

Tomorrow's Leaders Undergraduate Study Abroad Oversight, Monitoring and Support Questions

Opportunity Number: SFOP0009277

- 1. Question:** Could NEA clarify if the award amount is intended to cover U.S. host institution tuition as well as room and board for students while in the United States?

Answer: The awardee would not be financially responsible for student tuition or room and board

- 2. Question:** Will this program have its own G- program number for SEVIS? Or would bidders sponsor students on their private designation?

Answer: The program has its own G-program number for SEVIS. NEA/AC will work with the winning applicant to designate staff members as Alternate Responsible Officers (AROs).

- 3. Question:** It may be challenging to begin the placement process in September 2023 and have students begin their study abroad for Fall 2023. Is it possible to have work on the award begin a few months prior to September 2023 to allow time to place students for the fall semester abroad?

Answer: NEA/AC will aim to issue the award a few months prior to September 2023, pending funding availability to allow sufficient time for students to start their study abroad semester in fall 2023.

- 4. Question:** As the anticipated start date is September 2023, is the expectation that the placement process would begin in September 2023 for study abroad to commence in the spring 2024 semester?

Answer: Please reference the answer to question number 3.

- 5. Question:** If the first placements are for the spring 2024 semester, and the first-year award is through September 1, 2024, this would not cover the full duration of the second group of placements for fall 2024. Please clarify how many semester iterations the first-year award should cover.

Answer: Please reference the answer to question number 3.

- 6. Question:** Is the award amount intended to cover the costs of the “alternative break trip” for students?

Answer: Yes.

7. **Question:** Could NEA please share the templates for Appendices 1, 2, and 3? They are not included in the NOFO posted on Grants.gov.

Answer: Appendices 1-4 are listed in SAMS Domestic. As noted in NOFO Section VI. Part C, applicants must submit their application electronically using SAMS Domestic.

8. **Question:** Grants.gov, SAMS Domestic and page 1 of the NOFO list the application submission deadline as February 17th at 17:00 Eastern. On page 19 of the NOFO, the application submission deadline is listed as February 23rd at 17:00 Eastern. Can you kindly confirm which deadline is correct?

Answer: The original deadline was February 17, 2023. However, NEA/AC has now pushed back the deadline by two weeks for a new date of March 3, 2023, to allow applicants time additional time to respond.

9. **Question:** In section A.1, a Logic Model/Theory of Change is listed as a required document and is included in the 15-page limit of the project narrative. Under section A.2, a Logic Model/Theory of Change is also listed as a potential additional document. Could you please confirm whether this document is required, or can be a part of the additional documents provided and count towards the optional documents page limit?

Answer: The Logic Model/Theory of Change is a required document with a three-page limit. The three pages for the Logic Model/Theory of change do not count toward the 15-page limit for the project narrative.

10. **Question:** When are TL Program student selections made in comparison to their respective semester abroad?

Answer: Each MENA-based university has its own application timeline. Generally, student applications are opened a semester prior to the study abroad commencement.

11. **Question:** How many U.S. Universities host TL students per semester historically?

Answer: The number of US partner universities varies each semester. On average 6 US host universities host TL students per semester.

12. **Question:** Currently, do all TL students come from AUB, LAU, and AUC or are there additional universities where students are selected from?

Answer: Yes, currently the program only has students at AUB, LAU, and AUC. Should this change, the winning applicant will be notified by NEA/AC.

13. Question: Who is covering the cost of the student's tuition, housing, and meal plans during the semester?

Answer: The MENA-based universities are responsible for tuition, housing, and meal plans.

14. Question: Does the TL program already have U.S. campus coordinators established for participating U.S. universities?

Answer: Yes, this is facilitated as part of the MOUs between MENA and US host universities.

15. Question: Do TL program students select their own U.S. institution or is there a "matching program" established for students to universities?

Answer: TL students have an option to apply to select US host universities based on established MOUs.

16. Question: For the Annual Management Meeting, is the awardee responsible for planning and financing the meeting (venue/food/etc.) or only financing the travel and per diem related costs for five participants for 3 days?

Answer: The awardee would only be responsible for financing the travel and per diem costs for participating staff members.

17. Question: Is Sudan based organizations (local and International) are qualified to apply for the following grant: Tomorrow's Leaders Undergraduate Study Abroad Oversight, Monitoring and Support

Answer: Please reference NOFO Section V. Part A and A.1 for organization eligibility requirements.