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# IYLEP 2019 Recruitment Undergraduate Students





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# Program Overview

## Key Actors

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### **Sponsored and funded by:**

- U.S. Embassy, Baghdad

### **Administered by**

- World Learning
- Four Universities across the United States





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## Goals

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- 1) Select a diverse cohort of Iraqi undergraduate students and lay a strong foundation for developing 21st century skills through pre-departure activities.
- 2) Provide a program that equips students with 21st century skills needed to become an effective leader, an engaged citizen with a respect for diversity, and an active participant in their community by engaging them in a quality exchange.
- 3) Support young Iraqi leaders to realize their full potential through networking and virtual and in-person follow-on activities.



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## Eligibility

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### **Applicants must:**

- Be at least 18 years old but not more than 24 years old by July 1, 2019;
- Have proficiency in English in speaking, writing, and listening;
- Be a current student in your 1st, 2nd or 3rd year of undergraduate academic studies at an Iraqi university/college (Students in their first year of an English language preparation program are not eligible).
- Be in good academic standing at an Iraqi university.
- Have citizenship and current residency in Iraq (applicants with dual U.S. citizenship will not be considered).
- Have an Iraqi G or A series passport valid through March 2020 by January 10, 2019.





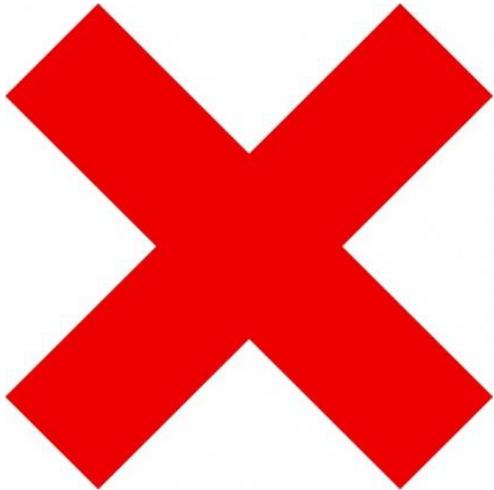
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## Ineligibility

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### **Applicants will NOT be considered if:**

- Applicant has applied for permanent residency or refugee status in the United States;
- Applicant has been to the United States on a U.S. government-funded exchange program (including IYLEP (undergraduate or high school), MEPI, YES, Fulbright, SUSI, and others); and/or
- Applicant has immediate family members who are employees of the U.S. Embassy or any U.S. government agency.



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## Applicant Evaluation

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### **Students will be evaluated on:**

- Completeness of application in English, including essays, copy of passport, and letters of recommendation;
- A demonstrated interest in and commitment to volunteer and civic activities;
- A demonstrated knowledge and interest in the IYLEP themes and their relevancy to the needs of the applicant's local community;
- Ability to work cooperatively in diverse groups and tolerate the opinions of others;
- Leadership potential;
- Proficiency in English;
- Good social and communication skills;
- An energetic, positive attitude; and
- Commitment to implementing a project that benefits the applicant's community in Iraq after the four-week program in the U.S.



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## Program Design Outline

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- Pre-departure orientation in Iraq
- Complete 4 weeks of Online Professional and Academic Learning course (OPAL)
- Approximately 4 day Orientation Workshop in a U.S. location yet to be announced
- Approximately 18 days at a host university
- 5 day Closing Workshop in Washington, DC
- 4 more weeks of OPAL upon return to Iraq
- Alumni Conference in Iraq in 2020



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# Program Design

## When and Where?

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### When:

- OPAL Course: Between May-June 2019
- U.S. Exchange: July 2019
- Alumni Conference: 2020

### Where in the U.S.:

- Orientation Location TBD
- Washington, DC
- Various universities across the United States



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# Program Design

## Pre-Departure

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- Pre-departure orientation in each regional hub: North, Central, South Central, and South
  - Held before departure for the U.S.
- Complete 4 weeks of the Online Professional & Academic Learning (OPAL) Course
  - Virtual skills building course to prepare for your U.S. experience.



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# U.S. Exchange Orientation Workshop

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- Interactive four day program orientation
- Experiential learning around OPAL topics
- Introduce community mapping and follow-on project plan
- Host institution universities present institutes



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# U.S. Exchange Orientation Workshop





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# U.S. Exchange

## Host Institutions

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- Academic programming, skills building, community service, and exploring the U.S.
- Cultural events and interaction with American students and families, including host families.
- Universities to be announced.





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# U.S. Exchange

Washington, D.C. Closing Workshop

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- Program synthesis/debrief, community action planning, exploring Washington, D.C., and closing activities.





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# U.S. Exchange

## Washington, D.C. Program Synthesis





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# U.S. Exchange

## Washington, D.C. Program Synthesis





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# U.S. Exchange

## Follow-On Projects

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- In Washington, D.C., students form groups to create community action projects to implement on their return home.
- Alumni from different years of IYLEP have collaborated to create outstanding and **inspiring** projects in their communities!
- **FUN FACT:** There are over 2,500 IYLEP alumni in Iraq and the U.S.!





