



The American Consulate General in Jerusalem Announces The 2019 TechWomen Program

The American Consulate General in Jerusalem and the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) is pleased to announce TechWomen 2019. TechWomen is an initiative of the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA). TechWomen, launched in 2011, supports the United States' global commitment toward advancing the rights and participation of women and girls around the world by enabling them to reach their full potential in the tech industry. Techwomen brings emerging women leaders in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) from Africa, Central and South Asia, and the Middle East together with their professional counterparts in the United States for a mentorship and exchange program. TechWomen provides participants access to networks, resources, and knowledge to empower them to reach their full potential.

During the five-week program, participants engage in project-based mentorships at leading companies in the San Francisco Bay Area and Silicon Valley, participate in professional development workshops and networking events, and travel to Washington, DC for targeted meetings and special events to conclude the program.

Participant Qualifications:

- Palestinian residents of Jerusalem, the West Bank, or Gaza Strip.
- Women with a minimum of two years full-time professional experience in the Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) fields and/or a career requiring significant expertise/knowledge/application of technology;
- Bachelor's degree/four-year university degree or equivalent.
- Proficient in written and spoken English;
- Demonstrate a willingness to participate in exchange programs, welcome opportunities for mentoring and new partnership development, and exhibit confidence and maturity;
- Not have applied for an immigrant visa to the United States, or participated in a visa lottery in the past five years;
- Proven record of voluntary or public service in their communities;
- Demonstrated track record of entrepreneurialism and commitment to innovation.
- Demonstrate themselves as emerging leaders in their chosen professional track through their work experience, volunteer experience, community activities and education.

Important Note:

- Participation in the program is contingent upon the applicant qualifying for a J-1 visa to the United States.
- Holders of American passports or green cards are **not eligible to participate** in this program.

Application Deadline and inquiries:

The application is available online and will be available online until January 16, 2019. The TechWomen website can be found at: www.techwomen.org.

For More Information:

Jerusalem and West Bank Applicants: For more information call 02-622-7107 or email jerusalemexchanges@state.gov.

Gaza Applicants: For more information please email Gazaexchanges@gmail.com.