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## International Education Week



International Education Week (IEW) is an opportunity to celebrate the benefits of international education and exchange worldwide. This joint initiative of the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education is part of our efforts to promote programs that prepare students for a global environment and attract future leaders from abroad to study, learn, and exchange experiences in the United States.

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### أسبوع التعليم الدولي: ما بين ١٤-١٨ تشرين ثاني ٢٠١١

أسبوع التعليم الدولي: ما بين ١٤-١٨ تشرين ثاني ٢٠١١ اسبوع التعليم الدولي مبادرة مشتركة بين وزارة الخارجية الامريكية ووزارة التعليم وهي تاتي كجزء من جهود الولايات المتحدة لتشجيع البرامج التي تساعد الامريكيين على فهم البيئة الدولية وكذلك جذب قادة مستقبليين من الخارج

## Secretary Clinton on International Education



“Whether it’s a summer course, a semester immersion, or a degree program, study abroad can be one of the most rewarding experiences in a young person’s life. International students enrich classrooms and communities with their ideas, perspectives, and culture. And when they return home, they bring new knowledge, new perspectives, and a deeper understanding of the world.

This year, the number of international students studying in the United States reached a record high. International education is a growth sector for the United States, having increased by 7 percent last year. And worldwide, women make up almost half the total international student body. That’s the good news. Unfortunately, only one percent of American students from two- and four-year institutions are studying abroad.

So as we celebrate **International Education Week** this year, I am asking all American students to commit to expanding your worldview by studying in another country. And I hope the administrators of American colleges and universities will support this study abroad experience. To get started, visit the State Department’s travel website at [travel.state.gov](http://travel.state.gov), and apply for a passport.

The United States has always been a global leader in higher education. But to remain a leader in this ever-changing world, we must push ourselves to not just think globally, but to get out there and study globally as well.”

Thank you.

A video message is available here:

<http://video.state.gov/en/video/1274659288001>

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QYfnjYp933M&feature=channel\\_video\\_title](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QYfnjYp933M&feature=channel_video_title)

**Statement on International Education Week 2011 by U.S. Secretary of Education  
Arne Duncan November 14-18, 2011**



“I am pleased to announce the 12th annual International Education Week starting on November 14. This year’s theme is International Education: Inspiring Students Locally to Succeed Globally.

International Education Week is a joint initiative of the U.S. Departments of Education and State. It celebrates the benefits of understanding the world around us so we can better communicate and collaborate with others from different cultures. It is an ideal opportunity to inspire students to broaden their horizons through global learning, foreign languages and international exchange.

President Obama and I are passionate about providing all of our children with an education that will enable them to succeed in a globally competitive economy where knowledge and innovation are more important than ever. And, with the world’s economies and societies becoming more and more interdependent, it is almost impossible to distinguish between domestic and international issues.

Therefore, we must work together to give all of our students an outstanding education, which includes learning about our global partners – their cultures, histories, languages, values, and viewpoints. We must focus on integrating international perspectives into our classrooms. It is through education and exchange that we become better collaborators, competitors and compassionate neighbors in this global society.

There is no longer any doubt that local actions have international effects and consequences. International Education Week 2011 is a time to celebrate our connection with the world around us. I hope that you will join me this November in highlighting the importance of international education and exchange.”

## International Students: Preparing to Be Tomorrow's Leaders



The United States is “working energetically across the globe to increase the numbers” of international students who come to the United States as well as U.S. students who study overseas, says the top State Department official in charge of exchange programs.

“We want people from all different backgrounds and countries to study here,” acting Assistant Secretary of State Adam Ereli said during a November 14 round-table discussion that kicked off International Education Week 2011, which runs November 14–18. He praised Saudi Arabia for the number of students it sends abroad — “an investment in its future generations” — and noted that the president of Chile and five members of the Chilean Cabinet are alumni of the Fulbright exchange program. Along with Ereli, five students currently or recently enrolled in study-abroad programs spoke at the Foreign Press Center in Washington. International students are essential to the United States, said Ereli. People-to-people exchanges help create bonds between countries, and “there’s not one country in the world we don’t want stronger bonds with.” Besides, “foreign students enrich our universities. They expose Americans to new ideas, new ways of seeing things — offering new perspectives to professors and other students.”

