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Sister2Sister Exchange Program 2022

Society for International Education announces the opening of the 2022 Sister2Sister Exchange Program. Interested and eligible college and university female students are invited to complete the application available at: www.sister2sister.pk by December 15, 2021.

Sister2Sister Exchange Program offers eligible female students between the ages of 18-24 years old an opportunity to attend undergraduate summer courses at prestigious American universities. The Sister2Sister Exchange Program is funded by the U.S. Department of State and administered by a consortium of partners, including American University, iEARN-USA and Society for International Education.

Application and Selection Process for Sister2Sister Exchange Program 2022

Eligible students can fill the application through the link above. The application must be submitted with all the required documents and can **ONLY** be submitted online. **Paper applications are NOT available.** Please do not send/courier the printed application or original/additional documents to our office. We do not return any documents submitted.

After the initial application process, shortlisted candidates will be interviewed virtually. The shortlisted candidates will then enter the next stage of the selection process, which would be in-person group discussion, individual interviews, and English proficiency test. After this, the profiles of the shortlisted candidates will be sent to American University for their final evaluation and matching students with the respective university programs. Each university will make a final decision as to the applicant's candidacy. The students who are selected as Sister2Sister Exchange Program finalists will be notified with a letter of acceptance.

Finalists will be enrolled in a compulsory Pre-Departure Orientation Program prior to traveling to the United States.



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Sister2Sister Exchange Program 2022:

The U.S. – Sister2Sister Exchange Program aims to empower Pakistani female college students to overcome cultural limitations that inhibit their participation in pursuing competitive and lucrative careers. These young women will be equipped with the educational and professional skills, confidence, and exposure essential to surmount the socio-cultural impediments inhibiting their entry and retention in the workforce and enable their contribution to Pakistan's economy.

The U.S. – Sister2Sister Exchange Program is a public-private partnership led by American University, which has been made possible through the primary support of the U.S. Department of State. In addition, U.S. partner universities donate summer scholarships for undergraduate courses related to the participants' fields of study.

American University and its partners, iEARN U.S. and Society for International Education, enable 20 young Pakistani women every year to participate in U.S. university summer undergraduate courses, in mostly Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) fields. Program alumni are also provided access to mentorship programs and professional networks for educational and career advancement.

Some of the participating universities in the program include American University, Emory University, Georgetown University, University of Chicago, University of California Davis, Pitzer College, University of Massachusetts Amherst, Virginia Polytechnic Institute, and Virginia State University.

Sister2SisterExchange Program covers:

- Full tuition fees
- Travel cost to and from the United States
- Health Insurance
- Accommodation and food
- Visa fees



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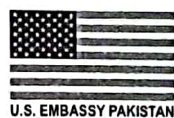
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Eligibility Criteria:

- Pakistani citizen
- Female student
- 18- 24 years old by 1st June 2022 (Born June 1st, 1998 – June 1st, 2004)
- Minimum 12 years of education
- Currently enrolled in a college or university and committed to returning to home university following the completion of the program
- Have completed a two-year bachelor's program and are currently enrolled in the first year of a master's program OR currently enrolled in a four-year bachelor's program
- Have demonstrated leadership potential at the university or community-level
- Have interest in learning about the United States
- Have high level academic performance
- High grades, honors, and awards, as well as reference letters
- Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 70% or higher in the last three years
- Transcripts with no failing grades
- Proficiency in English
- Those from diverse backgrounds and with limited or no prior international travel are encouraged to apply.
- No prior travel to the United States

Ineligibility:

- Applicants with dual U.S./Pakistani nationality or U.S. Legal Permanent Residence
- Have a parent, spouse or fiancé who is a U.S citizen or Legal Permanent Resident
- Student is in final year of university (2nd year in two-year bachelor's program and 4th year in four-year bachelor's program)
- Participated in other United States Government (USG) Programs



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