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# Follow-On

## Alumni Conference

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- Virtual Check-ins prior to National Reunion Conference: Fall 2019
- Full 2019 Undergrad Alumni Conference: February/March 2020 in Erbil (exact dates to be determined)
- Networking, dialogue, skill-building, and project demonstration.
- **Participation in the Regional and Full alumni conferences are required to complete the program**





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# Application Process

## Before You Apply

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- Visit **[iylep.org/apply](http://iylep.org/apply)**
  
- Read the Frequently Asked Questions on the website
  
- Key Notes:
  - All parts of the application are submitted online
  - You can save and return to your application to work on it later.
  
- Application Deadline: **November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018**



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# Application Process

## Rules

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- Your Application must be in English
- Your Application must be written by you
- You cannot use translators
- You cannot copy other applicants' answers
- You cannot plagiarize
  
- Any Applicants who break any of the above rules will be immediately removed from selection.**



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# Do's & Don'ts

## PLAGIARISM

Plagiarism is defined by Merriam-Webster Dictionary as, "to (use) and pass off the ideas or words of another as one's own." This means that copying someone's work, even if they allow it, is still plagiarism. IYLEP wants to know your words & Ideas, not the words and ideas of your friend.

*If you plagiarize, your application will be rejected*

**DO**  
Use your own words.



**DONT**  
Use your friend's words.



**DO**  
Research and site sources.



**DONT**  
Copy and paste work.



Using your own words in your application is necessary. We want to know what your response to an essay is, not what your friend thinks. Getting advice is fine, but copying work is not. Honesty is much more important.

If we see two answers that are the same, or clearly were created by the same person, it means that both of you will be marked as plagiarizers - the person who created the content and the person they let copy.



Research is good! Showing initiative by doing research for your answers is fine. However, when you answer them they should be in your words only. If you want to use a part of someone's work - for instance, a quote or a statistic - be sure to site them as your source.

If you want to look online for a variety of ideas, that is great. However, if you see something you like, you should not copy and paste it. You can use it as a base but then expand upon it with your own words, ideas, and voice.



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## Required Documents

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- Most recent university transcript
- Letter of recommendation (1)
- Passport
- Identification Card





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## Online Application Step By Step Instructions

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The following slides will walk you through the basics of the Online IYLEP Application.

[IYLEP.org/apply](http://IYLEP.org/apply)



Iraqi Young Leaders Exchange Program



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## Online Application Step By Step Instructions

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# Click on 'New User' when you arrive.

### APPLY FOR THE 2018 IRAQI YOUNG LEADERS EXCHANGE PROGRAM!

The Iraqi Young Leaders Exchange Program (IYLEP) enables Iraqi and U.S. high school students, undergraduate students, and adult mentors to develop leadership skills and build action plans to strengthen the future of Iraq and the U.S. Founded in 2007, IYLEP has brought together over 2,300 young leaders together to foster relationships among youth from different backgrounds and promote mutual understanding between the people of Iraq and the U.S.

World Learning encourages all qualified individuals from all backgrounds in Iraq to apply.

**Deadline to Apply:** November 15, 2017 (11:59 PM Iraq Time)

### LEARN MORE

- Visit [our website](#)
- Follow us on [Facebook](#)
- Visit the [U.S. Embassy, Baghdad website](#)

For additional questions, please email us at [IYLEP@worldlearning.org](mailto:IYLEP@worldlearning.org) or call the Embassy Help Desk for Youth Exchange Programs at 07704432032 (Sunday through Thursday 8:00a to 4:00p)

### TO APPLY

- If you are new, click on "New User?" below to get started.
- If you already have an account, log in below using your email and password.

### Login

Email

Password

Login

[Forgot Your Password?](#) | [New User?](#)



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## Online Application Step By Step Instructions

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Fill out your name and email. Your log-in will be your **email address**.

### New User Information

When you submit your new user registration, you will receive an email from salesforce.com with a link to set your password.

Your password must be at least 8 characters long and have a mix of letters, numbers and at least one of these special characters: !#\$%&\_+=<>

You will need to use your email address and password to log in later and work on your application.

### New User Registration

First Name

Last Name

Email

reCAPTCHA

I'm not a robot



reCAPTCHA  
Privacy - Terms

Submit



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You will receive a registration link in your email. You should click the link in order to complete your registration.

Welcome to Iraqi Young Leaders Exchange Program



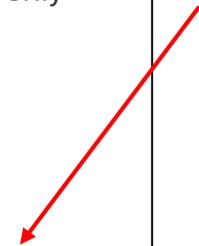
Iraqi Young Leaders Exchange P... 7:16 PM  
to me

Hi Rizwaan,

Welcome to Iraqi Young Leaders Exchange Program!

Please click the link below to set your password and log in to the IYLEP site for the first time. This link should only be used this one time and will expire in 48 hours.

