

TECHGirls

Teenage secondary school girls are invited to apply for participation in the
2016 TechGirls program!

Program Description: TechGirls offers secondary school girls from the Middle East and North Africa the opportunity to engage in an intensive, month-long exchange program in the United States in summer 2016 focused on promoting the high-level study of technology. Program activities will include a technology camp with American peers, hands-on classes and labs, individual and/or team-based project design and development, mentoring experiences, job shadowing, site visits to technology companies in Washington, D.C. and surrounding communities, and community service. Tentative exchange dates: July 12 – August 3, 2016.

TechGirls return home with the knowledge, skills, new ideas and enthusiasm to make a positive impact on their schools and communities through achievable action projects using technology. TechGirls will work on action plans in the United States and refine their plans upon return home.

This program is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA).

Students who may apply are those who:

- are from one of the following eligible countries: Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Palestinian territories, and Tunisia;
- are between the ages of 15 and 17;
- have demonstrated advanced skills and a serious interest in technology, engineering, and/or math in their academic studies;
- intend to pursue higher education and/or careers in technology;
- have strong English language skills;
- exhibit maturity, flexibility, and open-mindedness;
- will attend at least one additional semester of secondary school upon their return to their home country; and
- are committed to completing a follow-on project upon their return home

Please contact the Public Affairs Section of your local U.S. Embassy for additional information and application materials.