### الطلاب الدوليون: الاستعداد لكي يكونوا قادة الغد

يقول مسؤول رفيع المستوى في وزارة الخارجية الأمريكية عن برامج التبادل الطلابي إن الولايات المتحدة تعمل "بنشاط كبير في سائر أنحاء العالم لزيادة أعداد" الطلاب الأجانب الذين يأتون إلى الولايات المتحدة، فضلاً عن الطلبة الأميركيين الذين يدرسون في الخارج.

وقال آدم إيرلي، نائب مساعد وزيرة الخارجية الأمريكية ضمن نقاش جرى حول طاولة مستديرة في ١٤ تشرين الثاني/نوفمبر أطلق خلاله الأسبوع الدولي للتعليم للعام ٢٠١١، والذي يستمر من ١٤ إلى ١٨ تشرين الثاني/نوفمبر، "نريد أن يأتي الطلاب من جميع الخلفيات والبلدان للدراسة هنا". وأنتى على المملكة العربية السعودية لكثرة عدد الطلاب الذين ترسلهم للدراسة في الخارج، ووصف ذلك بأنه "استثمار في أجيال المستقبل" - وأشار إلى أن رئيس تشيلي وخمسة أعضاء من الوزراء التشيليين هم متخرجون من برنامج فولبرايت لتبادل الطلاب في الدراسات الجامعية العليا.

وبالإضافة إلى إيرلي، تحدث في مركز الصحافة الأجنبية في واشنطن خمسة طلاب مسجلين حالياً أو سجلوا مؤخراً ببرامج الدراسة في الخارج.

أكد إيرلي أن الطلاب الدوليين أساسيون للولايات المتحدة. فالمبادلات بين الناس مباشرة تساهم في إقامة روابط بين البلدان، و"ليس هناك أي بلد واحد في العالم لا نرغب في تقوية الروابط معه". وأضاف أن "الطلاب الأجانب يزيدون من غنى جامعاتنا ويطلعون الأميركيين على أفكار جديدة، ويعرضون لهم طرقاً جديدة للنظر في الأمور - ويقدمون وجهات نظر جديدة للأساتذة وللطلاب الآخرين".

واستناداً إلى معهد التعليم العالمي، ازداد عدد الطلاب الدوليين الذين يدرسون في الولايات المتحدة إلى رقم قياسي بلغ ٧٢٣،٢٧٧ طالباً خلال السنة الدراسية ٢٠١٠-٢٠١١.

## "International Education: Inspiring Students Locally to Succeed Globally"

This year marks the 12th annual International Education Week (IEW), November 14-18, 2011. International Education Week celebrates the importance and benefits of international education in the United States and around the world. This year's theme is **"International Education: Inspiring Students Locally to Succeed Globally."**

During this week, the Consulate has been very busy talking with various groups, universities, and the general public about education in the U.S.

America House, the U.S. Consulate General's cultural center in Jerusalem, in conjunction with AMIDEAST, hosted an Open House on November 14, 2011, for the general public interested in educational opportunities to study in the U.S., including how to apply for U.S. student visas, and locally available educational advising services.

Representatives from the U.S. Consulate General and AMIDEAST conducted an afternoon seminar for high school and university administrators, counselors and educators titled: Study in the U.S.: How the U.S. Consulate and AMIDEAST can Assist Your Educational Institution in Getting Your Students into U.S. Universities and Prepare Students for U.S. Culture and Visa Processing. This event was part of the U.S. Consulate General's International Education Week outreach activities.

In addition, on Wednesday, November 16 and Thursday November 17, 2011, we met with students and faculty of Al Quds University and Bethlehem University, where we talked about studying in the U.S., and gave them information about student visas as well. We will be continuing our education week activities next week, speaking with high school students and high school counselors and administrators.

If any schools are interested in learning more about U.S. education, we would be happy to set up seminars with you. Please feel free to contact us at [UsConGenJerusalem@state.gov](mailto:UsConGenJerusalem@state.gov)

For more information about International Education Week, please visit: <http://iew.state.gov/>.



