



The U.S. Department of State
Middle East Partnership Initiative



Announces the

MEPI Student Leaders Program 2018 (English Programs)

The Student Leaders program is an intensive five-week exchange program to the United States for approximately 60 undergraduate students from the Middle East and North Africa. It offers outstanding undergraduate and graduate students from across the MENA region an intensive leadership training course. Students attend U.S. academic institutions where they develop leadership skills and expand their understanding of civil society and participatory governance and how both may be applied in their home communities. Students are divided among U.S. academic institutions (Georgetown University, Montana State University, the University of Delaware, and Portland State University). All academic programs will address common themes including: a comparative analysis of leadership styles; consensus-building, conflict resolution, individual and collective problem-solving, and group dynamics; the role of civil society; public speaking; and job-seeking skills.

The program will run from June 25 to August 04, 2018 in the United States and will include coursework/trainings as well as field visits to complement and reinforce the concepts explored in in the academic residency. All students are expected to travel to the United States unaccompanied.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

The program is open to undergraduate students who:

- ✓ Are Algerian citizens living and attending school in Algeria
- ✓ Are aged between 20 and 24 years old as of June 1st 2018
- ✓ Be undergraduate or 1st year master degree students
- ✓ Are proficient in English
- ✓ Have sustained high level of academic achievement, as indicated by grades, awards, and teacher recommendations
- ✓ Have no prior study or travel experience in the United States
- ✓ Have commitment to civic engagement

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HOW TO APPLY?

Interested applicants by the MEPI Student Leaders Program must **apply ONLINE**:

- ✓ Online application form link: <https://studentleaders.fluidreview.com/>
- ✓ The online application form includes Candidate's response to two of the following questions (500 words or less per response):
 - The Student Leaders program offers outstanding students leadership training to expand their understanding of and potential contribution to civic and economic engagements. How are you a leader? True leaders constantly evolve. Provide us with 1-3 concrete examples of how you built and strengthened your advocacy capacity and skills in dealing with a challenge. Did you use your leadership skills to cope with a problem, enact change, or help and inspire others? What did you learn from this experience? How has your leadership style improved as a result? What was the impact of this change on you and the people around you?
 - Tell us about a public figure whose moral convictions you most aspire to emulate. Which key characteristics of that person do you see within yourself, and in which ways are you dissimilar? Discuss how these characteristics sometimes prove to be negative. Be creative: this person can be from any era. We strongly encourage that you select someone the selection committee would recognize by avoiding relatives or teachers.
 - Imagine that you win a \$50,000 grant to engage in an activity within your reach. The project must be concrete and be done within one year and benefit your community (cannot include bringing peace to your country or solving world hunger). The endeavor you choose should promote self-growth as a leader and significantly impact your community. Please provide details of how you would spend your year, why are you motivated to do this, and what are the benefits that this endeavor would bring to yourself and to your community.

Deadline for submitting the application is December 14, 2017.

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