is not submitted with your letters. Currently enrolled students can access the following web site to order their transcripts: <http://registrar.princeton.edu/student-services/transcript>

Note: A two-week notice of upcoming deadlines is greatly appreciated. More time is needed when asking for initial letters. Please do **not** wait until the day before a submission is due to inform us. This way we avoid any delay or even missed opportunities.

For additional questions, please feel free to email me at flo.fues@princeton.edu

Dossier Policy (Department of Religion)

Dossier service is offered to current graduate students and graduates up until a tenure track position is secured.

When a student secures their first tenure track position, and the letters in the dossier have been updated indicating completion of the Ph.D., the dossier will then be sealed. From that point on, the letters contained in the dossier cannot be changed. The dossier only reflects upon the student's academic career at Princeton. After the dossier is sealed, any requests for professors to update their letters, will need to be sent directly by the professors.

Dossier service is offered to students on the Job Market, which include current students, and/or Alumni who have not received a tenure track position.

Job Talk Practice

What is a Job Talk?

A job talk is a lecture, usually based on one's dissertation research. It is a chance for a prospective employer to see a candidate's performance skills and abilities.

Q & A's typically follow the talk.

Procedures for Students to Set-up a "Practice" Job Talk:

1. Check for possible dates and times with all the people you want to attend.
2. Clear date and time with your GPA (Florian Fues, flo.fues@princeton.edu) to check the department calendar making sure no conflicts exist with other events.
3. Once date and time are confirmed, email the information (including the title of your job talk) to your GPA (Florian Fues, flo.fues@princeton.edu) to finalize room reservations.
4. If you will be using any type of media for your presentation, please also include Jeff Guest (jguest@princeton.edu) in the email so preparations can be made.
5. An announcement will be sent (via Flo) inviting faculty and graduate students, as appropriate.

Please Note:

The same procedure should be followed if you wish to set up a practice teaching demo or a practice job interview.

Using Interfolio (Instructions for Letters of Recommendation)

Please follow these to avoid delays or complications

- Have your letter writers forward all letters of recommendation to flo.fues@princeton.edu.
- If you are a new job candidate, go to Interfolio: www.interfolio.com and sign up for an account.
- When you request a letter of recommendation as part of an application, follow the steps below:

dossier Jason Robinson

Letters

My Letters of Recommendation Letters to Write 1

You have not requested any letters of recommendation yet.
[Request a letter of recommendation](#)

How do I request a letter of recommendation?

Dossier makes it easy to manage your letters of recommendation.

- Start by filling out the request form
- Dossier sends an email to your recommender
- Your recommender gets a link and uploads the letter

Once the letter is uploaded, you'll be able to use Dossier to deliver it to any opportunity.

Your requested letters will appear in this section, and you will be able to see the status of each request.

Click on “Request a Letter”

Jason Robinson

+ Request a Letter

Next, fill out the “New Recommendation Request form as shown below:

Recommender

Florian Fues

Enter the name and email address of your recommender below to add a contact. After you add this contact, we will save it so you don't have to enter this information again when requesting a recommendation from this person.

Title First Name * Last Name *

Email Address *



(Recommender: **Florian Fues**

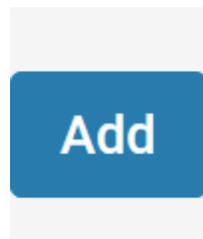
Title: -

First Name: **Florian**

Last Name: **Fues**

Email Address: **flo.fues@princeton.edu)**

Click “Add”



(If this is the first time you are adding this, you will need to click on “Add New”)

Next, you will see a screen like this:

This application only accepts 3 letters of recommendation. After you request 1 letter from the below recommenders, you will reach the limit. If you want to change a recommender you've already added, please remove one, and you'll be able to search for and add a new recommender.

Recommender

Florian Fues (flo.fues@princeton.edu) X

[Remove Recommender](#)

Document Title

Recommendation from %RecommenderName% Eric Gregory

Note: When you submit your letter request, we will create a document title for each letter you request, and we will replace "%RecommenderName%" with the name of your recommender. You can customize the name above, but please note that you must keep the recommender name in the title.

Preview: Recommendation from Patricia Bogdziewicz Eric Gregory

Confidentiality

This request is for a confidential letter or evaluation.

To identify more easily who the uploaded letter is from, add a letter writer's name AFTER the "Recommendation from %RecommenderName%" block

Example: Recommendation from %RecommenderName% Eric Gregory

Continue with:

Full-time, Tenure-track Islamic Studies Position at Bard College

Description

Website Text Description

[Remove Description](#)

https://apply.interfolio.com/54151

Message To Recommender [Preview Request](#)



Eric Gregory, letter for Bard College

Under "Message to Recommender", delete the verbiage and add the Recommender's name as well type of letter – for example: "Professor Eric Gregory, letter for Bard College" (as shown above)

This is **very important**, as it will let Florian know what letter of recommendation to upload, and if you have multiple letters from the same recommender, the added type, institution or job will help identify the correct letter for upload.

Once the Recommender's name is filled in, click on "Send Request".

Florian Fues will then receive the request.

Note: You can and should only register Florian Fues one time. In order for him to upload different letters for you, **only** change the "Message to Recommender" (indicating whose letter you want to be sent).

<https://product-help.interfolio.com/m/27438/l/916536-how-to-create-your-list-of-contacts-and-send-letter-requests-to-multiple-writers#editing-and-deleting-contacts>

(No need to add materials as your recommender will not receive this form)

Once Florian has uploaded the letters to Interfolio, you will receive a notification.

You can then access this screen:

Letter Title	Status	Type	Actions
Recommendation from Florian Fues Eric Gregory	Requested Sep 21, 2018 at 11:51 AM	Confidential Letter of Recommendation or Evaluation	Re-send Request View Details
Recommendation from Florian Fues Jeffrey Stout	Requested Sep 21, 2018 at 11:50 AM	Confidential Letter of Recommendation or Evaluation	Re-send Request View Details
Recommendation from Florian Fues sim Zaman	Requested Sep 21, 2018 at 11:49 AM	Confidential Letter of Recommendation or Evaluation	Re-send Request View Details

Click on "View Details" to see details about the letter. You can now attach the letters to the appropriate application.

If you have any questions with the information above, please reach out to me for help and clarification.