## Remarks by Consul General Rubinstein at Augusta Victoria Hospital's Diabetes Day



"Dr. Tawfiq Nasser, distinguished guests, and, most importantly, children: I am honored to be here with you today to celebrate this fun day of learning at Augusta Victoria Hospital, one of East Jerusalem's most well-known and prestigious hospitals. I hear we have friends from Hebron, Bethlehem, Ramallah, Al Eizariya, Abu Dis, and Jerusalem here with us today. I'm also glad to see so many parents in the audience; their support and encouragement is so very important. Today, we will learn about diabetes and how best to manage it so that each one of you can enjoy a healthy and productive life. I am proud that the U.S. Department of State is sponsoring this important program.

In addition to today's Diabetes Awareness event, the United States Government has worked closely with Augusta Victoria Hospital through the years in numerous fields. U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) programs have supported the Hospital's intensive care unit, village health outreach activities, and procurement of vital equipment for dialysis, radiation, and mammography. This assistance has helped Augusta Victoria Hospital provide quality care for complicated treatments, allowing patients to receive treatment here instead of traveling to Egypt, Jordan, or Israel. Recently, the U.S. Consulate community planted trees and flowers here. This project will be integrated into the hospital's outdoor cancer treatment garden. I am proud of what we have achieved together."

### كلمة القنصل العام روبنستين خلال فعاليات يوم السكري في مستشفى اوجيستا فكتوريا

"حضرة الدكتور توفيق ناصر، الضيوف الكرام والأهم، أطفالنا الأعزاء: يشرفني أن أكون معكم اليوم للإحتفال بهذا اليوم التعليمي الممتع في مستشفى اوجيستا فكتوريا، احد المستشفيات المعروفة والمرموقة في القدس الشرقية. لقد سمعت انه يوجد معنا هنا اليوم اصداق من الخليل وبيت لحم ورام الله والعيزرية وأبوديس. وأنا سعيد جدا برؤية العديد من الأهالي بين الحضور فدعمهم وتشجيعهم غاية بالأهمية. سنتعلم اليوم عن مرض السكري وعن أفضل الطرق للتعامل معه حتى يتمتع كل فرد منكم بحياة أكثر صحة وأكثر إنتاجية. وأنا فخور أن وزارة الخارجية الأمريكية اختارت أن تدعم هذا البرنامج المهم"

## Emily Elbert performs in Jerusalem and Ramallah



On November 7, The U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem and America House hosted American singer and songwriter Emily Elbert, one of Glamour Magazine's top ten college women. Emily performed in Jerusalem and Ramallah during the week beginning November 7 2011. Visit our [Facebook page](#) to see more photos.

See Video Report on Emily Elbert's performances in Ramallah on [Wattan TV](#)

[Listen to Emily Elbert's Song- Do Without](#)

### عروض فنية حية للموسيقية الأمريكية إيميلي إيلبرت

قام البيت الأمريكي والقنصلية الأمريكية العامة في القدس باستضافة كاتبة الاغاني والمغنية الامريكية إيميلي إيلبرت إحدى أفضل عشر نساء جامعيات حسب تصنيف مجلة غلامور. وقدمت إيميلي عرضا حيا في القدس ورام الله في الاسبوع الذي بدأ ب ٧ تشرين ثاني . للاطلاع على المزيد من الصور زوروا صفحتنا على [الفيس بوك](#)

## Special Webchat Briefing on the Arab Spring



On November 1, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Near Eastern Affairs Tamara C. Wittes participated in a special webchat briefing on the Arab Spring and other Middle East issues on State Department Live, the State Department's interactive online video platform for engaging international media.

Deputy Assistant Secretary Tamara C. Wittes: "The United States, along with a very wide majority in the international community and along with countries in the region and Israelis and Palestinians, all of us agree on the core goal, which is a two-state solution where Israel and Palestine live side by side in dignity and sovereignty and peace....Suggested Caption 2: "We are very focused – working with the Quartet on trying to get the two parties back to direct talks. But we're not only doing that in the interim. We're engaged in discussions separately with the Israelis and with the Palestinians on a couple of core issues – on security and on land....We think it's very important to try and advance this process, because it's only through working through these very difficult, very painful issues that Palestinians will get the self-determination that they are seeking and that they deserve."

