Limited Submission Funding Opportunity

Department of State: Leaders for Democracy Fellowship (LDF)

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The Department of State announces this FOA to advance political change and empower civil society in the Middle East and North Africa by providing emerging democracy activists with academic and skill-based training, as well as linkages with other activists across the region. The Leaders for Democracy Fellowship (LDF) will begin with academic coursework, where fellows focus on the concepts of leadership, democracy, communication, and conflict resolution among others. Participants complete relevant seminars and workshops that address theoretical debates as well as active, practical skills-building sessions. After completing the academic portion of the program, participants engage in an internship with a political, non-governmental, or public policy organization of professional interest. Program participants can come from Algeria, Bahrain, Egypt, Israel, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Tunisia, West Bank/Gaza, and Yemen.

The LDF project will include two components, a U.S. – based program for English speaking participants and a similar program for Arabic speaking participants based in the MENA-region. Over a period of two years, the project will support approximately 100 civic and community leaders to more effectively address current political and social challenges in their communities through increased civic engagement and dialogue, leadership development, and an enhanced understanding of the way public and private resources interface for the common good.

Applicants should have the organizational capacity to implement program components in both the U.S. and MENA region. Applicants should also have experience in the monitoring and evaluation of student professional exchange programming in order to document and assess the short- and long-term outcomes of this project. Extensive partnerships with U.S. and MENA – based civil society organizations are necessary to ensure that all program activities can be implemented quickly.

**LIMIT ON NUMBER OF PROPOSALS PER ORGANIZATION**
Applicants may submit only one application which jointly addresses the U.S.-based project, the Middle East and North Africa-based project, and alumni responsibilities.

**KEY DATES**
Internal Letter of Intent Due: March 18, 2015 (by midnight)
Sponsor Proposal Due: May 4, 2015
SUBMITTING A MANDATORY LETTER OF INTENT
Faculty members interested in this funding opportunity are required to submit a letter of intent (LOI). An LOI is required but not binding.

1. Click here to access the LOI form.
2. Name the LOI as follows: “LastName-FirstInitial-LOI-DoS-LDF”, replacing “LastName” with your last name and “First Initial” with your first initial.
3. Click on the Vault ticket: https://vault2.northwestern.edu/xythoswfs/webui/_xy-e6481460_1-t_S5Zto1Uf
4. Click the Upload button.
5. Click the Browse button and navigate to your file on your hard drive or network.
6. Click the OK button.

Note: You will get a tiny confirmation message upon upload. If you do not see it, you may contact Karen Cielo k-cielo@northwestern.edu for a confirmation.

COLLABORATION OPPORTUNITIES
The Office of Research Development offers assistance in identifying and facilitating collaborations, putting together interdisciplinary teams, programmatic and administrative development of large, cross-school proposals, and leveraging institutional resources for outreach and education. Contact Fruma Yehiely (yehiely@northwestern.edu), Director of ORD, for more information.

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