



LEADERS FOR DEMOCRACY FELLOWSHIP (LDF)

An exchange program for emerging civic leaders

The U.S. Embassy in Morocco is pleased to announce the call for applications the Middle East Partnership Initiative (MEPI) – Leaders for Democracy Fellowship (LDF) program.

The application deadline is Sunday, March 20, 2016 at midnight, GMT. No late applications will be accepted.

WHO CAN APPLY?

Applicants must:

- Be a Moroccan citizen living in Morocco and between 25 to 40 years old;
- Hold at least a bachelor's degree;
- Be fluent in English;
- Have at least (5) years of experience working as a professional in a political reform oriented field, (e.g. civil society, rule of law, human rights, family law reform, etc.);
- Have exhibited leadership skills and the capacity to apply the opportunities presented in this program in a way that would benefit an organization, sector, or specific community;
- Show the capacity to apply the opportunities presented by the fellowship in a way that would benefit an organization, sector, or specific community in his/her community;
- Demonstrate a commitment to civic engagement for the foreseeable future and an equal commitment to being a leader of positive change within his/her community;
- Have little or no prior experience in the United States.

HOW TO APPLY?

Applicants are asked to use the following standard application materials to support their applications.

- **Application form:** Click [here](#) to download the Word Document application form. Applications must be submitted electronically to rabatexchanges@state.gov.
- **Professional reference:** Click [here](#) to download the Word Document reference form. Applicants are asked to provide the name and contact information of a professional reference, and have the recommendation form sent along with the application form to rabatexchanges@state.gov.

Any question can be sent to the following e-mail address rabatexchanges@state.gov.

WHAT IS THE LEADERS FOR DEMOCRACY FELLOWSHIP?

The MEPI Leaders for Democracy Fellowship (LDF) Program is a 3-month program in the United States for young civic leaders from the Middle East and North Africa. The program begins with 5 weeks of academic coursework, where fellows focus on the concepts of leadership, democracy, communication, and conflict resolution among others. Fellows complete relevant seminars and workshops that address theoretical debates as well as active, practical skills-building sessions. After completing the academic portion of the program, participants engage in a 9-week professional assignment with a host organization of professional interest in Washington, DC. Through this program component, participants gain a practical understanding of the interactions between government and civil society, while also gaining valuable knowledge, skills, and professional contacts to benefit their professional pursuits in their home countries.