



The Center for Faith-Based & Community Initiatives NEWSLETTER

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Letter from the Director

Dear Newsletter Recipients,

We have very exciting news for you this week. On November 10, President Obama announced the nomination of Dr. Rajiv Shah to be the next USAID Administrator. Read more about Dr. Shah and his experience below.

In addition, the [White House Office of Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships](#) has launched a great new website and blog. Check it regularly to see recent news and updates on its work and the work of the 11 agency Centers.

All of us here at the CFBCI wish you a very Happy Thanksgiving!

Warmest regards,

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AT A GLANCE...

1) President Obama Announces Nomination of Rajiv Shah as USAID Administrator

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GLOBAL PARTNERSHIPS

**President Obama
Announces**

On November 10, 2009, President Barack Obama announced the nomination of Dr. Rajiv J. Shah to be the next Administrator of USAID. Dr. Shah currently serves as Under Secretary for Research, Education and Economics and Chief

Nomination of Rajiv Shah as USAID Administrator

Scientist at the U.S. Department of Agriculture. He manages the Agricultural Research Service, the Economic Research Service, the National Agricultural Statistical Service and the National Institute of Food and Agriculture. He also leads the Department's participation in President Obama's global food security initiative.

Prior to joining the Obama Administration, Dr. Shah served as the Director for Agricultural Development at the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Previously, Dr. Shah served as the foundation's first Director for Financial Services to the Poor and led the Strategic Opportunities initiative through which he worked with foundation co-chairs to identify, assess and recommend new areas of giving.

Dr. Shah earned his M.D. from the University of Pennsylvania Medical School and his Master of Science in health economics at the Wharton School of Business. He has attended the London School of Economics, and is a graduate of the University of Michigan.

Read the related Press Releases from the [White House](#), the [U.S. Department of State](#), and [USAID](#).

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INFORMATION

New Website! White House Office of Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships

www.whitehouse.gov/partnerships

The White House Office of Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships has launched its new website and the Partnerships Blog. Please click [here](#) to take a look and check back regularly for updates. For example, each of the Federal Agency Centers and their directors will be introduced on the blog. Grant announcements for programs of special interest to community and faith groups will be highlighted as well. Other features include:

- The Partnerships Blog
- Policy Goals of the White House Office
- Information on Grants and Resources
- Preserving our Values
- Federal and State Contacts
- Contact Information for the White House Office

Anti-Trafficking Program Funding Opportunity

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The State Department Office To Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons (G/TIP) is pleased to announce the publication of its open competition for assistance awards to improve the response to human trafficking abroad. G/TIP's Fiscal Year 2010 Request for Statements of Interest (RSOI) was posted Nov. 2, 2009, on www.grantsolutions.gov and www.grants.gov. U.S. and foreign NGOs, higher education institutions, and public international organizations are encouraged to submit SOIs for anti-trafficking programs to be conducted in a single country abroad, within a region, or in more than one region.

For more information, see these websites:

[U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE OFFICE TO MONITOR AND COMBAT TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS](#)

[FY 2010 FUNDING OPPORTUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT](#)

[CONFERENCE FOR POTENTIAL BIDDERS - INFORMATION AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR FY 2010 GRANT SOLICITATIONS](#)

[ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING PROGRAMS AWARDED IN FISCAL YEAR 2009](#)

Information on USAID's Work and Programs

Don't Forget! You can track the activities and announcements of USAID by checking its website frequently. Here is a sample of what is available.

- [USAID Fact Sheets](#)
- [USAID Reports to Congress](#)
- [USAID Senior Staff Speeches and Testimony to Congress](#)
- [USAID Photo Gallery](#)
- [Press Releases](#)
- [Press Releases from USAID Missions](#)

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

USAID FUNDING

(check out grants.gov for the most up-to-date information on grant and funding opportunities as information does change)

Funding Opportunities Glossary:

Annual Program Statement (APS)-

- An APS is used to generate competition for activities that are complementary to USAID's strategic objectives. They originate from USAID offices and missions around the world and solicit creative approaches and programs that will accomplish defined

USAID/Kampala – Increase Participation of People with Disabilities – USAID/Uganda invites applications to carry out activities, under grants, that increase participation of people with disabilities (PWDs) in USAID activities and strengthen the capacities of disabled people's organizations (DPOs). The purpose of this APS is to disseminate information about this activity to prospective applicants so that they may develop and submit concept papers for USAID funding. Applicants must use the "Disability Concept Paper Application Form" attached to this APS when submitting their concept papers. This APS describes: (1) the type of activities or programs for which applications will be considered; (2) the funding available and the process and requirements of submitting applications; and (3) explains the criteria for USAID evaluation of applications. **The closing date of this announcement is November 30, 2009.** For more information, [click here](#).

