



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS
Middle East Partnership Initiative (MEPI)
STUDENT LEADERS PROGRAM

The **MEPI Student Leaders program** is an **intensive 6-week exchange program in the United States** for **undergraduate students** from the Middle East and North Africa. Participants will have the opportunity to meet their American peers, engage in local community service activities, and observe and take part in the governmental process on the local, state, and federal levels. The program is divided into two key components: a five-week academic residency at the host institution and a one-week study tour designed to complement and reinforce the concepts explored in the academic residency. The five-week academic coursework will address comparative analysis of leadership styles, conflict resolution and group dynamics, and the role of civil society.

The program is fully **FUNDED** by the U.S. Department of States, including international airfare, travel within the United States, accommodation, meals and program fees

Ideal candidates for MEPI Student Leaders Program:

- a. Undergraduate Kuwaiti student in any field of academic specialization;
- b. 18 to 24 years of age;
- c. Moderate English language ability;
- d. Committed to returning to their home country/community following completion of the program;
- e. Demonstrates strong leadership potential;
- f. Possesses a serious interest in learning about the United States;
- g. Achieved a high level of academic achievement;
- h. Demonstrates a commitment to civic engagement;
- i. No prior travel experience in the United States and limited study or travel experience outside Kuwait;
- j. Is willing and able to participate fully in intensive academic, community service, and educational travel activities;
- k. Is comfortable with campus life, sharing living accommodations while traveling with a multinational group of participants from the Middle East and North Africa region and with U.S. citizens, and making adjustments to cultural and social practices different from those of their home countries/communities; and
- l. Is comfortable spending a portion of Ramadan in the United States.

How do participants apply?

- [Click here to download the word document application form](#)
- **Applications** should be e-mailed with an **updated CV** to kuwaitmepi@state.gov by Friday **February 15, 2013**.
- The U.S. Embassy will conduct personal interviews for selected candidates on February 20, 2013.