

# ABOUT THE INSTITUTE

## WHAT IS IIE?

- The world's most experienced global higher education and professional exchange agency
- Administrator of the Fulbright Program, the US Government's premier public diplomacy initiative
- Provider of training and leadership development programs for public and private sector professionals around the world
- Organizer of democracy-building, civil society and human rights training initiatives in transitional societies
- Initiator of projects that help students and scholars worldwide, including testing and advising, scholarships, and emergency financial assistance
- Provider of international affairs programs and visitor and protocol services that enrich our communities and regions

## IIE'S MISSION

An independent, nonprofit organization, the Institute is a resource for educators and institutions worldwide. Our goals are:

- to promote closer educational relations between the people of the United States and other countries
- to increase the number of students, scholars and professionals who have the opportunity to study, teach and conduct research outside of their own country
- to strengthen and internationalize institutions of higher learning in the US and throughout the world
- to foster sustainable development through professional development and training programs in fields such as energy, environment, business management, and leadership development
- to partner with corporations, foundations, and governments in finding and developing people able to think and work on a global basis

## WHY IS IIE NEEDED?

Broadening the outlook of future leaders through academic and professional exchange strengthens their ability to think and act on a cooperative basis. Academic and professional exchange is also a critical means for transferring knowledge and skills across borders and preparing a new generation of global citizens. In the century ahead, these activities will be more important than ever, since many of the world's problems can be solved only on a regional and transnational basis.

## IIE PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

18,000 men and women from 175 nations participate in Institute of International Education programs each year.

