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### **Proclamation by President Obama on Earth Day, 2011**



“For over 40 years, our Nation has come together on Earth Day to appreciate and raise awareness about our environment, natural heritage, and the resources upon which generations of Americans have depended. Healthy land and clean water and air are essential to the health of our communities and wildlife. Earth Day is an opportunity to renew America’s commitment to preserving and protecting the state of our environment through community service and responsible stewardship.”

### **إعلان الرئيس أوباما بمناسبة يوم الأرض، 2011**

“إن عالمنا اليوم يواجه التحدي البيئي العالمي الأكبر والمتمثل في تغير المناخ. وينبغي على عالمنا بأسره أن يعالج هذه المشكلة لأنه ما من دولة، كبيرة كانت أم صغيرة، غنية أم فقيرة، تستطيع أن تنجو من آثار تغير المناخ. ويمكن للولايات المتحدة أن تأخذ بزمام المبادرة في تخفيض التلوث الخطير الذي يسبب ظاهرة الاحتباس الحراري، وأن تحرك هذه الإنجازات بالاستثمار في تكنولوجيا الطاقة النظيفة والأسواق والممارسات التي تمكننا من كسب المستقبل”

See [Video](#) of President Obama Commemorating the 40th Anniversary of Earth Day.

## **U.S. Support for Earth Day Highlighted by Consul General's Visit to the Al Auja Eco-Center in the Jordan Valley**

On April 26, as part of the Consulate General's commemoration of Earth Day 2011, American Consul General Daniel Rubinstein visited the newly opened Al Auja Eco-Center, built and run by the Friends of the Earth Middle East (FoEME) with the support of USAID, in the Jordan Valley. FoEME General Director Dr. Nader Al-Khateeb together with Al Auja Mayor Sileiman Rumanin welcomed the Consul General and spoke of the center's environmental and educational activities. In brief comments to an audience that included many local students, Consul General Rubinstein praised FoEME's initiatives noting in particular the "Good Water Neighbors" project carried out in 25 communities in the region. Subsequently, the Consul General, students, and others in attendance planted trees around the Eco-Center's garden.

See [Consul General Rubinstein's Remarks](#) from the visit.



### **زيارة القنصل العام لمركز العوجا البيئي في غور الأردن يبرز دعم الولايات المتحدة ليوم البيئة**

زار القنصل الأمريكي العام روبنستين في 26 نيسان وكجزء من احتفالات القنصلية العامة بيوم البيئة المركز البيئي الجديد في العوجا في غور الأردن والذي تم بناؤه عبر منظمة اصدقاء الارض في الشرق الاوسط والتي تشرف على إدارته كذلك. وقد رحب المدير العام لمنظمة اصدقاء الارض الدكتور نادر الخطيب و رئيس بلدية العوجا السيد سليمان رومانين بالقنصل العان و تحدثا اليه عن أنشطة المركز البيئية والتربوية.

وفي كلمة مقتضبة للطلاب و المشاركين اثنى روبنستين على مبادرات منظمة اصدقاء الارض في الشرق الاوسط مشيرا بشكل خاص لمشروع جيران المياه الصالحين الذي ينفذ في 25 تجمع في المنطقة تلتبهما شراكات مع تجمعات فلسطينية و اسرائيلية. ولاحقا قام القنصل العام و الطلاب و الحضور بزراعة الاشجار في حديقة المركز البيئي.

أطلع على [كلمة القنصل العام روبنستين](#) خلال زيارة المركز البيئي في العوجا.

## The U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem Announces the AY 2012 Fulbright Science and Technology Scholarship PHD Student Program

The Fulbright Science and Technology Scholarship is a highly selective program for Ph.D. study at top U.S. institutions in science, technology, or engineering. Approximately 40 awards will be competed worldwide for candidates who demonstrate unique aptitude and innovation in scientific fields. Scholarships will be awarded to applicants who demonstrate academic excellence, leadership qualities, and a commitment to improving cross-cultural relations through international exchange. Students will be enrolled for Ph.D. study at top U.S. universities in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and math beginning in fall 2012 for academic year 2012-2013.

