



U.S. Department of State U.S. Embassy in Cairo *Near East and South Asia Undergraduate Exchange Program*

The Near East and South Asia Undergraduate Exchange Program, NESA UGRAD, is a part of GLOBAL UGRAD, a program of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, U.S. Department of State. NESA UGRAD will award scholarships to outstanding students from countries of the Middle East, North Africa and South Asia for one-year of, non-degree undergraduate study at a diverse network of accredited two- and four-year institutions in the United States.

Mandatory courses will include U.S. study courses, academic skills training and courses in students' fields of study. Participants will take part in community service as well as an unpaid internship.

Candidates will be considered without respect to race, color, religion, national origin, or gender. Persons with disabilities are strongly encouraged to apply.

Competition for the Near East and South Asia Undergraduate Exchange Program (NESA UGRAD) is merit-based.

A complete application submitted by hand/post must include ALL the following documents:

- *A print-out of the submitted online application Form
- *Official translated academic transcripts: For secondary school students and first year university students - high school certificate/grades. For second and third university students - grades of previous years of study at university.
- *2 Recommendation letters from two different persons in English or with English translation, can be written (electronically or by hand) by university professor(s) and/ or work/training supervisor
- *TOEFL-ITP valid score report
- *A copy of passport or government-issued identification
- *2 Passport-size Photos

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

HOW TO APPLY

Applications Available Online at:

<http://www.nesaugrad.org/>

Deadline for Applications:

February 5, 2012

Application Submission- TWO steps:

1-Complete the online application

2-Send a hard copy of the submitted online application along with all the required supporting documents by hand in OPEN envelopes with applicant's full name and program name to the Power Checkpoint guard, at the North Gate of the U.S. Embassy, Sunday through Thursday between 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. (work days only) or by reliable post.

When sending by post or hand delivery, please use the following address: **U.S. Embassy in Cairo, Exchanges/Public Affairs Section, 8, Kamal El Din Salah Street, Garden City, Cairo, Egypt.**

Inquiries should be sent by email to CairoNESA@state.gov or via Facebook group: Study USA-Egypt: <http://www.facebook.com/StudyUSAEgypt>

Program announcement and application instructions are posted here: <http://egypt.usembassy.gov/pa/xchgs.html>

Eligibility for participation in the NESA UGRAD is open to anyone who:

*is an Egyptian citizen, national or permanent resident qualified to hold a valid Egyptian passport;

*is completing his/her final year secondary school or enrolled in first-, second- or third-year full-time undergraduate study at the time of application at a registered academic institution in Egypt

*submits a complete online application; and a print-out of the application with all required supporting documents delivered by hand or mail by the application deadline;

* is able to begin the academic exchange program in the United States in August 2012;

*is able to receive and maintain a J-1 visa;

*is committed to returning to Egypt after completion of the program; and

*is proficient in spoken and written English at the time of application. Also, the preferred TOEFL-ITP score is 500.

Remark: TOEFL-ITP is

administered by AMIDEAST-Egypt (Cairo Office Address: 38 Mohie El Din Abou El Ezz Street, Dokki-Giza; Alexandria Office Address: 15 Abdel Hamid El Abbady, Roushdy, Alexandria; Telephone: 19263)

The TOEFL ITP is available on Wednesdays only throughout the year at 9:00 A.M. Test takers are requested to register 2 weeks in advance. The TOEFL ITP exam fees are L.E. 400. Candidates can come on the day of the exam as a standby but that depends on the availability. The standby exam fees are L.E. 500.



