

Every year, the Embassy of the United States offers young Moroccans the opportunity to engage in first-hand cultural exchanges with their American peers through our diverse student and professional exchange programs. These programs are overseen within the U.S. Department of State by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) and are managed by the U.S. Embassy and through local partners, MACECE (www.macece.org) and AMIDEAST (www.amideast.org/morocco).

These educational and leadership focused exchange programs range from short term programs not exceeding one week to long-term postgraduate degrees.

All U.S. government-funded exchange programs are highly competitive. The Exchange Program Committee at the U.S. Embassy first screens all applications thoughtfully and objectively for technical eligibility based on requirements that are specific to each program. Priority is given to candidates who have no or very little prior study or travel experience in the United States. Candidates are selected based on a variety of criteria that may include (but are not limited to):

- Academic excellence
- Cross-cultural interest
- Personal leadership ability
- English language ability
- Commitment to returning to Morocco to share new skills and expertise with others

Accepted applications are then ranked according to criteria established by the U.S. Department of State and top candidates are interviewed by U.S. Embassy's Exchange Program Committee. The applications of the leading candidates are then evaluated by a panel convened in the United State by the U.S. State Department or its partner organization.

This booklet provides an overview of exchange programs sponsored by the Government of the United States. For more information on U.S. Government Exchange Programs, eligibility, application, dbeadlines and other details please check the U.S. Embassy in Morocco webpage at: <http://morocco.usembassy.gov> and click on the «Education and Culture» tab.

U.S. Exchange Opportunities for High School and University Students



Global Undergraduate Exchange Program (Global UGRAD)

The Global Undergraduate Exchange Program (also known as the Global UGRAD Program) is a merit-based scholarship for outstanding undergraduate students to study in the U.S. for one semester in a non-degree full-time study program. Selected students will experience an in-depth exposure to U.S. society, culture, and academic life by engaging in substantive courses and community service activities at U.S. universities.

Requirements:

- Moroccan citizenship
- Have at least 18 years old
- Be enrolled in an undergraduate program at a university or higher education institution in Morocco with at least one semester left before graduation
- Demonstrated academic excellence, cross-cultural interest, and leadership potential
- Proficiency in written and spoken English

For more information, please visit <http://www.worldlearning.org/> or contact RabatExchanges@state.gov

Application deadline: The program is announced in November/December each year and the program takes place the following Fall semester.

Youth Exchange and Study Program (YES)

The YES program provides scholarships for Moroccan high school students to spend one academic year in the United States. Scholarship recipients live with host families, attend U.S. high schools, and participate in special enrichment activities that include community service, youth leadership training, a civics education program, and other activities that help them develop a comprehensive understanding of American culture and develop leadership skills. Likewise, these students serve as cultural ambassadors for their home countries, representing their own rich heritage to their American host communities.

The program supports Moroccan citizenship students with disabilities and encourages their participation.

Requirements:

- Have a record of high academic achievement
- Will be entering grade 10 or 11 the following Fall semester
- Meet the minimum English proficiency requirement

For more information, please visit AMIDEAST website at www.amideast.org/morocco

Application deadline: The program is announced in August / September and the program takes place the following school year.

TechGirls

TechGirls is a three-week youth exchange program that focuses on the high-level study of technology while fostering mutual understanding among youth of the United States and the MENA region. The exchange is designed to empower young girls to pursue careers in the science and technology sectors.

Requirements

- Be a high school student between the ages of 15 and 17
- Demonstrate interest in the applied use of technology
- Have at least one semester of school studies remaining upon return
- Have strong English language skills

For more information contact RabatExchanges@state.gov

Application deadline: the program is announced in January / February each year and the program takes place in June / July.

The Coca Cola Scholarship Program

The Coca-Cola Company & the U.S. Department of State partner each year to sponsor 100 university students from 6 countries, including Morocco, to attend a month-long business program at Indiana University's Kelley School of Business, one of the top ranked business programs in the United States. This multi-faceted, immersion program is designed to give a group of students the opportunity to learn about business education through an accelerated curriculum.

Requirements

- Be a Moroccan citizen who currently resides in Morocco
- Be currently enrolled in a university and between the ages of 18-24 years old
- Be fluent in English and have a basic knowledge of Microsoft Office (Word, Excel and PowerPoint)
- Preference will be given to candidates who have limited or no experience of travel to the United States.

For more information, please contact RabatExchanges@state.gov

Application deadline: The program is announced in February / March each year and the program takes place in June / July.

