

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE



Promoting U.S. - Arab Business and Capacity-Building
Through Professional Fellowships



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To apply to the Professional Development Initiative

If you are graduating in the , you are invited to apply for the Professional Development Initiative (PDI). If you know a Kuwaiti friend who is graduating at this time, please forward this E-mail to him or her. Basic requirements include having a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0, and graduating within standard MOHE timelines (usually 4 years for Bachelor's, 2 years for Master's programs).

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ting between May 2018 and August 2018 to be eligible.

The PDI provides Kuwaiti students on F-1 visas in the United States with a well-targeted, year-long Optional Practical Training (OPT) opportunity to work with a U.S. company before returning home.

The PDI includes:

- **Job placement** with a U.S. firm matching your skills and interests;
- Marketing you to companies relevant to your degree and interests;
- Coaching to prepare you for interviews;
- Assistance with work documentation paperwork;
- Negotiation of job offers with U.S. host companies on your behalf;
- Leadership training, led by experts in the field, before you begin work and monthly throughout the PDI term;
- Networking with PDI Fellows around the country;
- Being mentored by a PDI "alumnus" who has completed the program;
- Liaising with the Kuwait Ministry of Higher Education to ensure your OPT stipend is approved and sent to you when your work begins.

The PDI is administered by three program partners:

- The [Kuwait Cultural Office](#) of the Embassy of Kuwait (which represents the Ministry of Higher Education);
- The [Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Sciences](#);
- The [National U.S.-Arab Chamber of Commerce \(NUSACC\)](#).

These PDI program partners identify prospective PDI applicants, screen your applications, and name the finalists in this highly competitive program. NUSACC will match up these finalists, based on degree, skills, and interests, with appropriate host companies in the United States. NUSACC will work with you to consider your preferred companies. Candidates must be willing to relocate.

For further details about whether you qualify to apply for this highly competitive program, click [HERE](#).

Sincerely,

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PDI Deadline for Spring/Summer Term Applications:

October 15, 2017

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