



## Exchange Programs Sponsored by the Palestinian Affairs Unit

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### Programs for Professionals

**International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP):** The IVLP is the U.S. Department of State's premier professional exchange program. Launched in 1940, the IVLP is a professional exchange program that seeks to build mutual understanding between the U.S. and other nations through carefully designed short-term visits to the U.S. for current and emerging foreign leaders. The program offers these individuals the opportunity to experience the richness and diversity of American political, economic, social and cultural life through carefully designed exchanges that reflect participants' professional interests. Participation is by nomination only.

**Duration:** 3 weeks; **Application Deadline:** By Nomination Only

<https://exchanges.state.gov/non-us/program/international-visitor-leadership-program-ivlp>

**Hubert Humphrey Fellowship:** This program provides ten months of non degree academic study and professional development in the United States. Humphrey fellows are selected based on their potential for leadership and commitment to public services. The Humphrey program fosters a mutual exchange of knowledge and understanding about issues of common concern in the United States and other countries around the world. It offers valuable opportunities for education, leadership development, and interaction with American and international professional counterparts.

**Duration:** 10 months; **Application Deadline:** October

<https://exchanges.state.gov/non-us/program/hubert-h-humphrey-fellowship-program>

**Fortune Program:** The U.S. State Department Global Women's Mentoring Partnership connects talented, emerging women leaders from all over the world with members of *Fortune's* Most Powerful Women Leaders for a month-long internship program. The program begins with an orientation in Washington, D.C., where mentees meet with senior women leaders in government, business, academic, civil society and the media. Participants are then paired with one of *Fortune's* Most Powerful Women Leaders from companies like Time Inc., Google, Inc., and Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. in cities across the United States. At the end of the mentorship, mentees reconvene in New York City to collectively reflect on their experience and discuss future leadership opportunities.

**Duration:** 1 month; **Application Deadline:** February

<https://exchanges.state.gov/non-us/program/fortune-us-department-state-global-womens-mentoring-partnership>

**TechWomen Exchange Program:** Bringing the power of global business, technology, and education together, TechWomen pairs women in Northern California with their counterparts in the Middle East and North Africa for a professional mentorship and exchange program at leading technology companies. Using innovative technologies, cutting-edge content and social networking tools, TechWomen fosters and develops the next generation of women leaders in the technology field.

**Duration:** 5 weeks; **Application Deadline:** June

<https://exchanges.state.gov/non-us/program/techwomen>

**Atlas Corp Fellowship MENA Entrepreneurship Initiative:** This is a special initiative within the Atlas Corps Fellowship that provides emerging business professionals with 12-month professional fellowship in the United States. Fellows will increase their business acumen while serving in leading corporations, private companies, b-corps, and organizations that promote entrepreneurship through hands-on experience while developing person-to-person connections to learn effective business practices. This



prestigious fellowship includes health insurance, enrollment in Atlas Corps Global Leadership Lab, travel costs, and a living stipend. Applications are considered on a rolling basis, though applicants are encouraged to submit their applications as soon as possible. The application is a multi-step process. Fellow Classes start four times a year: January, April, July, and October.

**Duration:** 1 Year; Application Deadline: Rolling

<https://Apply.atlascorp.org>

**International Writing Program (IWP):** In partnership with the University of Iowa, this program offers a ten-week residency in Iowa City to bring together a wide range of international and U.S. writers to examine current trends in literature by presenting their work to local audiences, working with student translators, and participating in classes and workshops. Poets, fiction writers, dramatists, and screenwriters are eligible for nomination; literary translators and writers whose publications and careers focus on creative non-fiction (feature journalism, cultural commentary, biography, and memoirs) are also eligible for this program. Candidates should have at least one published volume of work, or works that have appeared in significant publications over a period of at least two years. All nominees must be fluent in English, comfortable with cross-cultural dynamics, and interested in close interaction with other artists from a variety of diverse cultures.

**Duration:** 10 weeks; **Application Deadline:** April

<https://exchanges.state.gov/non-us/iwp>

**Community Solutions :** This four month U.S. fellowship brings together community leaders working in Transparency & Accountability, Tolerance & Conflict Resolution, Environmental Issues, and Women and Gender Issues to meet with a local nonprofit organization or government agency, participate in the Online Community Leadership Institute, and design and implement follow-on projects in their home countries. Also included is a small outbound component that will allow up to five U.S. host representatives to travel overseas for approximately two weeks on projects related to the program themes.

**Duration:** 4 months; **Application Deadline:** October

<https://exchanges.state.gov/non-us/program/community-solutions>

**The Global Women's Sports Mentoring Program:** A program for emerging women leaders in the sports world, FY 2012 was the first year of the Empowering Women and Girls through Sports Initiative, and the Mentorship component is the Initiative's flagship program. Prior to the program, the mentees will be matched with their counterparts in the United States. This mentor pool will include senior executives from America's most prestigious sports organizations. The program will provide participants with unique opportunities to develop and refine relevant management and business skills within the sports context, while gaining exposure to the U.S. sports business, media, and non-profit environments. The month-long experience will allow for participants to develop lasting relationships and a global network of women leaders in sports.

**Duration:** 1 month; **Application Deadline:** June

<https://globalsportsmentoring.org/global-sports-mentoring-program/>

**Sport for Community Global Sports Mentoring Program (S4C):** A month-long immersive mentorship program that matches international emerging leaders working in disability/adapted sports with leading professionals from America's top organizations in this field. Participants create action plans to initiate or expand programs that increase sports opportunities for people with disabilities at home and abroad. The overarching goal of the S4C is to increase participation in sport by people with disabilities so that they can experience its many benefits, including improved mobility and health, greater independence, and increased employment /income potential. Disability sport is a growing field within the sports sector with entrepreneurship, social innovation, and technology playing key roles in its expansion.



International delegates dedicated to increasing sport participation by people with disabilities will be matched with American mentors. In turn, the American mentors and their teams will work with the emerging leaders on innovative action plans and connect them with relevant people and organizations.

**Duration:** one month (in April-May) **Application Deadline:** December

<https://globalsportsmentoring.org/sport-for-community/>

**Citizen Exchange Programs:** The U.S. Department of State also sponsors a variety of one-time exchange programs each year. These programs are for a variety of ages and professions, including recent programs for health care workers, young entrepreneurs, and youth sports programs. The programs have varying durations, from one week to several months.

**Duration:** Varies; **Application Deadline:** Varies

<https://eca.state.gov/about-bureau/organizational-structure/office-citizen-exchanges>

**ONEBEAT Fellowship:** OneBeat is an international music exchange that brings together musicians from around the world to work with their American peers and participate in a residency and a tour that focuses on musical collaboration and social engagement through innovative people-to-people diplomacy. Fellows will work together in the composition and performance of new cross-genre works, the creation of innovative recordings and videos, and the development of practices of music as civic engagement. It is a chance for adventurous musicians from an incredible diversity of traditions to seek common ground, creating new musical combinations, pushing the boundaries of music technology, and finding ways to involve all members of society in the process of musical creativity. OneBeat endeavors to be the nexus of a new way of thinking about how music can connect people from across the world and around the block.

**Duration:** 1 month; **Application Deadline:** January

<https://exchanges.state.gov/non-us/program/onebeat>