



LDF Fellowship

2020-2021 Eligibility Requirements

For the **English Track**, which includes a visit to the U.S. as part of Stage Three, applicants must:

- **Eligible Countries:** Be from Algeria, Jordan, Morocco, Tunisia, Lebanon, Israel, and Kuwait.
- **English Fluency:** Have strong written and oral English proficiency and be able to function comfortably in English-speaking academic and professional environments. All U.S.-based activities are conducted in English.

For the **Arabic Track**, which includes a visit to Lebanon as part of Stage Three, applicants must:

- **Eligible Countries:** Be from Syria, Yemen, Algeria, Jordan, Morocco, Tunisia, Lebanon, Iraq, and Kuwait.

All applicants, regardless of their track, must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- **Age:** Be between 28 and 35 years of age.
- **Professional Experience:** Have at least five years of professional work experience in a relevant field.
- **Civic Engagement and/or Social Entrepreneurship Experience:** Have a minimum of five years of civic engagement and/or social entrepreneurship experience.
- **Academic Background:** Have a bachelor's degree.
- **Arabic Fluency:** Applicants in both tracks must be able to function comfortably in Arabic-speaking academic and professional environments.
- **Participation:** Be willing and able to participate fully in all five stages of the LDF Fellowship. Fellows will travel out of the MENA region for two weeks at the beginning of the Fellowship, for three weeks to either the U.S. or Lebanon during Stage Three, and again for three days at the end of the Fellowship.
- **Utilization:** Have the capacity and ability to immediately apply the knowledge and skills gained throughout the LDF Fellowship.
- **Lodging and Traveling Logistics:** Be comfortable living with another participant of the same sex in a shared room, while traveling internationally, and participating in the LDF Fellowship without any accompanying friends, or family members.