



## U.S. Department of State U.S. Embassy in Cairo *Near East and South Asia Undergraduate Exchange Program*

The Near East and South Asia Undergraduate Exchange Program, NESAs UGRAD, is a part of GLOBAL UGRAD, a program of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, U.S. Department of State. NESAs UGRAD will award scholarships to outstanding students from countries of the Middle East, North Africa and South Asia for one-year of, non-degree undergraduate study at a diverse network of accredited two- and four-year institutions in the United States.

Mandatory courses will include U.S. study courses, academic skills training and courses in students' fields of study. Participants will take part in community service as well as an unpaid internship.

Candidates will be considered without respect to race, color, religion, national origin, or gender. Persons with disabilities are strongly encouraged to apply.

Competition for the Near East and South Asia Undergraduate Exchange Program (NESAs UGRAD) is merit-based.

### **A complete application submitted by hand/post must include ALL the following documents:**

- \* Completed, signed NESAs UGRAD application form (pages 1-4)
- \* NESAs UGRAD Supplemental Form (pages 5-9)
- \* Two letters of recommendation (Using the required NESAs UGRAD Recommendation Form) (3 pages)
- \* Personal statement (in English and no more than 450 words)
- \* For Current Undergraduate students: Original official transcript(s) with an accurate English Translation(s). Transcripts are the official document from the applicant's university showing the student's scores, grades etc for previous years of study. For 1st year university students, please provide a copy of your secondary school transcripts and an enrollment letter from your current university. For final year of secondary school, a copy of official grades of 2nd Secondary in English is required.
- \* Valid TOEFL-ITP score report ( Valid TOEFL iBT or IELTS may also be accepted instead)
- \* Two passport-size photos (8x4)
- \* Copy of National ID and/or passport

**Incomplete applications will not be considered.**

### How to Apply

**Deadline for Applications:  
January 16, 2014**

#### **Application Submission- TWO steps:**

1-Complete the application electronically with all the supporting documents (Revise the checklist for complete application)

2-Send a hard copy of the application along with all the required supporting documents by hand in OPEN envelopes with applicant's full name and program name to the Power Checkpoint guard, at the North Gate of the U.S. Embassy, Sunday through Thursday between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. (work days only) or by reliable post.

When sending by post or hand delivery, please use the following address: **U.S. Embassy in Cairo, Exchanges/Public Affairs Section, 8, Kamal El Din Salah Street, Garden City, Cairo, Egypt.**

Inquiries should be sent by email to [CairoNESA@state.gov](mailto:CairoNESA@state.gov)

Program announcement and application instructions are posted here: <http://egypt.usembassy.gov/pa/xchgs.html>

#### **Eligibility for participation in the NESAs UGRAD is open to anyone who:**

- \*is an Egyptian citizen, national or permanent resident qualified to hold a valid Egyptian passport;
- \*is completing his/her final year secondary school or enrolled in first-, second-, third-, or fourth year ^ full-time undergraduate study at the time of application at a registered academic institution in Egypt (^ Fourth-year students must have an additional term of study to complete at their Egyptian University upon completion of the NESAs UGRAD program)
- \*submits a complete application with all required supporting documents delivered by hand or mail by the application deadline;
- \* is able to begin the academic exchange program in the United States in August 2014;
- \* is between the ages of 18-25
- \*is able to receive and maintain a J-1 visa;
- \*is committed to returning to Egypt after completion of the program; and
- \*is proficient in spoken and written English at the time of application; with a minimum TOEFL-ITP score of 500.

**Remark:** TOEFL-ITP is administered by AMIDEAST-Egypt (Cairo Office Address: 38 Mohie El Din Abou El Ezz Street, Dokki-Giza; Alexandria Office Address: 15 Abdel Hamid El Abbady, Roushdy, Alexandria; Telephone: 19263)

**Remember to ask for the special discounted rate for NESAs applicants when you register for the TOEFL-ITP at AMIDEAST.**

The TOEFL ITP is available on Wednesdays only throughout the year at 9:00 A.M. Test takers are requested to register 2 weeks in advance.