

# IBRAHIM LEADERSHIP & DIALOGUE PROJECT



## 2012 IBRAHIM LEADERSHIP AND DIALOGUE PROJECT APPLICATION PACKET

The 2012 Ibrahim Leadership and Dialogue Project is scheduled for June 1-15, 2012.

Instructions for submitting applications and letters of recommendation are included in this document.

Applications and all letters of recommendation must be submitted to the Institute of International Education (IIE)  
**no later than 11:59 pm (Eastern Time) on Sunday, February 5, 2012.**

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or contact us directly by emailing [ibrahimproject@iie.org](mailto:ibrahimproject@iie.org).

### Eligibility Requirements

Students from participating universities must meet the following eligibility criteria to apply to the program: (1) Be U.S. citizens; (2) Be over 18 years of age; (3) Have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher; (4) Have completed their freshman, sophomore, or junior year by the time of the program (in special cases, seniors will be considered for the program if they can demonstrate clear plans to continue their studies and benefit the academic community upon their return); and (5) Demonstrate strong leadership potential based on involvement in extracurricular activities and school organizations, or in internship and work experience.

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## 2012 IBRAHIM LEADERSHIP AND DIALOGUE PROJECT APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS



In order to be considered eligible for the program, the Institute of International Education (IIE) must receive all application materials **no later than 11:59 pm (Eastern Time) on Sunday, February 5, 2012**. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered. Application materials must be submitted by email in Word or PDF file format to [ibrahimproject@iie.org](mailto:ibrahimproject@iie.org).

### **Your application packet must include:**

#### **I. Resume:**

Please include your full name, mailing address, telephone number, email address, date of birth, place of birth, religious affiliation, and academic background (university, major / minor, cumulative grade point average, and year in school). We encourage you to also list any relevant work or internship experience, honors, awards, publications, memberships, language abilities, or previous international travel (please include length and purpose of travel).

#### **II. Essay 1 – Personal Statement:**

Please describe your reasons for applying to the 2012 Ibrahim Leadership and Dialogue Project. Provide details about your background and explain why you are passionate about the Middle East specifically. Indicate why participation on this project is necessary to achieve your personal and professional goals. *500 word limit*.

#### **III. Essay 2 – Impact Plan:**

Please describe how you would incorporate your experience on the 2012 Ibrahim Leadership and Dialogue Project into your academic and surrounding communities. Relate your plan to the program objectives and explain how your plan will foster mutual understanding between different faiths and cultures. *500 word limit*

#### **IV. Transcripts:**

Please submit a copy of your transcript from any and all universities where you were enrolled as a student.

#### **V. Two Letters of Recommendation (*Note: Letters must be submitted separately by those who wrote them*):**

Two letters of recommendation are required. At least one letter of recommendation must come from a professor at your university who can accurately comment on your academic ability. The second letter may come from another professor, advisor, employer, community member, or other personal contact (excluding family members) who can accurately comment on your involvement in your community. Letters of recommendation must be submitted by those writing them and not by the applicant. Please share the attached “Letter of Recommendation Instructions” with your two references.

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## 2012 IBRAHIM LEADERSHIP AND DIALOGUE PROJECT LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION INSTRUCTIONS



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### Letters of Recommendation:

Please include your full name, the applicant's full name, and explain in what capacity you have known the applicant and for what period of time. If you know the applicant in an academic setting, please rate his/her overall academic abilities and performance compared to his/her peers. We strongly encourage you to assess the applicant in the following areas:

- Demonstrated Leadership Potential
- Intellectual Capacity
- Communication Skills
- Open-Mindedness
- Level of Maturity
- Dedication and Passion for the Middle East
- Ability to Implement Post-Program Impact Plan

### About the Program

The Ibrahim Leadership and Dialogue Project, sponsored by the Ibrahim Family Foundation (IFF) and administered by the Institute of International Education (IIE), provides an opportunity for high-achieving U.S. undergraduate students of diverse backgrounds and faiths to develop their leadership skills and gain first-hand experience with dialogue efforts in the Middle East.

Following an orientation session in Washington, DC, students engage in a two-week study-tour in three Middle Eastern countries where they meet with leaders and organizations representing a range of viewpoints. Students meet with every type of person – both those who have demonstrated exceptional commitment to promoting tolerance and mutual understanding as well as those who represent more thought-provoking viewpoints, which help students understand the nuances of the region.

A unique aspect of this program is the emphasis on the post-program Impact Plan. Students are expected to incorporate this experience into their academic and surrounding communities by engaging their peers in activities, projects, and events, which support the foundation of a more peaceful and prosperous shared future.

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