U.S. Embassy in Cairo TechGirls Exchange Program

Description:

The TechGirls program is an educational exchange initiative for approximately 25 teenage girls from the Middle East and North Africa. The three-to five-week exchange program in the United States will take place in June-July 2012, tentatively June 15—July 19, 2012 and will focus on promoting the high-level study of applied technology. This initiative champions two key themes of President Obama's June 2009 speech in Cairo by supporting development in the field of technology and enabling young women to reach their full potential in the technology industry. Eligible participants will be high school girls, aged 15 to 17 years old, who already have a demonstrated aptitude and strong interest in the field of technology. The program aims to empower girls to pursue higher education and careers in technology; link peers who share interests and abilities; develop the leadership skills of the participants; promote mutual understanding among the peoples of the United States and the countries and territories of the Middle East and North Africa.

Eligibility Requirements:

Ideal candidates must:

- be between the ages of 15 and 17 as of June 1, 2012 (born after June 1, 1995, and before June 1, 1997);
- have demonstrated advanced skills and a serious interest in technology, engineering, and/or math in their academic studies;
- demonstrate a general knowledge/understanding of key technology-focused topics (e.g. programming in C++ or Java, cloud computing, 3D modeling, robotics, mobile communications technology and applications).
- intend to pursue higher education and careers in technology;
- have strong English language skills;
- be excited about learning;
- exhibit maturity, flexibility, and open-mindedness; and
- attend at least one more semester of secondary school upon their return to their home country.

Application Instructions:

Completed applications must include:

- Completed Application Coversheet Form
- Completed Application Form
- 1 Recommendation Letter (can be from school or another institution).
- Copy of passport (if available)
- Copy of school transcript (please do not submit original transcripts). Transcripts are the official document from the applicant's school showing the student's scores, grades etc for previous years of study.

Please submit your applications and supporting documentation to ExchangesCairo@state.gov with the program name in the subject line.

Remark: Repeated or incomplete applications and any applications received after the deadline will not be considered.

Please check this link for application and for more details about the program: <http://egypt.usembassy.gov/pa/xchgs.html>

Deadline for Applications: January 24, 2012 at 4:30 PM



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Between the Lines: International Writer's Program for Students

Description

In cooperation with the prestigious International Writing Program (IWP) at the University of Iowa, the U.S. State Department's Cultural Programs Division is pleased to announce an exchange opportunity for young writers from Arabic-speaking countries in the Middle East - Between the Lines (BTL). The Program will take place at the University of Iowa from July 14 to July 28, 2012. These young writers will be immersed in one of the premier creative writing environments of the United States as part of an exchange that will broaden and sharpen their writing skills, deepen their understanding of American society, and build bridges with young American writers who will also participate in creative writing classes. Program activities will include writing workshops in both English and Arabic, seminars on literary topics, cultural visits, and other local events. At the culmination of the program, the students' writings (in both English and Arabic) will be collected into a printed booklet to be used for educational purposes.

Eligibility Criteria

All students must be:

- Citizens, nationals or permanent residents qualified to hold a valid Egyptian passport.
- Between the ages of 16 and 19 as of July 12, 2012 and proficient in Arabic and English (reading, writing, and speaking).
- Demonstrate an interest in and ability to write creatively (fiction and/or poetry) and fully engage their imaginations in a variety of class settings.

Application Instructions

All applicants are required to submit: a copy of passport or ID, updated CV, Contact Information Coversheet and all the following samples to ExchangesCairo@state.gov indicating the name of the program in the subject.

- a) A writing sample of 6-8 pages of prose and/or poetry in English
- b) A writing sample of 6-8 pages of prose and/or poetry in Arabic (different than the sample provided in English)
- c) A brief one-paragraph statement of purpose in English describing why the applicant is interested in participating in the BTL program
- d) A writing sample of 2-5 pages of prose and/or poetry in either language in response to one of the following writing prompts:
 - * Your character has just walked into an empty room that contains an overturned chair, a torn envelope, and a set of keys. Write a story or poem describing what happened just before the character walked into the room.
 - * Write a story or a poem inspired by the following statement: "It is better to have loved and lost than never to have loved at all."

Important Remark: All writing samples must be sent in 12-point font and have one-inch margins all around.

