



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 with a one-semester or one-year, undergraduate, non-degree studies programs in the United States at a diverse network of accredited two- and four-year institutions.

Mandatory courses will include U.S. study courses, academic skills training and courses of students' fields of study. Participants will take part in community service as well as an internship (for the one-year participants).

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://abudhabi.usembassy.gov/educational_advising.html

Applications are due:
January 3rd, 2009

Contact:

EducationUSA@state.gov

or

02-414-2242

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 first-, second- or

third-year full-time undergraduate study by August 2009;

- 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 2009;
- 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.

