



The Political Section’s Foreign Assistance Unit manages three Middle East Partnership Initiative (MEPI) leadership programs that improve cultural understanding, international collaboration, institution building, and economic development between U.S. and Tunisian students, entrepreneurs, lawmakers, and civil society leaders.



1. STUDENT LEADERS (SL)

The SL program offers students between the ages of 20 to 24 from the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region an intensive training for five weeks in the United States. The students develop leadership skills and expand their understanding of civil society, the democratic process, and how to apply these skills in their home communities.



MORE THAN 215 TUNISIAN YOUTH ARE ALUMNI OF MEPI LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS & PART OF A 1,670 MEPI ALUMNI NETWORK.



2. LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT FELLOWSHIP (LDF)

The LDF program provides leaders between the ages of 28 and 35 from the MENA region training in civic engagement, social entrepreneurship, and leadership. Fellows participate in a five stage, 12 month program to identify innovative ways to address social and economic challenges in local communities. LDF offers both English and Arabic tracks.



MEPI LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS ENSURE GENDER EQUALITY IN THEIR SELECTION PROCESS.



3. TOMORROW'S LEADERS (TL)

The TL program provides academically qualified and financially disadvantaged high school graduates in MENA with a four-year bachelor’s degree-- with a focus on civic education and leadership development-- to U.S. accredited institutions in the MENA region.



MEPI LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS OFFER ALUMNI NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES & POST PROGRAMS SUPPORT.