[https://wl.force.com/IYLEP/login?c=FrrKgELqdD312SDoe3gObeFf6Fo.8MPetmlv7pgQSjunw0ubGgsNa8Zt5V.LhAM63Kr3F\\_LQxh1s.uckXoxbgND9bHskLi.fSt9O.CqQg11\\_5006WBqEyLBUIy5dADeye0GK\\_8.WGe9dhYYwABmUwDOMWQuLA%3D%3D](https://wl.force.com/IYLEP/login?c=FrrKgELqdD312SDoe3gObeFf6Fo.8MPetmlv7pgQSjunw0ubGgsNa8Zt5V.LhAM63Kr3F_LQxh1s.uckXoxbgND9bHskLi.fSt9O.CqQg11_5006WBqEyLBUIy5dADeye0GK_8.WGe9dhYYwABmUwDOMWQuLA%3D%3D)



To log in to the site in the future, please go



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### Change Your Password

New Password

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Verify New Password

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Change Password



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Read welcome message, then scroll down to select **Begin Application**, under **IYLEP Undergraduate**

### Program Listing

The following programs are currently accepting applications. If you would like to begin an application for one of these programs, select the application type and then click the **Begin Application** link.

#### (a) IYLEP High School English – Iraqi Student

Program Language: English  
Application Due Date: 11/15/2017

[Begin Application](#)

#### (b) IYLEP High School Arabic (أيلب بالعربي)

Program Language: Arabic  
Application Due Date: 11/15/2017

[Begin Application](#)

#### (c) IYLEP Undergraduate

Program Language: English  
Application Due Date: 11/15/2017

[Begin Application](#)

#### (d) IYLEP Adult Mentor

Program Language: English  
Application Due Date: 11/15/2017

[Begin Application](#)



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## Online Application Step By Step Instructions

Read the instructions, then fill out each section, as listed on top. You can save at any point and come back to finish.

**(c) IYLEP Undergraduate**  
Application Due Date: **Nov. 15, 2017** [Return To Home](#)

Main | Contact | Family | Academic | Activities | Travel & Health | Short Answers | Documents | Survey | Submit

**Instructions**

**Filling Out Your Application**

- The application is divided into several different sections. You must complete all sections and all required fields before submitting the application.
- Use the "Save" button at the bottom of each page to save your work. We recommend that you click "Save" often. You will lose your work if you leave a page without clicking "Save" first. You must also save your work before the web page times out after 2 hours. If a tab cannot be saved, you will receive a message describing the problem. Correct the problem and try to save again.

**Required Fields**

- Required fields are marked with a red bar. All required fields must be completed prior to submitting your application.
- A draft of your application may be saved with required information missing.

**Tracking Your Application**

- On the bottom right of this page and on the Submit tab, you will see your progress in the application.
- Check to make sure you are completing all the sections before you submit!

**Applicant Agreement**

- All questions must be answered honestly, without any copying or plagiarism, and without use of online translators.
- World Learning reserves the right to disqualify any applicant who does not follow these policies.

**Submit Application**

- Please remember that you must complete all required questions AND click submit before the deadline in order to be considered.
- When you have completed the application, go to the "Submit" tab and submit your application. You will receive a confirmation email to let you know that your application was successfully received.

**Questions**  
If you have any questions, please read our [Frequently Asked Questions](#). If you cannot find your question, then please email us at [iylep@worldlearning.org](mailto:iylep@worldlearning.org)

**Application Status**

Contact	25%
Family	0%
Academic	0%
Activities	0%
Travel & Health	0%
Short Answers	0%
Documents	0%
Survey	0%



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Once you have completed every step your 'Application Status' will show 100% for all categories. Read and check the terms of submission, then click 'Submit'.

[Logout](#)

Main Contact Activities & Work Academic Travel & Health Personal Essays Documents Survey **Submit** [Return To Home](#)

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**Submit Application**

By checking this box, I verify all the information in this application is true. I agree that if chosen for the program, I will participate in ALL program activities in the United States and in Iraq, including the pre-departure orientation and follow-on activities.

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**Program Information**

Program Name IYLEP Undergraduate - Iraq Undergrad Student  
Application Due Date Dec. 1, 2016

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**Application Status**

Contact	<div style="width: 100%;"><div style="width: 100%;"></div></div> 100.0%
Activities & Work	<div style="width: 100%;"><div style="width: 100%;"></div></div> 100.0%
Academic	<div style="width: 100%;"><div style="width: 100%;"></div></div> 100.0%
Travel & Health	<div style="width: 100%;"><div style="width: 100%;"></div></div> 100.0%
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## Next Steps

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1. After November 26<sup>th</sup>, your application will be reviewed by U.S. and Iraqi staff at World Learning, and colleagues from the U.S. Embassy, Baghdad.
2. In January 2019, you will be notified if you have been selected as a semi-finalist or not. You may be contacted prior to this date if World Learning has further questions about your application.
3. If selected, you will need to participate in an in-person interview in Erbil, Baghdad, Hilla, or Basrah. This will included a panel of U.S. and Iraqi staff from World Learning and the U.S. Embassy.
4. You will be notified in March whether you are:
  - Not selected.
  - Selected as an alternate.
  - Selected as a finalist.



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Questions?  
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2018