USAID/Lima: Strengthening Ecuadorian Justice Project – The U.S. Government is committed to support Ecuador's long-term efforts to strengthen the Rule of Law because a functioning and respected rule of law, with an effective justice system, contributes to increased public satisfaction with government, reduces corruption, and enhances democratic stability. Through this project, USAID will focus its support in key areas that will contribute to the strengthening of Ecuadorian Justice: (a) application of the criminal justice system – including the enforcement of recently passed reforms-, (b) access to legal services by vulnerable groups of the population, (c) civil society's oversight of the restructuring and functioning of justice institutions, and (d) transparency in the judiciary. **The closing date of this announcement is November 30, 2009.** For more information, [click here](#).

USAID/Asuncion - Improvement of Local Governance and Increasing Economic Security Program – The focus of USAID/Paraguay's contribution to this Program is to help establish a new level of stability in five specific provinces in eastern Paraguay (Alto Paraná, Canindeyú, Amambay, Concepción and San Pedro

objectives.

Request for Applications (RFA)-

- RFAs invite interested parties to submit competitive applications for USAID assistance, explaining what the application should contain, how it should be written, and the evaluation criteria to be used.

respectively), in order to reduce the level of violence and criminal activity during the country's transition from de facto one-party rule to multi-party democracy. **The closing date of this announcement is December 2, 2009.** For more information, [click here](#).

NEW! USAID/ Dar es Salaam - Civic/Voter Education in Preparation of 2010 General Elections - USAID/Tanzania is seeking applications for a Cooperative Agreement from qualified Registered Local Tanzania Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) to implement a project entitled "Civic/Voter Education in Preparation Of 2010 General Elections" in Tanzania. The successful Applicant will be responsible for ensuring achievement of the program objectives. Please refer to the Program Description in Section C of the RFA for a complete statement of goals and expected results. Subject to the availability of funds, USAID intends to provide approximately \$620,000 in total USAID funding for this activity to be allocated over a period of up to one-year period. Although it is planned to make an award of one or two cooperative agreement under this RFA, USAID in its discretion may make awards to more than one organization or no award. **The closing date of this announcement is December 11, 2009.** For more information, [click here](#).

USAID/OFDA: Emergency Assistance in Iraq – The USAID Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance anticipates awarding multiple cooperative agreements and/or grants as a result of this APS, targeting humanitarian interventions that facilitate and anchor returnees and also maintaining emergency support for displaced and vulnerable communities with special concern for, but not limited to war widows, women and children, and disabled civilians. **The closing date of this announcement is December 13, 2009.** For more information, [click here](#).

USAID/Dakar - Improving Education Quality in Senegal - USAID intends to make an award of one Cooperative Agreement under this RFA. Subject to the availability of funds, USAID intends to provide approximately \$20,000,000 to be allocated over the five-year period. USAID reserves the right to fund any or none of the applications submitted. A \$10 million option is contemplated over the last 3 years of the base program as further explained under section c.7.5. **The closing date of this announcement is December 14, 2009.** For more information, [click here](#).

NEW! USAID/ Dar es Salaam – Scale Up of Indoor Residual Spraying (IRS) in Tanzania - The purpose of this Request for Applications (RFA) is to enable USAID/Tanzania to support IRS and other related malaria control services for Mainland Tanzania and Zanzibar. The RFA is therefore soliciting for responsive and responsible firms willing to provide Indoor Residual Spraying (IRS) and related services, with the overall goal of reducing the burden of malaria in Tanzania. **The closing date of this announcement is December 16, 2009.** For more information, [click here](#).

NEW! USAID/ Tbilisi - Alternative Resources in Media - USAID/Armenia is seeking applications from qualified and eligible organizations to implement the "ALTERNATIVE RESOURCES IN MEDIA PROGRAM" with USAID-provided financial assistance. USAID intends to make available up to \$4,000,000 and award a single Cooperative Agreement to fund the successful Applicant's Program designed to achieve objectives and results matching those described in the RFA Section C. The main focus of the program is to diversify content, utilizing high-tech and "low-tech" means to produce and distribute news and information vital to Armenians, and assisting citizens in transforming themselves from passive users of information to being active information producers and dispensers. **The closing date of this announcement is December 18, 2009.** For more information, [click here](#).

