



LEADERS FOR DEMOCRACY FELLOWSHIP (LDF)

An exchange program for emerging civic leaders and democracy activists

Sponsored by the Middle East Partnership Initiative (MEPI)

Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University, State of New York

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The U.S. Embassy in Morocco is pleased to announce the call for applications for the seventh year of Leaders for Democracy Fellowship in English for democracy activists and democratic reform leaders ages 25-40 from the Middle East and North Africa.

WHAT IS THE LEADERS FOR DEMOCRACY FELLOWSHIP?

The project provides young and mid-career civic activists and democratic reform leaders from the Middle East and North Africa with opportunity to complete both academic coursework at Syracuse University's Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs in Syracuse, New York and professional experiences in Washington, D.C.

This program is funded by the Middle East Partnership Initiative and developed with the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University. The fellowship provides international and domestic travel, health insurance, housing and a moderate living stipend.

WHO CAN APPLY?

The Leaders for Democracy Fellowship seeks applicants who demonstrate the will and capacity to apply the opportunities presented by the fellowship in a way that would benefit an organization, sector, or specific community in their home country. Applicants must:

- be age 25-40;
- hold a bachelor's degree or equivalent;
- master English language with sufficient fluency for success in an American academic and professional environment;
- have at least five years of work/civil society experience;
- show the capacity to apply the opportunities presented by the fellowship in a way that would benefit an organization, sector, or specific community in their home countries;
- have not already completed a similar academic degree or internship in the United States, and is not subject to J-visa restriction;
- have little or no prior experience in the United States.

Fellows are expected to travel to the United States unaccompanied.

HOW TO APPLY?

Submit the following via e-mail to rabatexchanges@state.gov with the **subject** name of "2013 LDF".

- An updated résumé/CV *in English*.
- An essay *in English* of **no more than 1,000 words**, which answers the following questions:
 - How will a Leaders for Democracy Fellowship enable you to better lead your community or country towards greater democracy and citizen participation in the institutions and activities of government?
 - Specifically, what do you hope to gain from this project and what are your plans to apply the experience it offers?
 - What changes do you hope to bring about in your community and/or your country during the next ten years?

The application deadline is Friday, November 16 at 5:00p.m., 2012. No late applications will be accepted.