



## **The American Consulate General in Jerusalem Announces The 2016 Global Sports Mentoring Program**

The American Consulate General in Jerusalem and the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) is pleased to announce the espnW Global Sports Mentoring Program (GSMP) for 2016. In its fifth year, up to 20 international female candidates will be matched with leading female executives from America's top sports organizations for a month-long mentorship from **October 4, 2016 to November 10, 2016**. The program will provide international participants, also known as emerging leaders, with unique opportunities across all aspects of sports to develop relevant management and business skills, gain exposure to the U.S. sports business, media, and non-profit environments, and establish lasting relationships and a global network of leaders in the sports sector. This program is the flagship component of the State Department's Empowering Women and Girls through Sports Initiative.

The 2016 program includes several days of orientation in Washington, D.C., a three-week mentorship in the United States, and a series of closing days and activities in Washington, D.C. The D.C. orientation will introduce the emerging leaders to U.S. government officials, high-level figures in the sports sector, and representatives of sports business associations. Emerging leaders will also learn about the history and culture of the United States, the American sports structure, and the history of women's sports in the United States. Following the orientation, the emerging leaders will travel individually to their mentorship locations. Each participant will work with a senior female executive and her team and engage in activities designed by the organization and the program partners to meet the needs and interests of the participant. While at the mentorship, the emerging leader will work with her mentor and their networks to craft an action plan with the aim to increase the number of women and girls who participate in sports in her home country.

During the final Washington, D.C. component, the emerging leaders will share and evaluate their mentorship experiences and finalize the concrete follow-up action plans that they will develop. Closing activities will take place in Los Angeles, California in connection with the annual espnW Summit.

### Participant Qualifications

- Candidates must be Palestinian residents of Jerusalem, the West Bank, or Gaza Strip.
- Candidates must be women between the ages of 25 and 40 who demonstrate the drive and potential to directly impact the role and access of women and girls in their home country's sports sector.
- Candidates may include, but are not limited to, women from all aspects of sports, including: sports management; sports administration; coaching; sports journalism and mass communication; sports marketing; social responsibility; or sports medicine.
- Candidates must have a very good command of English, including business-related terms, and must be able to converse fluently in English with their fellow participants and mentors.
- Candidates should demonstrate a willingness to take part in exchange programs, welcome opportunities for mentoring and new partnership development, and exhibit confidence and maturity.

- Candidates should be self-motivated and driven towards exceptional success in their profession and committed to sharing knowledge and helping others succeed in their home country.
- Must have a minimum of three years of professional experience in a sports-related industry.

**Important Note:**

- Participation in the program is contingent upon the applicant qualifying for a J-1 visa to the United States.
- Holders of American passports or U.S. green cards are **not eligible to participate** in this program.

**Application Deadline and inquiries:**

Candidates must provide the following documents no later than **June 2, 2016**.

- Current resume (CV) (as attachment);
- Scanned passport biodata page (as attachment);
- Basic biographical information;
- Details about the sports work in which the nominee is engaged, the sector of her organization (e.g. private, public, NGO), and her role within the organization;
- Information on what she hopes to learn from the mentoring experience and what her action plan may be;
- Description of the nominee's personal interests;
- Letters of recommendation (optional);

Please send all application forms to the Cultural Affairs Specialist; Miral Siriani at [Sirianimy@state.gov](mailto:Sirianimy@state.gov). For nominees from Gaza please send to Cultural Affairs Specialist Essam Mattar [gazaexchanges@gmail.com](mailto:gazaexchanges@gmail.com).