



IYLEP for Undergraduate Students

OVERVIEW

The **Iraqi Young Leaders Exchange Program** for undergraduate students provides four weeks of a fully funded exchange program to 100 talented Iraqi students who demonstrate leadership and civic engagement in their communities. Founded in 2007, IYLEP has brought together over 2,500 young leaders together to develop leadership and peacebuilding skills, foster relationships among youth from different backgrounds, promote mutual understanding between the people of Iraq and the U.S., and develop community action projects. During the program, students will engage in skills workshops, field trips, site visits, community service, leadership training, confliction resolution, and cultural exchange during the different program components in Detroit, Michigan, Washington DC, and various host universities across the United States. World Learning encourages all qualified individuals to apply, regardless of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or disability status.

ADMINISTRATION

IYLEP Undergraduate is sponsored by the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad and is administered by World Learning.

COST

There is no cost to apply to or participate on IYLEP. While in the United States, the U.S. Department of State will fully fund students' academic study, travel, health insurance, and housing, and will provide a modest living allowance.

PROGRAM DATES

June - August, 2019 (Exact dates to be announced). The program consists of a four-week program in various cities throughout the United States.

WHO CAN APPLY

Applicants must:

- Have proficiency in English in speaking, writing, and listening.
- Be at least 18 years old but not more than 24 years old by July 1, 2019.
- Be in your 1st, 2nd, or 3rd year of university study. Students in their 4th, 5th, or 6th year are not eligible to apply.
- Have citizenship and current residency in Iraq (applicants with dual U.S. citizenship will not be considered).
- Have an Iraqi A series passport **valid through March 2020** by January 10th, 2019.

Applicants are NOT eligible to apply if:

- Applicant has applied for permanent residency or refugee out side Iraq
- 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).
- Applicant has immediate family members who are employees of the U.S. Embassy or any U.S. government agency.

SELECTION OF PARTICIPANTS

After submission, applications will be reviewed by a qualified team of both American and Iraqi reviewers. If selected, semi-finalists will be contacted to arrange an in-person interview.

DEADLINE

The deadline to apply to the 2019 IYLEP for undergraduates is **November 26th, 2018.**

APPLY ONLINE

IYLEP.org

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- IYLEP.tumblr.com
- [Facebook.com/IYLEP](https://www.facebook.com/IYLEP)
- Iraq.usembassy.gov/exchangesprograms.html

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



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