



# International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP)



- Each year, almost 5,000 International Visitors come to the United States.
- More than 200,000 International Visitors have engaged with Americans through the IVLP.
- IVLP exchange alumni include more than 500 current or former chiefs of state or heads of government, 10 Nobel Laureates, and thousands of private and non-profit sector leaders.
- In 2017, seven IVLP alumni were included in TIME's list of the world's 100 Most Influential People.

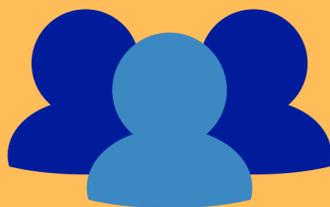
## Project Themes Include

- Civic education
- Combating trafficking in people
- Countering violent extremism
- Democracy
- Diversity
- Education
- Energy security
- Election processes
- Entrepreneurism
- Environmental protection
- Food security and safety
- Global health
- Human rights
- Journalism
- National security
- U.S. foreign policy
- Volunteerism
- Women's leadership
- Youth leadership

**The International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP)** is the U.S. Department of State's premier professional exchange program. The goal of the IVLP is to provide firsthand knowledge about U.S. society, culture, and politics, while cultivating professional relationships. By introducing current and emerging foreign leaders to their professional counterparts in U.S. communities, the IVLP creates opportunities for business, professional, and academic collaboration, and offers direct exposure to American systems and values. Virtually the entire IVLP budget is re-invested in the United States, boosting local economies and creating jobs.

### Who administers the IVLP

The U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs funds and administers the IVLP in cooperation with not-for-profit implementing partners. In addition, IVLP relies on the commitment and skills of nearly 90 volunteer-based community organizations in 44 states that are members of the Global Ties U.S. network.



### What do International Visitors do in the United States?

Participants typically visit four diverse communities in the United States over three weeks. They travel alone, with others from their home country, or in a group with people from all different nationalities, depending on the project's theme. Participants are accompanied by either a foreign language interpreter or a liaison officer, and as they travel, they:

- Meet with professional counterparts in both the public and private sectors.
- Explore American society, history, and culture.
- Engage in home hospitality with American families to better understand the diversity that exists in the United States.

There is no application process for the IVLP. Participants are nominated by the staff at U.S. embassies and consulates, and thematic topics are based on key foreign policy objectives.



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