



MEPI 2010 Youth Summer Leadership Institute – Deadline February 12, 2010

The Middle East Partnership Initiative (MEPI) Youth Summer Leadership Institute is a fully-funded five-week intensive leadership training program in the U.S. for undergraduate students between the ages of 20-24.

Participants develop leadership and collective problem-solving skills, exploring U.S. history and culture to expand their leadership skills and knowledge.

The Institute consists of hands-on leadership training workshops, academic sessions, site visits, community service projects, optional homestays and other opportunities for interaction with Americans peers, and other cultural activities.

The program runs in the summer of 2010. It includes a two-day orientation in Washington D.C., a four-week academic residency program at a U.S. university or college, and a one-week educational study tour to other regions of the U.S.

Students will also participate in an alumni conference held in the Middle East or North Africa in early 2011. The conference is fully funded, including international airfare, travel within the United States, accommodation, food, and program fees.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Participant must be an Iraqi citizen, living in Iraq, and attending school in Iraq
- Participant must be 20 to 24 years old as of July 1, 2010
- Participant must be proficient in English
- Participant must be mature, responsible, independent, open-minded, tolerant, and thoughtful
- Participant should have a strong interest in learning about the United States

Applications:

- Click here to download the [application form](#)
- Applications are due to the U.S. Embassy **by February 12, 2010** – late submissions will not be considered
- Applications must be submitted electronically to iraqmepi@state.gov.