

AMERICA'S UNOFFICIAL AMBASSADORS

SUMMER SERVICE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM



ABOUT AUA

America's Unofficial Ambassadors (AUA) is a citizen diplomacy initiative, which builds mutual understanding and enhances people-to-people partnerships between America and the Muslim World. We do this by preparing and placing Americans in volunteer positions in communities across the Muslim World and then by helping them to share their experiences while they are volunteering and upon their return.

ABOUT THE SUMMER SERVICE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Summer Service Internships are designed to provide young Americans with the opportunity to serve as unofficial ambassadors and to impact America's relationship with the Muslim World by volunteering at the grassroots level and representing America in Indonesia, Jordan, Morocco, Tajikistan, or Tanzania. At the same time, unofficial ambassadors support local leadership in tackling human development challenges while they develop the professional and personal experiences that will make them global citizens and leaders in their own communities.

PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

Summer service interns will volunteer full time for six weeks with schools and non-governmental organizations that are working in education and youth leadership, women's empowerment, human rights, economic development, and protection of the environment. Unofficial ambassadors will study the local languages, and engage in cultural activities to learn more about the history and people of each host country. Depending upon the country and the need of the local partner, unofficial ambassadors teach English, French, math, or computer skills; design websites and promotional videos for NGOs; organize and implement youth leadership activities; and support other English language communications needs, like researching and writing funding proposals or creating and updating a Facebook page. As an equally important part of this program, unofficial ambassadors blog about their experience and give presentations on campus and in their home community to build mutual understanding between America and the Muslim World.

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A SUMMER OF SERVICE

THE OPPORTUNITY



PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

This is a competitive program open to Americans and permanent residents over the age of 18 who have demonstrated the commitment, temperament, and skill set to serve as capable unofficial ambassadors. Foreign nationals who are either enrolled in a university or college in the United States or who are graduates of a university or college in the United States and who feel like they are able to represent the principles of this initiative are also welcome to apply. There are no age limits for participation in this program nor is there a requirement that unofficial ambassadors be an enrolled student or recent graduate.

PROGRAM IMPACT

Four to eight partner organizations or schools in Indonesia, Jordan, Morocco, Tajikistan, and Tanzania improve their capacity and make advances in their work through the service of the unofficial ambassadors. Forty to fifty young Americans gain the skills and experience to become global citizens and community leaders. The target populations in our host countries benefit directly from the programs of our partner organizations and schools. Awareness is raised in the United States by the unofficial ambassadors' experience with the publication of approximately 200 blog posts and the completion 50 – 100 presentations on campuses, in schools, at community centers, and in communities of faith, across the United States.

PROGRAM FUNDING

Unofficial ambassadors self-fund their internships. Program fees of \$3500 include housing, staffing, language class, food, insurance, and transportation to and from a volunteer's site. International travel and visas are not covered in the program fee. Program fees are paid to Creative Learning, Inc., a not-for-profit organization, and are tax deductible. Opportunities to sponsor a full-country program range from \$40,000 to \$100,000 and include naming opportunities as well as a chance to host an event with returned unofficial ambassadors in the venue of your choice.

MOSAIC GRANTS

Mosaic Grants cover or defray the costs of this program and make these summer service internship opportunities available to a diverse range of Americans who come from all walks of life. In 2012, AUA awarded 12 Mosaic Grants. Opportunities to sponsor a full or partial Mosaic Grant are available at levels ranging from \$1,000 to \$25,000. This range of options includes naming opportunities as well as the chance to bring an unofficial ambassador to your community to deliver a presentation at your venue of choice.

TESTIMONIALS

"When I got back to the States, I got a call from one of my students thanking me for my service...She told me that she improved her scores on her midterms and was continuing to study for her University exams. It is small things like this that make the whole program worthwhile."

- Zulekha Abu of Maryland, a 2013 Unofficial Ambassador to Zanzibar, Tanzania

"Most people thought the Americans are enemies of Muslims but the fact is the opposite. They are good people helping Muslims to overcome ignorance, improve their English and writing skills, and achieve their goals in life."

- Mr. Abdul Hamid, the Principal and Founder of the English Speaking International Muslim School in Zanzibar, Tanzania

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