



## 2012-IRAQ MUSEUM FELLOWSHIP RESIDENCIES PROGRAM (IMRP)

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The Educational and Cultural Affairs Bureau of the U.S. Department of State and the United States Embassy in Baghdad are pleased to announce the 2012 Iraq Museum Fellowship Residencies Program. This program has been developed to provide future Iraqi museum professionals with the opportunity to develop and build their capacity in museum management and operation.

The residencies will provide young Iraqis direct experience with the new techniques and technology in the field; offer opportunities for interaction with U.S. museum professionals; familiarize participants with private/public partnerships and volunteerism; and give the participants firsthand exposure to U.S. society and culture and to the diversity of cultural expression in the United States.

The residencies will offer the following courses: museum basics and principles; exhibition development and design (theory and practice) or collection management (principles and techniques); museum education; visitor studies and evaluation; marketing and programming; museum management and leadership (museum mission, strategic planning, team building).

This program is being offered as two identical 30-day residency placements at the George Washington University (GWU) in Washington, D.C. The first residency will be held from June 1 – 30, 2012; and the second residency will be held from July 5 – August 5, 2012. Applicants may apply for either the June or the July residency placement, but not for both.

### **Applicants must:**

- Be in the 4<sup>th</sup> year of an undergraduate degree program in archaeology, art history or fine arts, have an undergraduate degree in archaeology, art history or fine arts, or be currently enrolled in a graduate program of archaeology, art history or fine arts.
- Possess a basic understanding of museum principles.
- Possess a working knowledge and be able to communicate well with others in English or Arabic (An Arabic translator will be provided by GWU for both the June and July residencies).
- Possess the ability to work well with others as well as individually.
- Be detail-oriented and well-organized.
- Be responsible and motivated.
- Have computer skills – a working knowledge of basic office and email programs such as Word, Excel, Outlook, Gmail, etc.
- Be available to travel and able to take one month's leave from current academic studies.
- Accompanying dependents are not allowed due to visa regulations.
- The fellowship will cover the following expenses: Round trip air travel - Baghdad to Washington, DC; health & accident insurance; all meals and lodging; and a cash payment to cover miscellaneous expenses (per diem) during the residency. The per diem payment will be provided to the participants upon arrival in Washington, DC.
- Upon completion of the program, participants must return to Iraq.

### **How to Apply: Email the documents listed below. No paper applications will be accepted:**

- Official copies of **transcripts** for all courses attended; the original version (in Arabic or Kurdish) and an official translated version (in English);
- Official copies of any English language and academic testing (TOEFL, ILET).
- Two letters of recommendation (in English). You should choose teachers or professors who know you well and can give strong references with specific examples and details of projects you have worked on;
- A CV (in English), listing education, work experience, computer and language skills.
- Copies of both sides of your current Civil Identity Card (Hawait Al-Ahwal Al-Madenia) and pages one and two of an up-to-date A, D, E or G-series Iraqi passport. Your passport must be valid through January 2013 or later.

- A personal essay (in English), 250 to 500 words in length, explaining how you are qualified to participate in the program.

## **DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS**

All applications must be submitted online **before November 30, 2011** in English language to:  
[IMRP@ird-dc.org](mailto:IMRP@ird-dc.org)

Questions about the program may be sent to: [MLemmon@ird-dc.org](mailto:MLemmon@ird-dc.org)