

Leaders for Democracy Fellowship Program Announcement

Clarifications and Responses to Questions

1. Can we apply to the announcement as we are an international organization which has a registration in Jordan as an INGO in the Ministry of Political affairs?

As stated in the NOFO on page 2 under Eligible Countries and Territories, U.S. or foreign non-profit organizations; for-profit organizations; and public international organizations may submit applications to conduct this professional fellowship program. Program participants can come from Algeria, Bahrain, Egypt, Israel, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Tunisia, West Bank/Gaza, and Yemen.

2. Do we have to include all of the listed eligible countries, or can we pick a subset of those countries?

The implementing organization must accept program participants from Algeria, Bahrain, Egypt, Israel, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Tunisia, West Bank/Gaza, and Yemen. Program activities for the U.S. program must be conducted in the U.S. while program activities for the MENA program must be conducted the MENA region, either directly by the implementer or through a program partner in the MENA region.

3. Do you have specific times of the year when you would like two cohorts to come to the US? How about the training in MENA? Are there specific months or seasons that you prefer?

The MENA program currently operates concurrently with the U.S. Program. However, program dates are flexible and subject to change.

4. While reading through the MEPI Program Leaders for Democracy Fellowship, we were happy to see that NEA/AC will be responsible for the selection of applicants to the program. Does this mean that NEA/AC will also have responsibility for initial identification and recruitment of the applicant pool?

NEA/AC conducts all recruitment and selection for the LDF program. The implementing partner is responsible for facilitating visa applications for all participants.