



Alumni Project Competition

The Embassy of the United States in Algeria is pleased to announce a call for proposals for the 2014 Alumni Project Competition. Our long-term goal is to support the alumni of US-funded exchange programs in their efforts to strengthen civil society by sharing information, expertise and values; mobilizing resources; and enriching relationships between Algeria and United States. We seek proposals that advance one or more of the following: youth leadership; women's empowerment; entrepreneurship; and engagement of underserved populations.

Announcement posted: February 1, 2014.

Closing date for applications: April 30, 2014.

Funding type: Small grant awards

Decision date: no later than June 30, 2014.

Expected size of individual awards: Up to \$5,000. We will consider proposals of exceptional impact with budgets of up to \$20,000.

Eligible applicants: Proposals must be submitted by an alumnus/a of a U.S. sponsored or supported educational or professional exchange program. This year's initiative includes only the following programs:

- Access English Microscholarship
- Youth Leadership program (YLP)
- TechGirls
- TechWomen
- NESU UGrad
- SUSI programs
- Between the Lines
- Women2Women
- MEPI (Middle East Partnership Initiative) Leaders for Democracy
- Fulbright: Students, Teaching Assistant, Visiting Scholars, and Humphrey programs

Proposed projects must include direct involvement of the Public Affairs Section of the U.S. Embassy in Algiers. Participants in this project must be 18 years old to qualify for receipt of grant money.

Project proposals **should be detailed**, demonstrating:

- 1) Clear goals,
- 2) Reliable partner institutions,
- 3) A detailed evaluation plan,
- 4) Realistic timeline and project steps, and
- 5) A reporting plan covering the entire project timeline.

A good application should answer the important questions of who, what, where, when, and why.

Project proposals **must include a detailed budget**, demonstrating:

- 1) Reasonable costs,
- 2) Any applicable cost-sharing, and
- 3) A sustainability plan for the post-funding period.

We encourage creative and innovative proposals, but proposals must advance one or more of the following: youth leadership; women's empowerment; entrepreneurship; and engagement of underserved populations.

How to submit: Send a concise project description and a detailed budget to AlgiersPD@state.gov. Applicants are encouraged to use the Public Affairs Grant request form found at <http://algiers.usembassy.gov/alumni.html> to submit their project description.

Please note: Embassy cultural grants CANNOT be used to fund religious organizations or partisan political activity; individual trips abroad; trade activities; fundraising campaigns; commercial projects; scientific research; projects whose primary aim is the institutional development of the organization; or representational expenses (lunch, alcoholic beverages, etc.).

TIPS FOR AN EFFECTIVE PROPOSAL:

Overall Impact: Reviewers will judge the proposals on the basis of the likelihood for the project to exert a sustained, powerful influence on the community where it is undertaken. Does the project address an important gap of understanding or need? If the aim of the project is achieved, how will existing knowledge or practice be improved?

Participants: What audience do you hope to reach with this project? How many people will participate? How will you select them?

Innovation: Does the proposed project challenge and/or seek to shift current understanding of an issue or a common view? Does the project rely on a new form of presentation, techniques or methods?

Measurability: Are the goals and/or learning outcomes of the project clearly stated? Are they measurable? Does the proposal include a plan for assessing its impact? Are potential problems, alternative strategies, and benchmarks for success presented?

DISCLAIMER: U.S. Embassy Algiers does not guarantee availability of funding by receiving applications under this announcement. Applications **MUST BE** in English. Only successful applicants will be contacted.