The fellowship will provide the following benefits: Activities, tuition and fees; A monthly stipend for up to 36 months; Book and equipment, research and professional conference allowances; J-1 visa sponsorship for up to five years; Round-trip airfare from fellow's home city to the host institution in the United States; Health and accident coverage as per U.S. Government guidelines; and specially tailored enrichment activities. After three years, the host U.S. University will be expected to cover the remaining expenses toward completion of the Ph.D. J-1 visa sponsorship will be provided for up to five years.

Eligible fields include: aeronautics and astronomic/aeronautical engineering, agriculture and aeronautical engineering, astronomy/planetary sciences, biology, biomedical engineering, chemistry, computer sciences/engineering, energy, engineering (electrical, chemical, civil, mechanical, ocean, and petroleum), environmental science/engineering, geology/earth and atmospheric sciences, information sciences and systems (engineering focus only), materials science/engineering, mathematics, neuroscience, oceanography, public health (biostatistics and epidemiology) and physics.

A completed online International Fulbright Science and Technology Application which is located at <https://apply.embark.com/student/fulbright/international>. Also, please complete, sign and send your application to [exchanges@state.gov](mailto:exchanges@state.gov).

### Deadline and inquiries:

May 16th, 2011 Late applications will NOT be accepted.

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## Fulbright Language Teaching Assistant (FLTA) Program

The U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem Announces the AY 2012 Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant Program

The U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem is pleased to announce the AY 2012 competition for the Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant (FLTA) program. The Fulbright FLTA program is an integral part of the Fulbright student program. The nine month, non-degree program will host around 125 Arabic FLTAs from Algeria, Bahrain, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Oman, the Palestinian Territories, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Tunisia, the United Arab Emirates, and Yemen.

The FLTA program, funded by the State Department Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA), is aimed at strengthening foreign language instruction at U.S. colleges and universities, and some high schools, while providing future foreign teachers of English with the opportunity to refine their skills, increase their English language proficiency and extend their knowledge of U.S. society and culture. FLTA fellows spend nine months during the academic year serving as teaching assistants at U.S. educational institutions while also taking courses in English teaching and American Studies as non-degree students. FLTAs also interact with their host communities in conversation groups, extracurricular activities and community outreach projects.

FLTA fellows may teach up to two language classes and are required to enroll in at least two courses per semester, one of which must be in American studies. The remaining coursework must relate to their careers in English language teaching. FLTA fellows will also be expected to facilitate cultural events, language clubs and language tables.

FLTA fellows will be required to attend a regional orientation arranged by ECA during the summer of 2010 before arriving in the United States in August. FLTA fellows will also be required to attend a mid-year enrichment workshop that will be hosted by ECA in the United States to share and discuss foreign language best practices and their current teaching experiences with other FLTA fellows.

Application Guidelines: Interested candidates are required to submit an on-line application via the on-line system at the following website: <https://apply.embark.com/student/fulbright/flta/>

**Deadline: Friday, August 5, 2011.**

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## Useful Links and Resources / EARTH DAY 2011

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[The White House on Earth Day](#)

[NASA, USAID Expand Work to Meet Global Development Challenges](#)

[Muslim-American Women Lead Community Projects for Earth Day](#)

[وكالة ناسا والوكالة الأميركية للتنمية الدولية تتعاونان في مواجهة التحديات الإيمانية العالمية](#)

[نساء أميركيات مسلمات يترأسن مشاريع المجتمع الأهلي ليوم الأرض](#)



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## World Press Freedom Day, May 3, 2011

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# WORLD PRESS FREEDOM DAY 2011

World Press Freedom Day is celebrated across the globe every May 3rd, representing an opportunity to commemorate the fundamental principles of press freedom and to pay solemn tribute to journalists who have lost their lives in the line of duty. The United States is pleased to announce that it will host UNESCO's World Press Freedom Day event in 2011, from May 1 - May 3, in Washington, D.C.

This year's theme will be **21st Century Media: New Frontiers, New Barriers**. The United States places technology and innovation at the forefront of its diplomatic and development efforts. New media has empowered citizens around the world to report on their circumstances, express opinions on world events, and exchange information in environments sometimes hostile to such exercises of individuals' right to freedom of expression. At the same time, we are concerned about the determination of some governments to censor and silence individuals, and to restrict the free flow of information. We mark events such as World Press Freedom Day in the context of our enduring commitment to support and expand press freedom and the free flow of information in this digital age.

For further information regarding World Press Freedom Day Events for program content, please visit the World Press Freedom [Facebook](#) page and the World Press Freedom [blog](#).