



NESA UGRAD

NEAR EAST & SOUTH ASIA UNDERGRADUATE
EXCHANGE PROGRAM

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The Near East and South Asia Undergraduate Exchange Program, NESA UGRAD, is a part of GLOBAL UGRAD, a program of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, U.S. Department of State. NESA UGRAD will award scholarships to outstanding students from countries of the Middle East, North Africa and South Asia for **one-year of, non-degree undergraduate study** at a diverse network of accredited two- and four-year institutions in the United States.

Mandatory courses will include U.S. study courses, academic skills training and courses in students' fields of study. Participants will take part in community service as well as an unpaid internship.

Candidates will be considered without respect to race, color, religion, national origin, or gender. Persons with disabilities are strongly encouraged to apply.

Competition for the Near East and South Asia Undergraduate Exchange Program (NESA UGRAD) is merit-based.

APPLICATIONS

Applications can be found at:

<http://www.apps.nesaugrad.org>

Applications are due:
January 30, 2011

Contact:
kuwaitmepi@state.gov

Other:

Eligibility for participation in the NESA UGRAD is open to anyone who:

- is a citizen, national or permanent resident **qualified to hold a valid passport issued by the country from which applicant is applying;**

- will complete his/her final year of secondary school or enrolled in

undergraduate study as of August 2011;

- Submits a complete application with all required documents by the application deadline;
- **Is able to begin the academic exchange program in the United States in late Summer 2011;**
- Is able to receive and maintain a J-1 visa;
- Is committed to returning to their home country after completion of the program; and
- Is proficient in spoken and written English at the time of application.