USAID/Tbilisi: Civic Education in Georgia - The objective of the “Civic Education in Georgia” project is to improve the quality and scope of school-based civic education in Georgia as a means to increase the skills and commitment of youth to participatory democracy. This three-year, \$2.69 million activity will be implemented through a competitively awarded cooperative agreement. The main focus of this project will be on school-based civic education for older students (grades 9 – 12). The principal counterpart in the Government of Georgia (GOG) will be the Ministry of Education and Science (MES). The project will also collaborate with individual schools, school boards, teachers, students, local NGOs, publishers and others to address a variety of improvements in this sector. [The closing date of this announcement is December 19, 2009.](#) For more information, [click here.](#)

NEW! USAID/Jakarta - Strengthening Integrity and Accountability Program I (SIAP I) - USAID/Indonesia is seeking applications from international and U.S. non-governmental organizations (NGOs) for a program to contribute to good governance in Indonesia by strengthening integrity and accountability in government at the national level. USAID/Indonesia intends to award one Cooperative Agreement to achieve the objectives identified in this RFA. The anticipated level of funding for this award is not to exceed \$13 million over the five years period. Funding will be made on an incremental basis over the period of the cooperative agreement. [The closing date of this announcement is January 4, 2010.](#) For more information, [click here.](#)

NEW! USAID/Rabat - Youth Education Program - The purpose of the Morocco Out-of-school Youth Education Project is to improve the human capital of Morocco, especially of disadvantaged youth, by providing disadvantaged youth with critical skills needed to become active, positive and engaged members of Moroccan society—both economically and socially. The goal of the project is to enhance the capacity of Moroccan governmental and non-governmental institutions to provide quality educational services for out-of-school youth, to develop policies to facilitate coordination of such service delivery, and to build institutional networks to strengthen the youth development field in selected regions of the country. [The closing date for this announcement is January 8, 2010.](#) For more information, [click here.](#)

USAID/Cairo - New Scholarship Program - The purpose of this program is to provide undergraduate scholarships for promising Egyptian students with high financial need, building on the lessons learned and best practices of previous scholarship programs. [The closing date of this announcement is January 14, 2010.](#) For more information, [click here.](#)

USAID/Zimbabwe: Restoring Livelihoods - Zimbabwe - The purpose of this Annual Program Statement (APS) is to publish information about the intention of USAID/Zimbabwe to fund cooperative agreements to contribute to its broad objective of restoring livelihoods. This Annual Program Statement (APS) is intended to solicit applications covering a broad range of interventions—in terms of intended beneficiaries, sectors, and locations—with the ultimate goal of restoring livelihoods. The objectives of this APS are Livelihoods Restored and Maintained/Economy Stabilized and Growing, Increased Income and Employment Generated by the Agricultural Sector. [The closing date of this announcement is February 27, 2010.](#) For more information, [click here.](#)

USAID/Cairo - Through this APS, USAID/Egypt intends to support programs of Egyptian non-governmental organizations. Eligible organizations interested in receiving funding for programs and activities under the Civil Society Program are invited to carefully read this APS in its entirety and to follow the grant application guidance in order to apply for funds. There is a two-stage application process

consisting of the submission of an initial concept paper and then – upon invitation by USAID – the submission of a full application. The closing date of this APS is April 30, 2010. For more information, [click here](#).

NEW! USAID/Manila - Annual Program Statement for Expanding Participation of Persons with Disability (PWDs) in Development Programming - USAID/Philippines is seeking innovative applications from qualified non-governmental organizations capable of providing assistance to promote the inclusion of PWDs in development cooperation, to find solutions to break down existing as well as potential barriers and to ensure full inclusion of people with disabilities in USAID activities and programs. USAID is providing approximately \$2,000,000 worldwide in FY 2009 ESF Funds for projects that address the program objectives under this APS. Concept papers submitted by USAID/Philippines will compete on a global basis for funding. The closing date for this announcement is July 30, 2010. For more information, [click here](#).

USAID/Jakarta – The USAID Mission to Indonesia is seeking applications from U.S. institutions of higher education that support USAID/Indonesia's development strategy through partnership activities between institutions of higher education in Indonesia and the United States. The closing date of this announcement is August 9, 2010. For more information, [click here](#).