Middle East Partnership Initiative (MEPI) Student Leaders Programs

The Student Leaders program is an intensive 6-week exchange program to the United States for approximately 120 undergraduate students from the Middle East and North Africa. Students are divided among up to six U.S. academic institutions where they develop leadership skills and expand their understanding of civil society. Participants have the opportunity to meet their American peers, engage in local community service activities, and observe the governmental process on the local, state, and federal levels. The institutes include academic coursework, as well as study tours to various regions of the United States. Upon completion of the U.S.-based program, host institutes work with participants to implement civic engagement programs in their home communities. An alumni event is generally held in the region approximately 6 months after the U.S. portion of the program.

Requirements

- Age 20-24
- Demonstrated the English language skills needed to participate in a U.S. academic program
- Be enrolled in an undergraduate program at a university or other higher education institution and have at least one semester left of their undergraduate studies, and therefore be committed to return to their home universities following completion of the program
- Have a sustained high level of academic achievement and a demonstrated commitment to community and extracurricular university activities
- Demonstrate active commitment to civic engagement
- Have limited or no study or travel experience outside of Morocco

For more information, please contact RabatExchanges@state.gov

Application deadline: The program is announced in January / February each year and the program takes place in June/July.



Study of the U.S. Institute (SUSI) for Student Leaders on Social Entrepreneurship

The Study of the U.S. Institute (SUSI) for Student Leaders on Social Entrepreneurship is an intensive short term academic program whose purpose is to provide groups of undergraduate student leaders with a deeper understanding of the United States, while simultaneously enhancing their leadership skills. The five-week Institute will consist of a balanced series of seminar discussions, readings, group presentations, and lectures. The coursework and classroom activities are be complemented by educational travel, site visits, leadership activities, and volunteer opportunities within the local community. The Institute will include an academic residency component of approximately four weeks and a domestic study tour of approximately one week. During the academic residency, participants will also have the opportunity to engage in educational and cultural activities outside of the classroom.

Requirements:

- Be between 18 and 25
- Be proficient in English
- Be enrolled in an undergraduate program at a university or other higher education institution and have at least one semester left of their undergraduate studies
- Be interested in Social Entrepreneurship
- Demonstrate strong leadership qualities
- Have a sustained high level of academic achievement and a demonstrated commitment to community and extracurricular university activities
- Have little or no prior study or travel experience in the United States or elsewhere outside of Morocco

For more information, please contact RabatExchanges@state.gov

Application deadline: The program is announced in December / January each year and the program takes place between June and July.



Study of the U.S. Institute (SUSI) for Student Leaders on Women's Leadership

The Study of the U.S. Institute (SUSI) for Student Leaders on Women's Leadership is an intensive short term academic program whose purpose is to provide groups of undergraduate female student leaders with a deeper understanding of the United States, while simultaneously enhancing their leadership skills. This five-week program examines the history and participation of women in public life in the United States with a focus on two major areas: developing participants' leadership skills in areas such as critical thinking, communication, decision-making, and managerial abilities; and, placing these abilities in the context of the history and participation of women in U.S. politics, economics, culture, and society. The program also examines the historical domestic progress towards women's equality in the United States, the current domestic successes and challenges to women in a variety of fields, and current challenges in global women's issues.

Requirements:

- Be a female student between the ages of 18 and 25
- Be enrolled in an undergraduate program at a university or other higher education institution and have at least one semester left of their undergraduate studies
- Be proficient in English and interested in the topic of Women's Leadership
- Demonstrate strong leadership qualities
- Have a sustained high level of academic achievement and a demonstrated commitment to community and extracurricular university activities
- Have little or no prior study or travel experience in the United States or elsewhere outside of Morocco

For more information, please contact RabatExchanges@state.gov

Application deadline: The program is announced in December / January each year and the program takes place between June and August.



Between the Lines: Peace and the Writing Experience

Between the Lines is a two-week writing workshop residency program at the University of Iowa with two additional days of programs in Chicago. Young writers who are interested in sharpening their writing skills, deepening their understanding of American culture and sharing their experience with young American writers, will be immersed in the creative writing culture of the U.S.

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

- Moroccan citizens residing in Morocco between the ages of 16-19
- 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
- Have little or no prior study or travel experience in the United States or elsewhere outside of Morocco

For more information, please contact RabatExchanges@state.gov

Application deadline: The program is announced in January / February each year and the program takes place between June and July.



U.S. Exchange Opportunities for Professionals



TechWomen

TechWomen brings emerging women leaders in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) from Africa, Central Asia and the Middle East together with their professional American counterparts for a mentorship and exchange program. TechWomen provides participants access to networks, resources, and knowledge to empower them to reach their full potential. During the five-week program, participants engage in project-based mentorships at leading companies in the San Francisco Bay Area and Silicon Valley, participate in professional development workshops and networking events, and travel to Washington, D.C. for targeted meetings and special events to conclude the program.

