

## Career and Placement Services

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### Student Affairs

## 2012 – 2013 Near East and South Asia Undergraduate Exchange Program

### WHAT?

The U.S. Department of State's Near East and South Asia Undergraduate (NESA) Exchange Program provides the opportunity of for one academic year of full-time, non-degree study in the United States during the 2012-13 academic year. The program is open to current first, second and third-year undergraduate students, as well as students in their final year of secondary school.

The program provides a cultural exchange experience at a U.S. two- or four-year college or university for emerging student leaders from diverse backgrounds in the Middle East, North Africa and South Asia.

During the program, NESA participants will be enrolled in full-time academic studies, including an American studies course each semester and study skills courses/training. They will live with same gender American roommates on a university/college campus. The participants will take part in community service and cultural presentations during their first semester and will participate in an unpaid internship during their second semester.

### WHEN?

Academic Year 2012-2013

### WHERE? *United States of America*

### WHO?

Competition for the NESA Program is merit-based. Qualified applicants should be:

- A Lebanese citizen or a legal, long-term Palestinian resident in Lebanon;
- In the final year of secondary school or enrolled in the first, second or third year in a full-time undergraduate program at a registered academic institution in Lebanon at the time of application (part-time students or correspondence students are not eligible);
- In good academic standing;
- Submit a complete application with ALL required documents by the application deadline (NOTE: TOEFL scores are NOT required at the time of application);
- Able to begin the academic exchange program in the United States as early as August 2012;
- Able to qualify for and maintain a J-1 visa;
- Committed to returning to Lebanon after completing the program; and
- Proficient in spoken and written English.

### HOW?

The application package should include the following documents:

- Completed application – click here to download the application form (Word; 7.95 MB);
- Translated grade transcripts of the current and previous two years at high school or university;
- TOEFL scores if available – scores should be less than two years old;

- Two letters of reference including one from the applicant's current institution.
- One passport-size photo.

**•Applications are due to the U.S. Embassy by February 1, 2012  
late submissions will not be considered.**

**•PLEASE NOTE: Incomplete or late applications will NOT be accepted.**

**•Applications can be e-mailed to BeirutPD@state.gov or can be hand-delivered or mailed to the U.S. Embassy in Awkar by 4:30 p.m on Wednesday, February 1, 2012. Applications may be sent via mail (PO Box 70-840, Antelias) or delivered to the reception window of the U.S. Embassy.**

**U.S. Embassy in Beirut, Lebanon  
c/o Public Affairs Section  
Address: Awkar facing the Municipality  
P.O. Box 70-840 Antelias**

**<http://lebanon.usembassy.gov/scholarships/nesa.html>**

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