USAID/Lilongwe: Public Private Alliances in Education, Care, and Support for OVCS and Agriculture – USAID seeks to expand its use of strategic alliances with the private and non-governmental sectors. The USAID/Malawi Mission invites interest from prospective local and international partner organizations to form Global Development Alliances to support USAID/Malawi's development objectives. Alliance partners are expected to bring significant new resources, ideas, technologies, and/or partners to address development problems that USAID/Malawi is currently working to address. Successful applications will bring at least a 1:1 resource leveraging to priority development activities within USAID/Malawi's strategic focus areas. The closing date of this announcement is September 10, 2010. For more information, [click here](#).

USAID/Washington - Support for International Family Planning Organizations (SIFPO) - The USAID Office of Population and Reproductive Health (PRH) within the Global Health Bureau is seeking concept papers from qualified applicants for funding of grants and/or cooperative agreements. The purpose of this Annual Program Statement (APS) is to publicize United States Government (USG) plans to fund a limited number of awards through USAID/Washington to support increased capacity among international family planning (FP) organizations, in order to increase the availability of quality FP services worldwide. This APS has an open-ended closing date. If this APS becomes irrelevant for any reason or funding is unavailable, USAID reserves the right to close the APS. For more information, [click here](#).

NEW! USAID/New Delhi - USAID/India University Linkages - Agriculture – The purpose of this announcement is to provide advance notification to interested parties of USAID/India's intention to issue an RFA for a University Linkages-Agricultural Activity. This advanced notification provides prospective applicants with lead time to identify key personnel and technical specialists to include in their application. USAID/India intends to initiate a new program to build the capacity of selected Indian agricultural universities. The proposed program, intended to be led by a university or consortium of universities, will pursue a public-private partnership model to leverage resources from foundations, NGOs and civil-society networks devoted to rural training and education, and knowledge-rich private agricultural companies (both U.S. and Indian) and establish linkages with an Indian agricultural

university to focus on capacity building in agricultural education. It is anticipated that the RFA will be issued by the end of January 2010. Currently funds are not available for this activity. USAID/INDIA reserves the right not to issue a full solicitation for this requirement. For more information, [click here](#).

NEW! USAID/Jakarta - Strengthening Integrity and Accountability Program II (SIAP II) - USAID/Indonesia is seeking applications from registered indigenous (local) Indonesian Organizations and/or registered indigenous (local) Indonesian Organization in partnership with US and Non-US Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs). Subject to the availability of funds, USAID/Indonesia intends to award a series of Grant Agreements or Cooperative Agreements, for program duration of a minimum of one year and not to exceed September 30, 2012. USAID/Indonesia will not consider any applications below a minimum amount of Rp 2,700,000,000 or above a maximum amount of Rp 13,500,000,000. For information on the closing dates for the expected rounds of funding, please refer to the Annual Program Statement. For more information, [click here](#).

U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT FUNDING

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U.S. Department of State, Bureau for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, Afghanistan Programs - Good Performers Initiative Special Recognition Visit - The United States Government, represented by the Bureau for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, Afghanistan Programs (INL/AP), is seeking applications from qualified U.S. organizations with the requisite capability and experience to sponsor twenty Afghan participants in a two-week visit to the Washington, DC. The Good Performers Initiative (GPI) funds timely, high-impact assistance projects to provinces leading the fight against Afghanistan's opium economy. The program will introduce twenty Afghan-participants, selected by their provincial governments, to leaders and organizations in the United States focusing on counternarcotics and development strategies in Afghanistan. **The closing date of this announcement is November 26, 2009.** For more information, [click here](#).

Middle East Partnership Initiative Youth Entrepreneurship in the Middle East and North Africa Program Announcement - The Office of the Middle East Partnership Initiative (NEA/PI) announces an open competition for projects that support youth entrepreneurship in the Middle East and North Africa. NEA/PI seeks applications for a new funding initiative that will inspire youth to become the next generation of entrepreneurs in the Middle East and North Africa. We are asking applicants to develop projects to foster a culture of entrepreneurship in youth. Those pre-applicants invited to submit full applications are encouraged to partner with organizations in the region to support their capacity and sustainability. Applications that involve cost-sharing from sources within the MENA region are strongly encouraged. The following MENA countries may be considered: Algeria, Bahrain, Egypt, Israel, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Tunisia, UAE, and Yemen. **The closing date of this announcement is November 30, 2009.** For more information, [click here](#).

Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration - FY 2010 Funding Opportunity Announcement for NGO programs benefiting returning refugees in Afghanistan - Limited funding is available to support NGOs working in Afghanistan to support refugee repatriation and reintegration. PRM will consider proposals from NGOs with proven track records in implementing refugee and returnee assistance programs. Higher consideration will be given to organizations that have well-established operations in Afghanistan. PRM will prioritize currently available funding for proposed non-governmental organization (NGO) activities that best meet the Bureau's priorities in Afghanistan as identified in the funding opportunity announcement. **The closing date of this announcement is November 30,**

2009. For more information, [click here](#).

Bureau of East Asian & Pacific Affairs - Track II Dialogue on Denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula

- Additional Information on Eligibility: Organizations capable of organizing and successfully facilitating high-level inter-governmental discussion forums, in informal settings, on sensitive multilateral nuclear non-proliferation issues, especially in Northeast Asia; and with demonstrated and substantial track records of success. The aim of this grant opportunity is to support a single 1-time grant to support an expert non-profit organization in facilitating an inclusive and collaborative unofficial dialogue on the denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula. This grant opportunity would allow for the participation of civilian, military, and other government agency representatives from nations of the Six Party Talks to meet and discuss regional security and non-proliferation issues that affect them all. **The closing date of this announcement is November 30, 2009.** For more information, [click here](#).

Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration - NGO Programs in Sudan Benefiting Southern Sudanese Refugee Returnees and Receiving Communities

— Limited funding is available to support NGOs working in Sudan in support of southern Sudanese refugee repatriation and reintegration. Current funding priorities are discussed in the funding opportunity announcement. For PRM's general NGO guidelines, please go to the Funding Opportunities page of PRM's website: <http://www.state.gov/g/prm/c27111.htm>. **The closing date of this announcement is December 1, 2009.** For more information, [click here](#).

Office to Monitor/Combat Trafficking in Persons - G/TIP FY2010 International Programs to Combat Trafficking in Persons

- The Department of State's Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons (G/TIP) is pleased to announce a two-stage competitive process for 2010 funding of projects that will improve the response to trafficking in persons outside the United States. The first stage is submission and competitive panel review of two-page Statements of Interest (SOI) from organizations interested in submitting proposals for projects that combat human trafficking. In the second stage, G/TIP will invite applicants whose Statements of Interest are reviewed favorably to submit proposals that expand on their SOI. These proposals will also be reviewed by a panel for consideration of funding. This announcement initiates the first stage, and G/TIP is now requesting applicants to submit a Statement of Interest, as described in this solicitation. U.S.-based non-profit and non-governmental organizations (NGO), public international organizations (PIO), foreign NGOs, and institutions of higher education are encouraged to apply by submitting a Statement of Interest. Pending appropriations, G/TIP anticipates awarding grants of up to \$750,000 per project. **The closing date of this announcement is December 3, 2009.** For more information, [click here](#).

Middle East Partnership Initiative - Strengthening Women's Organizations and Political Representation in the Middle East and North Africa

— The Office of the Partnership Initiative (NEA/PI) announces an open competition for proposals to strengthen women's participation in all aspects of society and promote women's equality in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA). The following MENA countries may be proposed: Algeria, Bahrain, Egypt, Israel, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Tunisia, UAE, and Yemen. NEA/PI seeks applications to address the following two priority areas: A) Organizational Capacity Building for Women's Organizations: This priority area aims to strengthen women-run or -focused civil society organizations in the MENA region. B) Development of Women's Caucuses and Unions: This priority area seeks to build platforms for and connect female political activists through the development of women's caucuses and unions – nationally and regionally. **The**

closing date of this announcement is **December 3, 2009**. For more information, [click here](#).

Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs - FY-2010 Study of the United States Institutes for Scholars - The Branch for the Study of the United States, Office of Academic Exchange Programs, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, invites proposal submissions for the design and implementation of three Study of the United States Institutes to take place over the course of six weeks beginning in June 2010. These Institutes should provide a multinational group of experienced educators with a deeper understanding of U.S. society, culture, values, and institutions. Two of these Institutes will be for groups of 18 foreign university level faculty, focusing on U.S. Culture and Society, and Journalism and Media. The third Institute will be a general survey course on the study of the United States for a group of 30 foreign secondary educators. Applicants may propose to host only one Institute listed under this competition. **The closing date of this announcement is December 3, 2009**. For more information, [click here](#).

