Overview

Attaining global leadership in any field requires professionals to learn continually from their peers around the world. Professional exchanges are essential to build competencies, create and enhance networks, and inspire better work by improving familiarity with cutting-edge techniques and best practices. World Learning advances leadership by equipping international professionals in a variety of fields with the skills, connections, experiences, and support to lead their communities forward. These exchanges foster the mutual understanding and commitment necessary for current and emerging leaders to address shared global problems.

Approach

World Learning’s Professional Skills Development team designs short-term exchange programs for professionals in a wide range of fields, including politics and government, foreign affairs, national security, economics and business development, education, health care, media, social issues, and the arts. Our customized programs bring participants to US communities to meet their American professional colleagues and exchange ideas and best practices.

Drawing on 80 years of experience in intercultural exchange and education, World Learning program teams identify the most salient issues in each field and then seek out the best resources and experts to address those issues. Programs can be designed to meet the needs of just one visitor or for groups of up to 40, with itineraries ranging from a few days...
to more than three weeks, and including visits to different regions of the United States. Participants may take part in personal meetings, site visits, panel discussions, volunteer opportunities, or visits to educational institutions. These professional development opportunities are enhanced by social and cultural activities that provide international participants with a greater understanding of American values and lifestyles.

World Learning’s professional exchanges have benefits that reach far beyond the participants themselves. Each year World Learning provides professional skills development programs for nearly 2,000 international visitors from more than 150 countries, who visit more than 100 urban and rural communities in the US. To date, these programs have benefited not only more than 15,000 international visitors, but also many times more Americans with whom they have met. These cross-cultural experiences, along with the skills and knowledge gained from the exchanges, ensure they have a lasting impact in communities around the world.

Testimonials

“Our meetings contributed significantly to my knowledge about the political trends in the United States and about fiscal policy issues. In addition, I gained some contacts on which I might draw in the future when analyzing the economic situation in the US. I also found the regional part of the program very useful, as I was able to experience the immense diversity of political approaches, groups, and people in the US.”
- Journalist from Germany

“I THANK YOU ALL SIGNIFICANTLY FOR THIS REMARKABLE EDUCATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAM. I DO BELIEVE IT WILL RESULT IN OUR FURTHER CRUCIAL ACHIEVEMENTS.”
- Human rights activist from Ukraine

Success Story

Dr. Ahmed Al-Shammari’s six-month fellowship at two leading US cancer institutes, the Mayo Clinic and Oregon Health and Science University, had a powerful impact on his work with cancer research and developing new anti-tumor therapies. Since his return to Iraq, Dr. Al-Shammari has led a series of seminars and training courses for dozens of other Iraqi doctors and researchers on the techniques he learned during his time in the United States.