Requirements:

- A female with a minimum of two years full-time professional experience in the STEM fields (science, technology, engineering, and math) and/or a career requiring significant expertise/knowledge/application of technology
- Have, at minimum, a bachelor's degree/four year university degree or equivalent
- Be proficient in written and spoken English
- Have a record of voluntary or public service in their communities
- Have demonstrated entrepreneurialism and commitment to innovation

For more information, please contact techwomen@iie.org or RabatExchanges@state.gov

Application deadline: The program is announced in December/January each year and the program takes place in the Spring.



Professional Fellows Program

The Professional Fellows Program brings emerging leaders in the fields of legislative process and governance; civic engagement; NGO management; economic empowerment and entrepreneurship; and journalism from around the world to the United States for intensive fellowships designed to broaden their professional expertise. Participants examine the relationship between civil society and government in the United States and how respective agencies and organizations work to strengthen citizen participation, transparency, and accountability. Participants spend approximately one month in the United States.

Requirements:

- Be a community leader, ages 25-40, currently employed and with at least two years of professional experience at the time of application
- Have a track record of making an impact in their community, organization or company
- Be proficient in spoken and written English at the time of application
- Be a citizen of, and currently residing in Morocco

For more information, please contact RabatExchanges@state.gov

Application deadline: The program is announced each Fall and takes place between May and June.

Community Solutions Program

The Community Solutions Program is a professional development program for the best and brightest global community leaders working in the fields of transparency and accountability, tolerance and conflict resolution, environmental issues and women's issues. Community Solutions provides four-month-long fellowships at U.S. community-based non-profit or other organizations, government offices or legislative bodies. Fellows will work with community leaders to enhance their practical expertise, leadership skills and professional contacts to address societal issues in their home communities.

Requirements:

- Be a community leader, ages 25-38, currently working on a community engagement initiative in Morocco
- Have at least two years of professional experience in this capacity at the time of application
- Be proficient in spoken and written English at the time of application

For more information, please contact communitysolutions@irex.org

Application deadline: The program is announced each Fall.

Middle East Partnership Initiative (MEPI) Leaders for Democracy Fellowship Program (LDF)

The MEPI Leaders for Democracy Fellowship (LDF) Program is a 3-month program in the United States for 20-25 young civic leaders from the Middle East and North Africa. The program provides emerging civic leaders and grassroots activists the opportunity to spend several months in the United States to gain academic skills, practical experience, and networking opportunities with like-minded professionals. The program is hosted by Syracuse University's Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs in Syracuse, New York.

Requirements:

- Be between the ages of 25 and 40
- Hold a bachelor's degree or equivalent
- English language fluency in order to succeed in an American academic and professional environment
- Have at least five (5) years of work/civil society experience

For more information, please contact RabatExchanges@state.gov

Application deadline: The program is announced in December / January each year and the program takes place between March and June.

Middle East Partnership Initiative (MEPI) Leaders for Democracy Arabic Program

This program offers participants from the region the opportunity to take part in a ten-week program combining academic coursework, an internship and opportunities to network with like-minded professionals. The program takes place in Lebanon and is hosted by the American University of Beirut and the Issam Fares Institute for Public Policy and International Affairs.

Requirements:

- Fluency in Arabic
- Be between the ages of 22 and 30
- Have a bachelor's degree or equivalent
- Five (5) years of experience in civil society, rule of law, human rights, democracy promotion

For more information, please contact RabatExchanges@state.gov

Application deadline: The program is announced in December / January each year and the program takes place between March and April.

American Council for Young Political Leaders (ACYPL)

This program is a United States Department of State-funded exchange designed to strengthen the knowledge, leadership capacity, and professional skills of political and policy professionals who are in a position to effect positive change in their institutions and communities. The program is a two-way exchange program, each year alternating between a Moroccan and an American delegation visiting the other's country.

Requirements:

- Be a young Moroccan political leader (appointed or elected), ages 25 to 40
- Have sufficient experience to carry on a substantive discussion with their American counterparts.
- Have strong English language skills
- Be a mid-level professional with leadership potential in government, the private sector, or civil society with experience and current employment related to the legislative process and governance

For more information, please contact RabatExchanges@state.gov

Study of the U.S. Institutes for Scholars

Study of the U.S. Institutes (SUSIs) for Scholars are designed to strengthen curricula and improve the quality of teaching about the United States in academic institutions in Morocco. Foreign university faculty, secondary educators and other scholars spend approximately four weeks at host universities where they take part in a series of lectures, seminar discussions and site visits related to each institute's theme. They learn about American educational philosophies, explore new teaching methods and pursue related research interests.