NEW! Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration - PRM NGO Projects in Thailand and Malaysia - Limited funding is available to support NGOs working in coordination with UNHCR in Thailand and Malaysia in support of Burmese refugees. In Thailand, proposed activities should focus on the following priorities: nutritional assistance, water and sanitation, improving or maintaining quality healthcare services, psychosocial programming, income-generating activities, and strengthening the capacity to respond to the needs of survivors of gender-based violence (GBV). Priority locations include the following refugee camps: Ban Mae Nai Soi, Ban Mae Surin, Mae La Oon, Mae Ra Ma Luang, and Mae La. In Malaysia, proposed activities should focus on the following priorities: improving healthcare and medical services, mental health and psychosocial support, and educational opportunities for the urban Burmese refugee population in Kuala Lumpur and Klang Valley. **The closing date for this announcement is December 18, 2009**. For more information, [click here](#).

NEW! Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor - Request for Statements of Interest: International Religious Freedom Programs - The Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor (DRL) announces a Request for Statements of Interest (RSOI) from organizations interested in submitting proposals for projects that promote international religious freedom as part of overall good governance in the countries in the Near East; South/Central Asia; East Asia and the Pacific; Africa; Western Hemisphere; and Europe. DRL also welcomes proposals promoting interfaith cooperation in executing projects for social betterment, especially for student age participants. This is an initial solicitation to ascertain organizations that may be interested in implementing projects in the above countries/regions and does not constitute a Request for Proposals. Organizations that are invited by DRL to submit a proposal will have an opportunity to expand on their Statements of Interest (SOIs) at a later date. **The closing date of this announcement is December 21, 2009**. For more information, [click here](#).

Middle East Partnership Initiative - Tomorrow's Leaders II Scholarship Program and Recruitment – The Office of the Middle East Partnership Initiative (NEA/PI) announces an open competition for proposals to enhance and expand educational opportunities in the Middle East and North Africa. With this program announcement we seek to promote mutual understanding and respect through innovative projects that provide university-level scholarship and internship opportunities at select institutions of learning in the Middle East and North Africa. **The closing date of this announcement is January 5, 2010**. For more information, [click](#)

[here.](#)

Bureau Of Educational and Cultural Affairs - The Benjamin Franklin Transatlantic Fellows Summer Institute (Europe and Eurasia) and the Benjamin Franklin Summer Institute with Asia (Central and South Asia)

– The Office of Citizen Exchanges, Youth Programs Division, of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) announces an open competition for two grants for summer institutes for youth. Public and private non-profit organizations meeting the provisions described in Internal Revenue Code section 26 USC 501(c)(3), including accredited, post-secondary U.S. educational institutions, may submit proposals to provide a three- to four-week U.S.-based institute for one of the two institute options in the summer of 2010 for up to 45 teenagers aged 16-18. Support for individual or small group follow-on projects in the home communities of the exchange alumni will complete the program. **The closing date of this announcement is January 6, 2010.** For more information, [click here.](#)

NEW! Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs - Study of the U.S.

Institutes for Student Leaders - The Branch for the Study of the United States, Office of Academic Exchange Programs, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, invites proposal submissions for the design and implementation of approximately fifteen (15) Study of the United States Institutes for Student Leaders under five different themes. Taking place over the course of five weeks, the Institutes will be scheduled throughout a one year period, starting in April, 2010 and ending in March, 2011. The scheduling of each Institute should coincide with the academic calendar of the participants' home country(ies). The Institutes should take place at U.S. academic institutions and provide groups of highly motivated undergraduate students from the countries and regions noted below with in-depth seminars on the topics detailed in the funding solicitation. ECA plans to provide several awards for the administration of the 15 Study of the U.S. Institutes and welcomes applications from accredited postsecondary education institutions in the United States and public and private non-profit organizations or consortia of organizations. The awarding of Cooperative Agreements for this program is contingent upon the availability of FY 2010 funds. **The closing date of this announcement is January 14, 2009.** For more information, [click here.](#)

Bureau Of Educational and Cultural Affairs - Near East and South Asia Undergraduate Exchange Program

– The Office of Academic Exchange Programs of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs announces an open competition to administer the FY2010 Near East and South Asia Undergraduate Exchange Program. Public and private non-profit organizations meeting the provisions described in Internal Revenue Code section 26 USC 501(c)(3) in the United States may submit proposals to organize and carry out academic exchange activities for students from underrepresented sectors in the Middle East, North Africa and South Asia. The recipient organization will be responsible for the following aspects of the program: placement of no less than 115 foreign students at accredited U.S. institutions (90 for one academic year, 25 for one semester), student travel to the U.S., orientation, enrichment programming, advising, monitoring and support, pre-return activities, evaluation, and follow-up with program alumni. It is anticipated that the total amount of funding for FY2010 administrative and program costs will be \$3,500,000 pending availability of funds. **The closing date of this announcement is January 15, 2010.** For more information, [click here.](#)