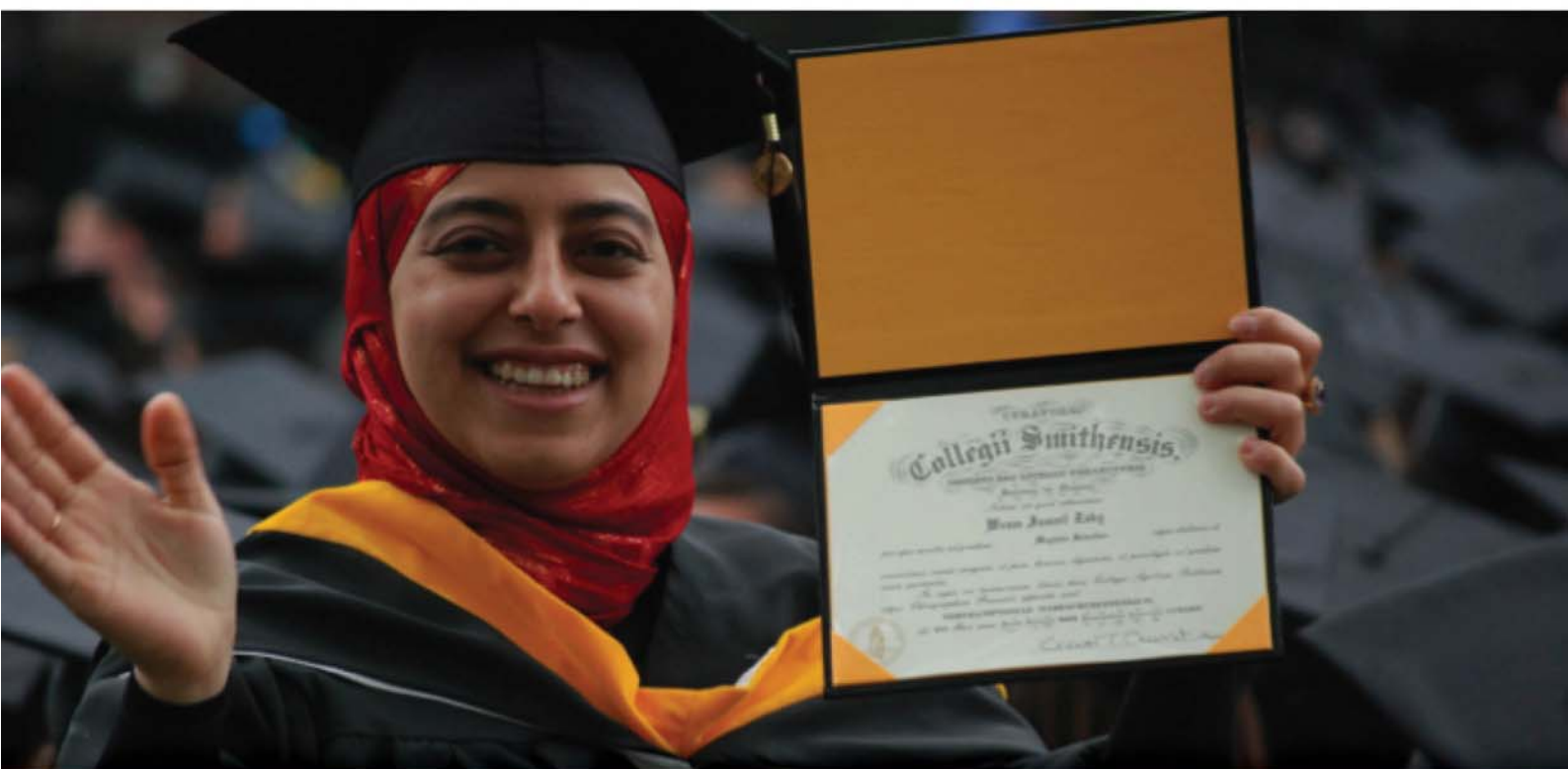


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Program Objective: Increase opportunities for young women to pursue undergraduate degrees in the STEM fields at U.S. women's colleges; provide women in the program a STEM Mentor and access to the STEM community through membership in the New York Academy of Sciences (NYAS), access to leadership, internship and research opportunities to build the skills and confidence needed to become the *next* leaders, problem-solvers, and innovators in their communities.

What are the requirements for applying to be a NeXXt Scholar?

- Student must be a citizen of a focus country, currently residing in and attending a focus-country high school. [Initial Focus: Countries with a predominantly Muslim population (see Table 1)]
- Students from any religious group or economic status are eligible.
- Student must apply directly to any of the 50 U.S. women's colleges (EducationUSA assistance available if desired), be accepted by the college, and major in a STEM field.
- Student should contact a regional EducationUSA Adviser to request a nomination letter for the NeXXt Scholars program. To find an email address for your regional EducationUSA Adviser: <http://educationusa.state.gov/find-a-center.cfm>

What are the benefits of this initiative?