The ideal candidate is an individual whose home institution is seeking to introduce aspects of U.S. Studies into its curricula, to develop new courses in American contemporary literature, to enhance and update existing courses on the U.S., or to offer specialized seminars/workshops for professionals in U.S. Studies areas.

Requirements:

- Be between 30 and 50 years old
- Demonstrate English language fluency
- Hold a graduate degree (minimum a master's or equivalent) and the demonstrated ability to succeed in an intensive academic environment
- Have little or no prior experience in the United States

For more information and to obtain general information about the Institutes, please contact RabatExchanges@state.gov

Application deadline: The program is announced in November/December each year and the program takes place in June.

Study of the U.S. Institutes for Secondary School Educators / Administrators

The Study of the U.S. Institutes for Secondary Educators are intensive post-graduate level academic programs with integrated study tours whose purpose is to provide foreign secondary educators and administrators the opportunity to deepen their understanding of U.S. society, culture, values, and institutions. The ultimate goal of the Institutes is to strengthen curricula and to enhance the quality of teaching about the United States in secondary schools and other academic institutions in Morocco.

Ideal candidate is an individual whose home institution is seeking to introduce aspects of U.S. Studies into its curricula, to develop new courses in American contemporary literature, to enhance and update existing courses on the U.S., or to offer specialized seminars/workshops for professionals in U.S. Studies areas.

Requirements:

- Be between 30 and 50 years old
- Demonstrate English language fluency
- Hold a graduate degree (minimum a master's or equivalent) and the demonstrated ability to succeed in an intensive academic environment
- Have little or no prior experience in the United States

For more information, please contact RabatExchanges@state.gov

Application deadline: The program is announced in November/December each year and the program takes place in June.



The Fulbright Program



The Fulbright Program provides funding for Moroccan and American students, scholars, teachers, and professionals to pursue academic and teaching opportunities at academic institutions. Program funding is provided by the U.S. Congress through an annual appropriation to the U.S. Department of State. Foreign governments, colleges and universities and private foundations also provide direct and indirect support.

The Fulbright Program enables Moroccan graduate students, young professionals and artists to study and conduct research in the United States. The Fulbright Student Program operates in more than 155 countries worldwide. Approximately 4,000 foreign students around the world receive Fulbright scholarships each year.

The Fulbright Program's application process is lengthy and rigorous, and prospective applicants are encouraged to consider carefully their intentions, goals, future plans and prospective projects before applying for a Fulbright grant. The competition for Fulbright Program grants is merit-based. Candidates are selected based on a variety of factors that may include (but are not limited to):

- Academic qualifications
- Academic or programs goals while in the U.S.
- Personal leadership ability
- English language abilities
- Commitment to returning to Morocco to share new skills and expertise with others

In Morocco, the Fulbright Program is administered by **MACECE**, the official binational Fulbright Commission.

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Note: Details on all Fulbright Programs for Moroccans are listed under the "Grants/Grants for Moroccans" tab on the MACECE webpage

Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant (FLTA)

The Fulbright FLTA Program provides young teachers of English as a Foreign Language the opportunity to refine their teaching skills and broaden their knowledge of American cultures and customs while strengthening the instruction of Arabic at colleges and universities in the United States.

Program length: One Year

Eligibility Overview :

- Have completed undergraduate education and hold a degree equivalent to a bachelor's degree.
- English language ability

Application deadline: The program is announced in the Winter.

The Fulbright Distinguished Awards in Teaching Program (DA)

Fulbright Distinguished Awards in Teaching Program provides opportunities for Moroccan primary and secondary teachers to exchange positions with colleagues in the United States. Selected Moroccan teachers will be placed at an American university and will take courses, team-teach, lead classes for U.S. teachers and students in local schools, and engage in other teaching related activities. The participants must also pursue a capstone project.

Program length: late August to mid-December of the academic year.

Eligibility Overview :

- Hold a full-time teaching position
- Spend at least 50% of their time teaching or working directly with student
- Have taught for at least five years
- Demonstrate experience conducting professional development activities
- Demonstrate accomplishment in teaching or have previously received teaching awards or exemplary evaluations
- English language ability

Application deadline: The program is announced each Fall.

