

Attachment 1:

The MEPI Student Leaders Program

The Student Leaders Program (SLP) is a rigorous leadership and civic engagement program for up to 64 competitively selected undergraduate and graduate students between the ages of 20 and 24 from the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region. Students are placed in U.S. universities where they complete academic coursework, develop leadership and project management skills, and expand their understanding of civil society and participatory governance processes in the United States and MENA region. The cornerstone of the program is the development of Community Engagement Plans (CEP), where each student identifies an issue/opportunity that they would like to improve in their communities. During the program, students will have the opportunity to meet their American peers, engage in community service activities, and meet civil society organizations.

The Student Leaders Program (SLP) is an intensive 5-week summer program. This program is open to university students between the ages of 20 and 24 (birth dates falling between July 28, 1998 and June 29, 2002). We seek a gender-balanced pool of candidates and give preference to traditionally under-served participants. Applicants should demonstrate sufficient English-language skills to participate in U.S. university-level classes and must be enrolled in and attending a university in their home countries. Students from low-income backgrounds and limited travel experience are highly encouraged to apply. While nominees may be undergraduate or graduate students in any field of academic specialization, it is critical that they exhibit a serious interest in pursuing leadership opportunities in their home countries and demonstrate a desire to deepen their civic engagement.

Attachment 2:**The MEPI Tomorrow's Leaders Program****The Undergraduate Program:**

The Tomorrow's Leaders Undergraduate Program (TLU) supports students in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region by providing undergraduate level academic matriculation, civic education, and leadership development. TLU is a leadership-training program, partnering with leading U.S.-accredited universities in the MENA region to build a cadre of community, business, and national leaders who are civic-minded, intellectually able, and professionally skilled. TLU targets students from around the region who are academically qualified, but who are otherwise unable to afford American-style higher education. Students will enroll at the undergraduate level in a four-year program in one of the hosting institutions: The American University of Beirut (AUB), The Lebanese American University (LAU) in Lebanon, and The American University in Cairo (AUC) in Egypt. Each host university offers a civic awareness and leadership-based component, and participants receive mentoring and internship opportunities with local civil society, business, and non-governmental organizations. In addition, each student has an opportunity to study abroad in the U.S. for one semester.

The Graduate Program:

Tomorrow's Leaders Graduate (TLG) program is a MEPI initiative aiming at offering students from the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) a unique opportunity to pursue higher education and earn a master's degree through leading American University with U.S. accreditation in the MENA region. TLG equips graduate students with professional experience needed to advance knowledge and contribute to the achievement of socially relevant outcomes through research that furthers the professionalization of emerging leaders while supporting and increasing scholars' knowledge in gender issues in specific in the various fields of study. Graduate Students work closely with leading faculty in their field on research agendas crafted in line with the MEPI-TLG goals. Starting as graduate research assistants while taking their graduate courses, students gain solid research skills that prepare them to conceptualize and conduct their own full-fledged research. Grounded in common foundational principles such as gender and intersectionality, as well as community service and leadership, the program provides participants with opportunities to engage in related extra-curricular activities. These activities create a sense of belonging and connections to an elite

group of humanist and social entrepreneurs, with common concerns and leading roles. Those connections are expected to live beyond the span of the program study years as the participants become alumni of both, the TLG program, and the University. Over the whole path, students and graduates are treated as fellows of the program.

Note: Degrees in medicine or law are not supported under this program.