

2012 IBRAHIM LEADERSHIP AND DIALOGUE PROJECT LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION INSTRUCTIONS



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**. Late letters will not be considered and may disqualify the applicant. Letters of recommendation must be submitted by those writing them and not by the applicant. Please submit your letter in Word or PDF file format by email to ibrahimproject@iie.org.

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.

Please visit www.iie.org/ibrahimproject for more information or contact us directly by emailing ibrahimproject@iie.org.

The Ibrahim Family Foundation, founded by S.A. Ibrahim, focuses on improving international cultural awareness and understanding through educational exchanges. Past major initiatives include the Ibrahim Fellowship at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, the Ibrahim Family Theater at the International House of Philadelphia, and the Ibrahim Leadership and Dialogue Project in the Middle East.

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