Fulbright Student Program

The Fulbright Student Program enables graduate students, young professionals, and artists from abroad to pursue Masters Degrees at academic institutions in the United States. These highly competitive merit based scholarships are funded by the governments of Morocco and the United States.

Program length: Approximately two years.

Eligibility Overview :

- Preference will be given to those who have not previously studied or lived in the U.S. or outside Morocco for an extended period
- Students studying in the United States are not eligible to apply
- Candidates who have worked overseas for more than two years are not eligible to apply
- Scholarships are not awarded for medicine, dentistry or pharmacy
- English language ability

Application deadline: The program is announced in the Spring.

The Joint Supervision Scholarship

The Joint Supervision Fulbright Scholarship allows Moroccan doctoral candidates to pursue a year of study and research in America and provides them with an American Ph.D. co-supervisor. Candidates selected under this program spend up to one year at an American university doing dissertation research, taking courses, and other university study related to their Ph.D.

The American professor becomes the Ph.D. co-supervisor and must express in writing a clear commitment to help supervise and guide the doctoral work in the United State. The Moroccan directeur de thèse must also write a letter of support for the grantee's participation in this program.

Most successful applications demonstrate a strong, established relationship between the Moroccan and the American professors.

Program length: up to two years

Eligibility Overview :

- Authorization from both Moroccan and American professors overseeing doctoral studies
- Sufficient proficiency in the English language to carry out the research

Application deadline: The program is announced in the Winter.

International Leaders in Education Program

The International Leaders in Education Program (ILEP) brings outstanding secondary school teachers of English, math, science and social studies from Morocco to the United States to further develop expertise in their subject areas, enhance their teaching skills and increase their knowledge about the United States. Participants audit two courses in the host university's School or Department of Education and participate in a practicum in a U.S. secondary school near the host university. Participants also receive a technology allowance and instructional technology training. Cultural enrichment, mentoring, and support will be provided throughout the program.

Program length: 1 semester (5 months)

Eligibility Overview :

- Be current secondary school-level, full-time teachers in a school that serves a primarily local (not expatriate) population
- Have five or more years of classroom experience in ILEP teaching disciplines: English, EFL, Social Studies, Mathematics, Science, or special education
- Hold a Bachelor's degree or equivalent
- Demonstrate a commitment to continue teaching after completion of the program
- English language ability

Application deadline: The program is announced in the Spring.



Humphrey Fellowship Program

The Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program is a one-year non-degree program. It is offered to young and mid-career professionals who have a proven track record of leadership, a public service commitment, and the capacity to take full advantage of a self-defined program of independent non-degree study at a leading U.S. university. The program awards a certificate from the U.S. Government; it is not designed to deliver an advanced degree. Please visit MACECE's website regarding fields of study.

Program length: 10 month

Eligibility Overview :

- An undergraduate (first university or Bachelor's) degree
- A minimum of five years of full-time, professional experience
- Limited or no prior experience in the United States
- A record of public service in the community
- English language ability

Application deadline: The program is announced in the Winter.

Post-Doctoral Research Grants

Post-doctoral research grants focus on Moroccans who hold teaching and/or research positions.

Selected candidates may leave for the United States beginning each summer. The research grant period must be continuous and with no interruptions.

Program length: 3-6 months

Application deadline: The program is announced in the Winter.



Study in the United States



EducationUSA Advisers are the U.S. State Department’s official source for information on higher education studies in the U.S. and part of a network of over 400 advising Centers in 170 countries designed to assist local students find the appropriate college or university in the United States.

The U.S. Embassy’s Education Advising Officer is located at AMIDEAST Rabat and is a certified EducationUSA advising center affiliated with the United States Department of State. EducationUSA centers promote U.S. higher education around the world by offering accurate, comprehensive, objective and timely information about educational opportunities in the United States and guidance to qualified individuals on how to best access those opportunities.

For more information and registration for upcoming EducationUSA sessions, please contact the U.S. Embassy’s EducationUSA advisor at shadi@amideast.org. Our informational sessions are free of charge and are open to anyone interested in pursuing any degree in the United States.

What should you expect from our informational sessions?

- You will gain information on the selection of universities process, standardized test information (i.e. TOEFL iBT, SAT, ACT, etc.), available scholarships, and the general application process.
- You will learn more about financial aid opportunities in the United States.
- You will be ready to start working on the 5-steps to studying in the United States.

Here are your five steps to studying in the U.S.:

- Research Your Options
- Finance Your Studies
- Complete Your Application
- Apply for Your Student Visa
- Prepare for Your Departure

Do you want to discuss your application with our Education Adviser one-on-one? Send an email to shadi@amideast.org and schedule your appointment today!

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