To download the Contact Information Coversheet, please visit: <http://egypt.usembassy.gov/pa/xchg.html>

Deadline for Applications: February 8, 2012, 4:30 p.m.



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Between the Lines: International Writer's Program for Chaperones

Description

In cooperation with the prestigious International Writing Program (IWP) at the University of Iowa, the U.S. State Department's Cultural Programs Division is pleased to announce an exchange opportunity for young aspiring writers from Arabic-speaking countries in the Middle East - Between the Lines (BTL). The Program will take place at the University of Iowa from July 14 to July 28, 2012. Students (between the ages of 16 and 19) will be accompanied by chaperones.

Eligibility Criteria

All chaperones must:

- Be citizens, nationals or permanent residents qualified to hold a valid Egyptian passport
- Be between the ages of 25 and 40 as of July 12, 2012 and proficient in Arabic and English (reading, writing, and speaking)
- Demonstrate experience working with young people, particularly students in the demographic (secondary school/college undergrad) - ideally a teacher from the students' school who is interested in creative writing
- Has not had previous exposure to the United States
- Be willing to assist BTL faculty and IWP staff with projects related to promoting creative writing and the teaching of creative writing in the Middle East
- Be reliable, mature, and willing and able to take on the dual responsibilities of their own program and the overall duties of overseeing the students
- Be ready to fully participate in a formal English language program on creative writing teaching methods that will also include American teachers

Application Instructions

Each applicant must submit an updated resume/CV in English, a brief statement of purpose in English describing his or her goals for the program and how his or her participation will benefit the program, copy of passport or ID and Contact Information Coversheet to ExchangesCairo@state.gov indicating the name of the program in the subject.

To download the chaperone Contact Information Coversheet, please visit:
<http://egypt.usembassy.gov/pa/xchgs.html>

Deadline for Applications: February 8, 2012, 4:30 p.m.



U.S. Embassy in Cairo TechWomen Exchange Program

Description:

The TechWomen initiative will identify approximately 42 women who are emerging leaders in technology sectors for a five-week program, including project-based mentorships at leading companies in California, workshops, networking events, a conference, and meetings in Washington, D.C. Participants will be women engaged or rising in professional careers that require significant expertise/knowledge of technology and/or innovative application of these skills, and who already are – or show promise of being – role models for others in their countries, particularly for women. “Technology” should be interpreted broadly to include – but not be limited to – the fields of science, education, and business.

Eligibility Requirements:

An applicant must:

- Be a woman with a minimum of two years full-time professional experience in technology sectors and/or a career requiring significant expertise/knowledge of technology and/or innovative application of these skills
- Have, at minimum, a university degree
- Be proficient in written and spoken English
- Demonstrate a willingness to participate in exchange programs, welcome opportunities for mentoring and new partnership development, and exhibit confidence and maturity
- Be citizens or permanent residents of Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, the Palestinian Territories, Tunisia or Yemen at the time of application, and while participating in the program
- Not have applied for an immigrant visa to the United States, or participated in a visa lottery in the past five years
- Be able to obtain a U.S. visa
- Not hold U.S. Citizenship or be a U.S. legal permanent resident

Preference will be given to applicants who:

- Have demonstrated themselves as emerging leaders in technology
- Have an advanced degree, especially in a technical field
- Have limited or no prior experience in the United States
- Have a record of voluntary or public service in their communities

Application Instructions:

Please check this link for application and for more details about the program:

<http://egypt.usembassy.gov/pa/xchgs.html> Also, please visit this link <http://www.techwomen.org/> to access the online application.

