



# BETWEEN THE LINES: PEACE AND THE WRITING XPERIENCE

***Organized by the International Writing Program at the University of Iowa  
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The U.S. Embassy in Morocco is pleased to invite applications for "Between the Lines: Peace and the Writing Experience", a writing workshop for talented young writers in English and Arabic who are interested in sharpening their writing skills, deepening their understanding of American culture and sharing their experience with young American writers.

## **WHAT IS IT?**

"Between The Lines: the Writing Experience" is a two-week residency bilingual program at the University of Iowa from June 21-July 5, 2015. The program is designed to promote multi-national collaboration among emerging young leaders and to maximize their impact as young literary voices in their own communities. Young writers will be immersed in the premier creative writing culture of the United States as part of an exchange that will broaden and sharpen their writing skills, and build bridges with young American writers who will participate with them in creative writing classes.

Program activities will include writing workshops in English and Arabic, writing-focused literature seminars, world literatures class, cultural visits, and other local events. At the culmination of the program, the students' writings will be collected into a printed booklet to be used for educational purposes.

## **WHO CAN APPLY?**

This program is open to talented, curious, enthusiastic young writers of fiction and/or poetry who meet the following criteria:

- Moroccan citizens residing in Morocco ages 16, 17, 18, or 19 as of June 21, 2015;
- Able to demonstrate proficiency in English and Arabic (reading, writing, and speaking)
- Able to engage and thrive in an atmosphere that brings together different kinds of people and views.

The Selection preference will be given to talented young writers candidates with limited or no travel experience outside of Morocco.

## HOW TO APPLY?

Complete and submit your online application at <https://rabatexchanges.recruiterbox.com/jobs/fk0kj4>

*(Click on the button "apply for this position" at the bottom of the page).*

The application process is completely online; only electronic applications are accepted. In order to ensure full consideration of your application, you must supply the following:

- Completed application form;
- Recommendation letter and transcript;
- A writing sample of 6-8 pages of prose and/or poetry in Arabic;
- A writing sample of 6-8 pages of prose and/or poetry in English. School essays and other non-fiction writing will not be accepted;
- A brief one-paragraph statement of purpose in English describing why writing is important to your life, and what you hope to learn at Between the Lines Program;
- A writing sample of 2-5 pages of prose and/or poetry in either language in response to one of the following writing prompts:
  - (A) During breakfast you are startled by a heavy knock at the door. It is someone who demands something from you. Who is it, what does he/she need, and what happens next? Write a short story or poem.
  - (B) Write a short story or poem that contains three (3) of the following objects and one (1) place: Objects: old bicycle, uncomfortable couch, leaking canoe, sleeping puppy, love note, truth serum; Places: cruise ship, forest with a lake, empty street at dawn, deserted dance club.

Any question can be sent to the following e-mail address [rabatexchanges@state.gov](mailto:rabatexchanges@state.gov).

**The application deadline is Saturday, February 21, 2015 at midnight, GMT.** No late applications will be accepted.