

2005 Grants

Middle East and North Africa: 6 Projects

Name of Organization: University of Washington
Location: Seattle, Washington
Subject: Providing English-language Access to Middle Eastern News Outlets

Funding will support the creation of an Internet-based site, available to English-language speakers worldwide, that will provide English-language access to a broad range of Middle Eastern news outlets and opinion leaders. Two American scholars will travel to Egypt and to the United Arab Emirates (Dubai) to establish communication and cooperation between the University of Washington and media specialists at the American University of Cairo's Adham Center, and journalists and broadcasters in Dubai. The Director of the Adham Center will travel to Seattle to assist with the development of a model website—the Middle East Information Portal—with representative content, demonstrating features of an operational site. A survey of potential users of the website will complete the project.

Country(ies): Egypt and United Arab Emirates (Dubai)
Region: North Africa and the Middle East
U.S. State: Washington
Theme(s): Media
Congressional Interest Project

Name of Organization: Quebec-Labrador Foundation
Location: Ipswich, Massachusetts
Subject: Promoting Conflict Management and Resolution

The Quebec-Labrador Foundation (QLF) will conduct an exchange program focused on conflict management and resolution. Fifteen participants—nine environmental and community development specialists from Israel, Egypt, Jordan, and the Palestinian Authority and six from the United States—will participate in four mutually reinforcing exchange components: fellowships that include study tours, individual assignments, and extended training workshops; a train-the-trainer capacity-building workshop; the collection and publication of “best practice” case studies; and the provision of participant-led training workshops in both the Middle East and the U.S.

Country(ies): Israel, Egypt, Jordan, and the Palestinian Authority
Region: Middle East and North Africa
U.S. State: Massachusetts
Theme(s): Democracy & Governance

Name of Organization: American University

Location: Washington, DC

Subject: Promoting Conflict Resolution in
Israeli and Palestinian Schools

This grant will support the development of a conflict resolution curriculum, including a teacher's guide and a teacher training program, for Palestinian, Israeli, and American teachers and education specialists. American University's Center for Global Peace will partner with the Peace Research Institute in the Middle East to conduct exchanges, consisting of cooperative work among six American and 19 foreign participants in Washington, DC, and at diverse sites in Israel and the Palestinian Authority. The project will involve site visits, the development of a teacher training protocol and its testing through a series of observed workshops/teacher training sessions, and the introduction of this new curriculum/approach to conflict resolution through education to American teachers by a joint team of Americans, Israelis, and Palestinians.

Country(ies): Israel and the Palestinian Authority

Region: Middle East and North Africa

U.S. State: Washington, DC

Theme(s): Democracy & Governance

Name of Organization: AMIDEAST

Location: Washington, DC

Subject: Learning about the place of religion and
scholarship in the United States

This grant will support AMIDEAST's collaboration with a rich array of Middle Eastern and American institutions in implementing an exchange of Muslim and non-Muslim scholars and clerics from Egypt, Jordan, Syria, and the United States. Two groups of nine participants from the region will visit Muslim communities, religious centers, institutions of higher education, NGOs, and other sites in the United States, participating in seminars, interacting with Americans, and learning by observation and experience about the place of religion/Islam and of scholarship in the U.S. Nine American scholars and clerics will visit the Middle East. This two-year exchange will culminate in a multinational workshop to discuss Islamic scholarship in the U.S. and other countries that will be held in the region.

Country(ies): Egypt, Jordan, Syria

Region: Middle East and North Africa

U.S. State: Washington, DC

Theme(s): Faith & Community

Name of Organization: International Research and Exchanges Board

Location: Washington, DC

Subject: Developing a Curriculum for Young Journalists

This three-phased project will support the development of curriculum and methodology appropriate for training a cadre of young journalists to understand the role of the media in demanding government transparency and accountability and to practice the investigative journalism needed to expose corruption and to establish public media as a watchdog. Project activities include a three-week U.S. program of workshops, discussions, and site visits for ten journalism educators from Morocco, Jordan, Lebanon, and Egypt; the preparation of course curricula in investigative journalism by the exchange participants after they have returned to their home universities; and a program in the Middle East, where five American journalism professors and media specialists will work with their counterparts to consolidate and advance the professional consultations begun in the United States.

Country(ies): Morocco, Jordan, Lebanon, Egypt

Region: Middle East and North Africa

U.S. State: Washington, DC

Theme(s): Media

Name of Organization: DePaul University

Location: Chicago, Illinois

Subject: Preserving Cultural Heritage Sites

Under this grant, DePaul University's College of Law will conduct an exchange program focusing on themes related to the preservation of cultural heritage. Forty government representatives and specialists in the fields of law, law enforcement, archaeology, and museum science, from Afghanistan, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Turkey, Pakistan, and the United States will participate in a six-day workshop conducted in Chicago by expert facilitators from several Western nations. There will also be site visits to institutions and archaeological and historic locations in Washington, DC. Each national group will devise a blueprint for action and a "toolkit," a source of information on legal documentation, and security-related methods of protecting sites and artifacts. Three expert facilitators will travel to the participants' countries to provide consultation and assistance in the implementation of plans to protect archaeological heritage.

Country(ies): Afghanistan, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Turkey, Pakistan

Region: Middle East and North Africa and South and Central Asia

U.S. State: Illinois

Theme(s): Democracy & Governance