If you have questions about the program, or the application process, please contact techwomen@iie.org

Deadline for Applications: February 15, 2012



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Teaching Excellence & Achievement Program

Description:

The Teaching Excellence and Achievement Program (TEA) will provide 154 secondary school teachers from Europe and Eurasia, East Asia and the Pacific, the Near East, South and Central Asia, Sub-Saharan Africa, and the Western Hemisphere with unique opportunities to develop expertise in their subject areas, enhance their teaching skills, and increase their knowledge about the United States. The six week U.S. professional development program will include seminars and intensive training in teaching methodologies, lesson planning, teaching strategies for the participants' home environment, teacher leadership, as well as the use of computers for Internet, word processing, and as teaching tools, a two week internship at a secondary school to co-teach with American teachers and work with students, and a program closing seminar where all participants will gather to share their U.S. experience and will share selected lesson plans. The program includes the following: J-1 visa support, a pre-departure orientation held in Egypt, round-trip airfare to and within the U.S., a Welcome Orientation in Washington, D.C., academic program fees, housing (generally shared with other program fellows) and meals, accident and sickness coverage, transportation to the internship school (if necessary), a book/professional development allowance; and a closing seminar.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Be secondary-level, full-time teachers with five or more years of classroom experience in disciplines including English as a Foreign Language, social science (social studies, civics, geography or history), mathematics and science
- Be citizens of Egypt
- Have English-language proficiency (written and spoken); For shortlisted candidates, a minimum TOEFL-ITP 450 will be required.
- Continue teaching for at least five years after completion of the program
- Demonstrate leadership potential and a commitment to teaching in the field of secondary education
- Submit a completed application (see instructions)

Application Instructions:

In order for your application to be complete, please make sure you have the following:

- * Completed Application Coversheet
- * Completed Application form
- * ILEP Institutional Support and Reference form
- * Recent Photograph
- * One Recommendation Letter
- * Copy of National ID and/or passport
- * Most Recent Curriculum Vitae

Applications can only be submitted by post or by hand to the U.S. Embassy in Cairo, Exchanges/Public Affairs Section, 8, Kamal El Din Salah Street, Garden City, Cairo, Egypt. Please write your full name and list the program name on the envelope. Hand delivered applications must be delivered in OPEN envelopes to the Power Checkpoint guard, at the North Gate of the U.S. Embassy, Sunday through Thursday between 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. (work days only).

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Deadline for Applications: March 13, 2012



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International Leaders in Education Program

Description:

The International Leaders in Education Program (ILEP) provides international teachers with unique opportunities to develop expertise in their subject areas, enhance their teaching skills and increase their knowledge about the United States. The program will consist of a semester-long academic program at a U.S. university, including coursework and intensive training in teaching methodologies, lesson planning, teaching strategies for their home environment, and teacher leadership, as well as the use of computers for Internet, word processing and as tools for teaching. The semester-long program will also include an internship at a secondary school to engage participants actively with American teachers and students. Trips to U.S. cultural sites and academic support will be provided for participants throughout the program. Program provisions include: J-1 visa support, a pre-departure orientation held in Cairo, round-trip airfare from your home city to and within the U.S., a welcome program in Washington, D.C., academic program fees, and housing (generally shared with other program fellows), accident and sickness insurance, an allowance for the purchase of a laptop computer, a \$200 book/professional development allowance, a closing seminar in Washington, D.C., a \$180 excess baggage/shipping allowance (international and U.S.), and a daily allowance for meals and incidentals during the university academic program.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Be secondary-level, full-time teachers with five or more years of classroom experience in disciplines including English as a Foreign Language, social studies, civics, mathematics and science;
- Be citizens of Egypt
- Have English-language proficiency (written and spoken); For shortlisted candidates, a minimum TOEFL-ITP 500 will be required.
- Continue teaching for at least five years after completion of the program
- Demonstrate leadership potential and a commitment to teaching in the field of secondary education
- Submit a completed application (see instructions)

Application Instructions:

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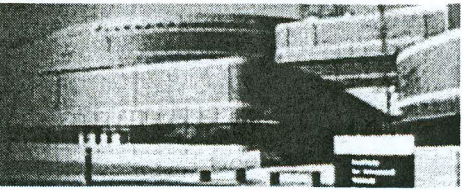
APPLICATIONS OPEN JANUARY 16 2012

One Beat is an international music exchange project that brings together musicians from around the world through a residency and tour program focused on creative collaboration and social engagement. This peer exchange will invite more than 50 young professional musicians (ages 19-35) to the U.S. to work with their American counterparts in the composition and the performance of new cross-genre works, the creation of innovative recordings & videos, and the development of practices of music as civic and social engagement.

sign up if you are interested in applying, nominating someone, or finding out more info.

