

UNITED STATES INSTITUTE OF PEACE



SUDANESE YOUTH LEADERS PROGRAM APPLICATION

Due: March 7, 2014 at
5:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time

THE PROGRAM

Overview

USIP is launching a program in which Sudanese youth leaders come to Washington D.C. to be in residence at USIP for approximately four months from August 2014 to December 2014. The program is designed to contribute to their leadership development by giving them opportunities to gain knowledge, skills, and confidence that youth leaders can leverage upon their return to Sudan. USIP believes that investing in Sudanese youth and exposing them to new political contexts is critical to supporting the next generation of leaders that will help secure and sustain peace, security, and democracy in Sudan. During their time at USIP, youth leaders will focus primarily on a self-led research project relevant to conflict prevention, conflict management, peacebuilding and/or democratization in Sudan and/or South Sudan. This will also be an opportunity for U.S. audiences to hear fresh perspectives on Sudanese affairs and for Sudanese youth leaders to gain more exposure to the U.S. and its institutions. For each iteration of this program, USIP will select one youth leader.

Youth leaders will receive a monthly stipend that is intended to cover housing, health insurance, local travel, phone and internet, and incidentals. In addition, USIP will pay for airfare and visa expenses.

Goal

USIP intends for this program to provide youth leaders with the knowledge, skills, and confidence to grow as leaders and contribute to their communities. During their time at USIP, youth leaders will:

- 1) Acquire new information and perspectives on a research topic of their choice,
- 2) Serve as a resource on Sudan in the Washington D.C. community,
- 3) Gain an understanding of U.S. political culture, policy, and institutions, and
- 4) Build skills for successful leadership in a Sudanese context.

Requirements

By the end of their time at USIP, youth leaders will be expected to:

- 1) Gain at least two certificates demonstrating successful completion of [USIP Academy courses](#),
- 2) Produce at least one publishable product on a research topic of their choice, and
- 3) Develop a “Leadership Action Plan” for leveraging their new knowledge, skills, and confidence as leaders in Sudan.

Candidate Eligibility

Please review all eligibility requirements before you apply. In order to be eligible to participate in the program, candidates must:

- Be of Sudanese nationality and living in Sudan at the time of application
- Be 35 years of age or younger at the time of application
- Be fluent in English
- Have excellent verbal and written communication skills
- Have demonstrated leadership skills
- Possess a willingness to participate and learn within and beyond the walls of USIP
- By the stipulations of the J1 visa, candidates must also be able to secure health insurance by the time they arrive in the United States

USIP's Mission

The United States Institute of Peace is an independent, nonpartisan institution established and funded by Congress to increase the nation's capacity to manage international conflict without violence. USIP aims to “think, act, teach, and train” across the spectrum of international conflict prevention, management, and resolution and to help societies in the period of post-conflict stabilization. Learn more about USIP at <http://www.usip.org/about-us>.

Instructions

Please submit all materials together as one submission packet. All materials must be submitted **in English**. Submission should include a completed application form and all attachments, as listed in section IV (“Attachments”) of this document. Submissions that are incomplete or missing materials will not be considered. Submissions must be made via email and will be accepted no later than **March 7, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time**. All applications and inquiries should be sent to youthleaders@usip.org.

All finalists will be notified by email by April 14, 2014. If you are not notified by this time, you have not been selected. All new information about the Youth Leaders Program will be posted to our website: <http://www.usip.org/sudanese-south-sudanese-youth-leaders-program>.

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

Name and Title

Complete Mailing Address

Current Residence

Phone #

Email

Date of Birth

II. PERSONAL SUMMARY

Please describe your past leadership experience.

Please describe your future leadership goals.

Please describe how you envision this program will help you achieve your future leadership goals.

Please describe two things that most motivate you as a young leader. These could be, for example, people in your life, books you have read, or events that have occurred. Please describe why they motivate you.

III. RESEARCH PROJECT PROPOSAL

Youth leaders will be expected to conduct a self-led research project and produce at least one publishable product on a subject relevant to conflict prevention, conflict management, peacebuilding and/or democratization in Sudan and/or South Sudan. The research project should promote USIP's mission to "think, act, teach, and train" across the spectrum of international conflict prevention, management, and resolution and to help societies in the period of post-conflict stabilization. The research project will primarily comprise of research conducted at USIP. This research project is not intended to require research or implementation in Sudan.

Project Title

Project Summary

Why is this project important? Does it fill a gap in the field or in the existing literature, and if so, how? What substantive results do you expect from this project and how do you envision them contributing to Sudan?

How does this project help promote the mission of USIP? What is its policy relevance for international peace, security, and conflict management?

What outputs from this project do you envision producing during your time at USIP? How do you envision disseminating the results?

Please provide a draft work plan indicating the schedule for completing specific tasks involved in completing the project.

IV. ATTACHMENTS

Please submit the following documents with this application. All documents must be **in English**.

- 1) An updated curriculum vitae or resume.
- 2) One (1) writing sample. Preferably, your submission can be an excerpt of a recent publication that you have written or to which you contributed. If you have not published, please write an original sample on any subject relevant to conflict prevention, conflict management, peacebuilding and/or democratization. Your sample should be at least one full page of typed text and should not be longer than two full pages of typed text.
- 3) Three (3) references who we can contact, including the name, organizational affiliation, and email address of each.

V. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please list all countries of which you are a citizen.

Please describe your English language proficiency on a scale of 1-5, with 1 being the least proficient and 5 being the most proficient.

Reading:

Writing:

Speaking:

Please indicate whether members of your immediate family would accompany you and stay with you during the Youth Leaders Program in Washington D.C.

Have you ever received a grant or fellowship from USIP or participated in any USIP-sponsored activities? If so, indicate the year and the type of each grant and/or activity. Also indicate when the grant was completed.

How did you learn about this program?

VI. CERTIFICATION

U.S. Government statutes provide civil and criminal penalties for attempting to obtain public funds by fraud or deception, and the Institute will act to prevent waste, fraud, or abuse in connection with program and other activities. I certify that the statements made in this application are true and complete to the best of my knowledge, that I am not delinquent in repaying any federal debt, and that I will not engage in the unlawful manufacture, distribution, possession, or use of a controlled substance while conducting any USIP sponsored activity.

Please sign to certify this statement.

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Date: _____