### تصريحات تامارا ويتس، المسؤولة في وزارة الخارجية، حول الربيع العربي

بتاريخ الأول من تشرين ثاني، شاركت تمار ويتس المسؤولة في وزارة الخارجية لشؤون الشرق الأوسط بحديث عبر شبكة الانترنت حول الربيع العربي وقضايا أخرى خاصة بالشرق الأوسط، وذلك عبر وسيلة الفيديو التفاعلي في وزارة الخارجية الأمريكية للتواصل مع الاعلام الدولي

"أعتقد أن من المهم جداً أن ندرك بأن الولايات المتحدة، سوية مع غالبية واسعة جداً في المجتمع الدولي، وسوية مع دول أخرى في المنطقة كما الإسرائيليين والفلسطينيين، نوافق على الهدف الأساسي، ألا وهو حل الدولتين حيث تعيش إسرائيل وفلسطين جنباً إلى جنب بكرامة، وسيادة، وسلام

اننا مركزين بقوة- الولايات المتحدة – على العمل مع اللجنة الرباعية في محاولة إعادة الطرفين إلى المحادثات المباشرة. ولكننا لا نقوم بذلك فقط في هذه الأثناء. نحن منخرطون في مناقشات منفصلة مع الإسرائيليين ومع الفلسطينيين حول بعض القضايا الجوهرية - حول الأمن والأرض، ويقدم كلا الطرفين مقترحاتهما لنا، وتبادل المعلومات معهما ذهاباً وإياباً. لذلك فإننا مشاركون في مفاوضات غير مباشرة.

إن ما كنا نركز عليه في عملنا كان إعادة الإسرائيليين والفلسطينيين إلى طاولة المفاوضات، حيث يمكنهم تسوية القضايا المتبقية فيما بينهم وتحقيق ذلك الحل المتفاوض عليه لإنشاء دولتين وهو الذي يشكل المسار الوحيد لتحقيق الاستقرار والسلام اللذين يستحقانها بكل جدارة كلا الشعبين.

نعتمد أن من المهم جداً أن نحاول دفع هذه العملية قُدماً، لأنه فقط من خلال العمل المباشر عبر هذه القضايا الصعبة جداً، والمؤلمة جداً سوف يحصل الفلسطينيون على حق تقرير المصير الذي يسعون إليه والذي يستحقونه"

## **U.S. Department of State Expedites Student Visa Processing**

During International Education Week, the U.S. Department of State highlights existing efforts to attract future leaders from abroad to take advantage of the exceptional educational opportunities in the United States. We also recognize that foreign students bring with them tremendous intellectual, social, and economic benefits. As part of these efforts, the Department's Bureau of Consular Affairs gives student visa appointments special priority.

All U.S. embassies and consulates expedite visa processing for foreign students to ensure qualified students are able to begin their academic program on time. Worldwide, the maximum wait for a student visa appointment is fewer than 15 days. Foreign students can apply for their visas up to 120 days before their academic programs begin. We always encourage all visa applicants to apply early.

At home and abroad, students continue to seek international education to gain the skills, the contacts, and the experience necessary to succeed in the global marketplace. The consistent growth in international enrollments in the United States attests to the universally recognized pre-eminence of the country's higher education system. International education grew by nearly 9 percent during the 2010/11 academic year, and foreign students studying in the United States brought \$21.3 billion into the domestic economy. Most importantly, educational exchanges foster mutual understanding, respect, and goodwill between Americans and people around the world.

To learn more about International Education Week, [click here](#).

### **وزارة الخارجية الأمريكية تقوم بتسريع إجراءات إصدار تأشيرات الطلبة**

خلال أسبوع التعليم الدولي، تسلط وزارة الخارجية الأمريكية الضوء على الجهود القائمة لاجتذاب قادة المستقبل من خارج البلاد لكي يستفيدوا من الفرص التعليمية الاستثنائية في الولايات المتحدة. كما أننا ندرك أيضا أن الطلاب الأجانب يجلبون معهم منافع فكرية واجتماعية واقتصادية هائلة. وفي إطار هذه الجهود، فإن مكتب وزارة الخارجية للشؤون القنصلية يعطي أولوية خاصة للمواعيد المتعلقة بتأشيرات الطلبة.

