



The U.S. Embassy Algiers is pleased to announce

## **Middle East Partnership Initiative (MEPI)** **MEPI Students Leaders** Summer 2013

### **What is the MEPI Student Leaders Program?**

It is a fully-funded five-week intensive leadership training program in the U.S. for undergraduate students. Participants develop leadership and collective problem-solving skills, exploring U.S. history and culture to expand their leadership skills and knowledge. The program consists of hands-on leadership training workshops, academic sessions, site visits, community service projects, optional home stays and other opportunities for interaction with American peers, and other cultural activities. The program runs from **June 22<sup>nd</sup> to August 03<sup>rd</sup>, 2013 for six weeks**. It includes a five-week academic residency program at the host institution, and a one-week educational study tour designed to complement and reinforce the concepts explored in the academic residency. Students also participate in an alumni conference held in the Middle East or North Africa in early 2014. The program is fully funded, including international airfare, travel within the United States, accommodation, food, and program fees.

### **Can I apply for the MEPI Student Leaders?**

Yes you can, if...

- You are an Algerian citizen, living in Algeria, and attending school in Algeria,
- You will be **18 to 24 years** old as of June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013,
- You are currently in your **first year** through the **third year (classical system), first and second year (LMD), first year through the fourth year (Engineer's degree)** of university
- You still have at least **one year** of studies to finish upon your return to Algeria,
- Are committed to returning to your home country/community following completion of the program,
- You are proficient in English,
- You have a sustained high level of academic achievement, as indicated by grades, awards, and teacher recommendations,
- You are mature, responsible, independent, open-minded, tolerant, and thoughtful
- You demonstrate strong leadership potential,
- You have a strong interest in learning about the United States,
- You have limited or no study or travel experience in the United States,
- You have commitment to community,
- You are comfortable with campus life, prepared to share living accommodations, and able to make adjustments to cultural and social practices different from those of your country,
- You are ready to spend a part of Ramadan 2012 in the United States.

### **How do I apply?**

Application Information

- Download the application from [http://algiers.usembassy.gov/academic\\_exchanges.html](http://algiers.usembassy.gov/academic_exchanges.html)
- **Deadline to turn in the application is at 1700, 13 February 2013**
  - Submitted electronically to [PASAlgiersYouth@state.gov](mailto:PASAlgiersYouth@state.gov)
  - Please send a scanned copy of the latest academic transcripts available, along with your application
  - Write in the subject of your application's email: **YOUR NAME – MEPI 2013**

**Important: Please be informed that only successful candidates will be contacted for an interview**

Finalists

- Will be invited to an interview at the Embassy
- Must bring a printed and signed copy of their application to the interview
- Must bring copies of their academic transcripts to the interview – No translation needed
- Must bring a copy of their passport, if available, to the interview

**For more information contact the Public Affairs Office by email: [PASAlgiersYouth@state.gov](mailto:PASAlgiersYouth@state.gov)**