



## The U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem Announces The 2014 TechWomen Program

# TECHWOMEN

The U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem and the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) is pleased to announce TechWomen 2014, a professional exchange program to support women from the Middle East and Africa who are engaged in technology. TechWomen is a high profile program for ECA, launched by former Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton.

TechWomen brings emerging women leaders and entrepreneurs working in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) from the Middle East and Africa together with their counterparts in the United States for a professional mentorship and exchange program, beginning in October, 2014. TechWomen connects and supports the next generation of women leaders in STEM fields by providing them access and opportunity to advance their careers and pursue their dreams. During the five-week program, participants engage in project-based mentorships at leading companies in Silicon Valley, participate in workshops and networking events throughout the San Francisco Bay Area, and travel to Washington, D.C. for targeted meetings and special events to conclude the program. For more information please visit: <http://www.techwomen.org/>.

### Participant Qualifications:

- Candidates must be Palestinian residents of Jerusalem, the West Bank, or Gaza Strip.
- Be a woman with a minimum of two years of full-time professional experience in the Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) fields and/or a career requiring significant expertise/knowledge/application of technology;
- Have a university degree;
- Be proficient in written and spoken English;
- Demonstrate a willingness to participate in exchange programs, welcome opportunities for mentoring and new partnership development, and exhibit confidence and maturity;
- Not have applied for an immigrant visa to the United States, or participated in a visa lottery in the past five years;

### **Important Note:**

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

**Application Deadline and Inquiries:**

Please submit an online application through the TechWomen website at <http://www.techwomen.org/how-to-apply/>; Deadline is **February 10, 2014**.

**Jerusalem and West Bank Applicants:** For more information call 02-622-7107 or email [sirianimy@state.gov](mailto:sirianimy@state.gov).

**Gaza Applicants:** For more information please contact 08-286-4623 or email [Gazaexchanges@gmail.com](mailto:Gazaexchanges@gmail.com).