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INSPIRING AND ACCELERATING ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA (MENA) YOUTH

SPONSORED BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE

GOALS:

The main goal of this program is to expose entrepreneurs, small business owners, private sector development specialists and business educators from the MENA region to best practices in innovation and small business growth in the United States. Participants will increase their understanding of the links between entrepreneurial activity and free markets, as well as the importance of transparency and accountability in business and government through first-hand experience in American small businesses and entrepreneurship support organizations. The main objectives of the program are the following:

- 1) To provide participants from eligible countries an opportunity to gain knowledge of U.S. practices and techniques in their field of expertise, explore governance principles and practices in both public and civil society institutions in the United States, and gain a deeper understanding of U.S. society, culture, and people.
- 2) To provide U.S. participants the opportunity to share their professional expertise with counterparts in eligible countries and gain a deeper understanding of the societies, cultures, and people of the participating countries;
- 3) To promote mutual understanding and lasting, mutually beneficial partnerships.

OVERVIEW:

The main elements of the program include:

- A four (4) week fellowship which will provide a comprehensive set of strategies to promote youth entrepreneurship, primarily in high technology fields, in the MENA region. Fellows will participate in professional development and team building workshops. Topics may include the following: branding and marketing products; business plan writing; programs to promote entrepreneurship in high schools and universities; the protection of intellectual property; and financing entrepreneurial ventures. The fellowship placements will be mostly in small local businesses and in entrepreneurship support organizations
- Two sessions (April/May and October/November 2012)
- Two participants from each country in each session (a total of 12 per session).
- Three weeks will be in Ann Arbor/Dearborn/Detroit, Michigan and one week will take place in Washington D.C.
- Participants will be required to develop and present an action plan on how to apply their experiences to their own organization and home country.
- A follow-up event will be held in the MENA region after each session (total of 2) to promote mutual understanding and expand the partnerships. Two groups of eight American participants will subsequently travel to the MENA region to share their expertise with the

MENA fellows that they hosted in Michigan, participate in workshops and provide consulting advice to local organizations, thus sustaining the network created.

APPLICANTS: The program will focus specifically on men and women who are entrepreneurs, small business owners, work for entrepreneurship support organizations, either state run or non-governmental organizations (NGOs), or teach entrepreneurship at either the high school or university level. To be eligible to participate in this program, you must be:

- Fluent in English
- From one of the following eligible countries: *Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Morocco, Palestinian Authority, and Tunisia*
- Entrepreneurs or those directly involved in promoting entrepreneurship among young people.

EXPENSES PAID: UM-Dearborn will pay for participant travel, food, lodging and local transportation

LOCATION: Dearborn/Ann Arbor, Michigan (3 weeks) – participants will be lodged in a local hotel
UM-Dearborn campus (1 day a week) – professional development training
Local industry/Organizations (4 days a week) – fellowship placements
Dearborn/Detroit/Ann Arbor community (evenings/weekends) – networking with business leaders, cultural events
Washington D.C. (1 week) – Department of State Professional Fellows Conference, Professional development and cultural events

TIMING: *Applications Due:* January 23, 2012
Notification of Acceptance: By February 15, 2012
Program Dates: Session 1: April/May 2012 (4 weeks)
Session 2: October/November 2012 (4 weeks)
In-Region Follow Up Events: January/February 2013
May/June 2013

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