وستقوم جميع السفارات والقنصليات الأمريكية بتسريع إجراءات إصدار تأشيرات الطلبة الأجانب لضمان أن يكون الطلاب المؤهلون قادرين على بدء برنامجهم الدراسي في الوقت المحدد. وفي جميع أنحاء العالم، سيكون الحد الأقصى لوقت الانتظار لموعد خاص بالتأشيرة الطلابية أقل من ١٥ يوما. ويمكن للطلاب الأجانب التقدم بطلبات الحصول على تأشيراتهم قبل أن تبدأ برامجهم الدراسية بمدة زمنية تصل إلى ١٢٠ يوما. نحن نشجع دائما جميع طالبي التأشيرات على التقدم بطلباتهم في وقت مبكر.

في داخل البلاد وخارجها، يواصل الطلاب سعيهم إلى التعليم الدولي لاكتساب المهارات، والتواصل الإنساني، والخبرة اللازمة للنجاح في السوق العالمية. ويشهد النمو الثابت في عدد طلبات الالتحاق من الطلاب الأجانب للدراسة في الولايات المتحدة على تفوق نظام التعليم العالي في البلاد المعترف به عالميا. لقد ازداد معدل التعليم الدولي إلى ما يقرب من ٩ في المئة خلال العام الدراسي ٢٠١٠/٢٠١١، والطلاب الأجانب الذين يدرسون في الولايات المتحدة جلبوا ٢١,٣ بليون دولار إلى الاقتصاد المحلي. والأهم من ذلك بكثير، فإن برامج التبادل الدراسي تعمل على تعزيز التفاهم المتبادل والاحترام والنوايا الحسنة بين الأميركيين ومختلف الشعوب في جميع أنحاء العالم.



**[2012-2013 Fulbright Visiting Scholar Program: Post-Doctoral Research/Lecturing Opportunity in the U.S.:](#)**

The Fulbright Visiting Senior Scholar Award provides an opportunity to post-doctoral scholars who are to begin a program of research or teaching in 2012/2013 at an accredited university, or a public or private, non-profit research institute in the United States.

**Deadline: November 30, 2011**

**[2012 Study of the United States Institutes \(SUSI\) Summer Programs Scholars and Secondary School Educators:](#)**

The U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem announces the call for applications for the 2012 Study of the United States Institute (SUSI) for Scholars and Secondary School Educators. The SUSI institute programs are intensive post-graduate level academic programs with integrated study tours whose purpose is to provide foreign secondary school educators and scholars the opportunity to deepen their understanding of American society, culture and institutions. The ultimate goal of SUSI programs is to strengthen curricula and improve the quality of teaching about the United States in academic institutions abroad.

**Application Deadline: December 1, 2011**

**["Doors to Diplomacy" 2012 International Web Project Competition for Middle and High School Students:](#)**

The Department of State and the Global SchoolNet Foundation announce the 2012 "Doors to Diplomacy" award competition, recognizing the student-created Global SchoolNet Web projects from around the globe that best teach others about the importance of international affairs and diplomacy.

To qualify, middle school and high school students will work in small teams with teacher-coaches. **Projects must be completed by March 15, 2012**, and winners will be announced in May 2012. Every team that enters a project will receive a special "Doors to Diplomacy" certificate recognizing their achievement. Each student member of the two winning teams – one American and one international – will also receive a \$2,000 scholarship and the winning coaches' schools will each receive a \$500 cash award.

**Deadline: March 15, 2012.**

For a complete description of the competition and information about eligibility and judging criteria, please visit

<http://globalschoolnet.org/gsndoors/>. For more information, contact Dr. Yvonne Marie Andres of Global SchoolNet by phone at (760) 635-0001 or by e-mail at [diplomacy@globalschoolnet.org](mailto:diplomacy@globalschoolnet.org) or Wanda Ramsey of the Department of State by e-mail at [RamseyWC@state.gov](mailto:RamseyWC@state.gov).