- Five-year membership to the New York Academy of Sciences (four years during undergraduate studies + one year post-graduation)
- Individual STEM Mentor and networking opportunities provided by the NYAS
- Access to internship & research opportunities
- Incredible science, technology, engineering and math education environment with high-tech equipment and hands-on learning
- A STEM-Sister NeXXt Scholar (An entering American STEM peer is nominated by your college to also receive the NYAS benefits; to discover and navigate your STEM educations together.)
- Act as an ambassador for your country!

Table I: Focus Regions

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| Afghanistan | Maldives |
| Albania | Mali |
| Algeria | Mauritania |
| Azerbaijan | Morocco |
| Bahrain | Niger |
| Bangladesh | Nigeria |
| Brunei | Oman |
| Burkina Faso | Pakistan |
| Chad | Qatar |
| Comoros | Saudi Arabia |
| Djibouti | Senegal |
| Egypt | Sierra Leone |
| Gambia | Somalia |
| Guinea | Sudan |
| Indonesia | Syria |
| Iran | Tajikistan |
| Iraq | Tunisia |
| Jordan | Turkey |
| Kosovo | Turkmenistan |
| Kuwait | United Arab Emirates |
| Kyrgyzstan | Uzbekistan |
| Lebanon | Yemen |
| Libya | West Bank & Gaza Strip |
| Malaysia | |

What are the benefits of attending a U. S. Women’s College?

- Opportunity to study in a welcoming academic environment that uniquely focuses on providing resources and support for women. (It’s all about YOU!)
- Access to state-of-the-art facilities that offer undergraduates hands-on investigative research opportunities with faculty members in the STEM fields
- Lasting network of global women alumnae
- Nurturing atmosphere that inspires leadership and confidence
- Many have on-campus summer research/internship opportunities offered to undergraduates!

Does the initiative offer financial aid?

Each of the women’s colleges offers some financial aid (see individual college information sheets) to **qualified students** with financial need. Candidates must apply to the women’s college and provide the requested documents to secure financial aid. The college will then inform the applicants of what financial aid package they can provide at the time of the acceptance decision.

What are the student’s responsibilities to the program?

- Meet all college expectations and requirements for the degree program
- Fully participate in all program/initiative events
- Engage with STEM mentors on a monthly basis
- Upon return trips home, engage in outreach recruiting efforts
- Assist in recruiting new NeXXt Scholars: possibly by producing video clips and/or participating in webinars via EducationUSA; email/Skype conversations with prospective students, etc.
- Fill out a program survey each year

Where can I get more information about U.S. Women’s Colleges?

Detailed information on U.S. Women’s colleges is available at:

<http://www.womenscolleges.org/>

Where can I get a map of the location of Women’s College in the United States?

<http://batchgeo.com/map/16c8b6b99eed38f15e2ce092b34e045e>

Where can I get more information about the NeXXt Scholars Initiative?

Email questions to nexxtscholars@state.gov

See the following pages for profiles of some of the women’s colleges eager for your application.

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Table 2: U.S. Women’s Colleges Eager for your NeXXt Scholars Application:

| College/University | Website |
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| Agnes Scott College | www.agnesscott.edu |
| Barnard College | www.barnard.edu |
| Bay Path College | www.baypath.edu |
| Bennett College for Women | www.bennett.edu |
| Brenau University | www2009.brenau.edu/home.cfm |
| Bryn Mawr College | www.brynmawr.edu/ |
| Carlow University | www.carlow.edu |
| Cedar Crest College | www.cedarcrest.edu |
| Chatham University | www.chatham.edu/ |
| College of Saint Benedict | www.csbsju.edu/ |
| College of Saint Elizabeth | www.cse.edu |
| College of Saint Mary | www.csm.edu |
| Columbia College | www.columbiasc.edu |
| Converse College | www.converse.edu/ |
| Cottey College | www.cottey.edu/ |
| Douglass Residential College, Rutgers University | www.douglass.rutgers.edu/index.shtml |
| Hollins University | www.hollins.edu/ |
| Mary Baldwin College | www.mbc.edu/ |
| Mills College | www.mills.edu |
| Mount Holyoke College | www.mtholyoke.edu/index.html |
| Notre Dame of Maryland University | www.ndm.edu |
| Saint Joseph College | www.sjc.edu |
| Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College | www.smwc.edu |
| Saint Mary's College | www3.saintmarys.edu/ |
| Salem College | www.salem.edu |
| Scripps College | www.scrippscollege.edu/ |
| Smith College | www.smith.edu/ |
| Spelman College | www.spelman.edu |
| St. Catherine University | www.stkate.edu/ |
| Stephens College | www.stephens.edu |
| Sweet Briar College | www.sbc.edu |
| The Women's College of the University of Denver | www.womenscollege.du.edu |
| Ursuline College | www.ursuline.edu |
| Wellesley College | web.wellesley.edu/web |
| Wesleyan College | www.wesleyancollege.edu |
| Wilson College | www.wilson.edu |