**[MEPI Information Technology \(IT\) Partnership Program](#)**

The Middle East Partnership Initiative (MEPI) announces the launch of the first-ever Information Technology (IT) Program that seeks to link MEPI grantees with major IT corporations. Through this new partnership, local NGOs will be able to access the latest computer software, hardware, and related training to improve the effectiveness of their projects, build organizational capacity, and assist with cementing the long-term sustainability of their work. For more information, please contact us at [mepi-it-partnerships@state.gov](mailto:mepi-it-partnerships@state.gov)



**U.S. Consulate General Jerusalem**  
**Ambassador's Fund for Cultural Preservation**  
**CALL FOR PROPOSALS**

The U.S. Ambassador's Fund for Cultural Preservation (AFCP) has announced a call for proposals for cultural preservation projects at Palestinian historical and cultural sites. The deadline for submission to the U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem is **December 1, 2011**.

More information about the Ambassador's Fund for Cultural Preservation may be found at: <http://exchanges.state.gov/heritage/afcp.html>

**1. PRIORITY AREAS:** The AFCP supports projects to preserve cultural heritage in the following three categories:

- Cultural Sites
- Cultural Objects and Collections
- Forms of Traditional Cultural Expression

**2. PRIORITY ACTIVITIES:** The AFCP gives top priority to project activities that are in keeping with international cultural heritage preservation standards. These activities may include:

- In the case of CULTURAL SITES, restoration of a historic building, preservation of an archaeological site, or documentation of cultural sites in a region for preservation purposes.
- In the case of CULTURAL OBJECTS AND COLLECTIONS, conservation treatment for an object or collection of objects; needs assessment of a collection with respect to its condition and strategies for improving its state of conservation; inventory of a collection for conservation and protection purposes; the creation of safe environments for storage or display of collections; or specialized training in the care and preservation of collections.
- In the case of FORMS OF TRADITIONAL CULTURAL EXPRESSION, documentation and audiovisual recording of traditional music and dance forms for preservation and eventual dissemination, or support for training in the preservation of traditional arts or crafts that are threatened by extinction. Stakeholders may include national, regional, or local cultural authorities; the local community; and others with vested interests in the site and the outcome of a project.

**3. COST SHARING:** AFCP encourages cost sharing, contributions in kind, and other forms of cost participation.

**4. HOW TO APPLY: (DEADLINE: December 1, 2011)**

Proposal requirements:

- A. Project purpose that briefly explains the project objectives and desired results;
- B. Project activities description that explains how the applicant intends to achieve the project objectives and results, presents proposed tasks in a logical order, and describes how those tasks directly contribute towards achieving the project objectives and results;
- C. Project timeframe or schedule that identifies the major project phases and milestones, with performance target dates for achieving them;
- D. Statement of importance highlighting the historic, architectural, artistic, or cultural (non religious) values of the cultural site, object, collection, or form of traditional expression;
- E. Statement of urgency indicating the severity of the situation and explaining why the project must take place now;
- F. Rationale for U.S. support that explains why the U.S. government ought to fund this project;
- G. Detailed project budget, demarcated in one-year budget periods (2011, 2012, 2013, etc.), that lists all costs in cost categories (Personnel, Travel (including Per Diem), Equipment, Supplies, Contractual, Other Direct Costs); indicates funds from other sources; and gives a justification for any anticipated international travel costs;
- H. Applicant information, including resumes or CVs of the proposed project director and key project participants, that demonstrates that the applying entity (ministry of culture, NGO, etc.) has the requisite experience and the capacity to manage projects to preserve cultural heritage;
- I. Proof of official permission to undertake the project and the endorsement and support of the appropriate national authority;
- J. Attachments, including at least three high quality digital images (JPEGs) or audiovisual files that convey the nature and condition of the site, object, or form of expression and, in the case of a site or object, show the urgency or need for the proposed project (collapsing wall, water damage, worn fabric, broken handle, etc).
- K. **Proposals should not exceed \$200,000.** Last year, AFCP awards worldwide ranged from \$10,000 to \$254,000 with an average award amount of \$57,600.

Please submit proposals via e-mail to Suzan Nammari, Senior Cultural Affairs Specialist, U.S. Consulate General Jerusalem, by email at [nammariq@state.gov](mailto:nammariq@state.gov) by December 1, 2011.

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