



**UZBEKISTAN
BUSINESS LEADERS**

APPLY TODAY!

Are you an up-and-coming professional engaged in the fields of business, entrepreneurship, innovation, social entrepreneurship, or regional economic development? Gain hands-on experience and practical skills through a short-term fellowship in the United States in 2022!



HOW WILL THE PROGRAM BENEFIT ME?

Each selected UBL Fellow will:

- Participate in leadership and professional development activities throughout the program.
- Be matched with a full-time fellowship placement host in a U.S. organization focused on business.
- Gain first-hand knowledge about U.S. business practices and build relationships with American counterparts.
- Receive comprehensive on-program support. Travel and living arrangements will be covered as well as emergency health benefits while on program.
- Become part of a prestigious U.S. Government alumni network with access to valuable resources and a network of like-minded professionals.

PROGRAM DATES

The program is tentatively scheduled to take place in the United States from:

September 6th to October 5th, 2022
(pending travel restrictions)

ELIGIBILITY

To apply, you must:

- Be a mid-level professional, 22-40 years old
- Be a citizen and current resident of Uzbekistan
- Demonstrate proficiency in written and spoken English
- Have at least two years of relevant work experience and commitment to a career in business, entrepreneurship, innovation, social entrepreneurship, or regional economic development.
- Have demonstrated leadership and collaborative skills



PAST UBL PLACEMENTS

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| Types of Placements: | Recent Fellowship Sites: |
| - Small Enterprise | - International Accelerator, Austin, TX |
| - Medium Enterprise | - Chemeketa Small Business Development Center, Salem, OR |
| - Large Company | - Eossi Beauty, Denver, CO |
| - University | - Eduling International Academy, Pittsburgh, PA |
| - Nonprofit | |
| - Government Agency | |

**Applications are open until
March 1st, 2022.**

For more information, visit
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Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Uzbekistan Business Leaders (UBL) Program? Funded by the U.S. Embassy in Uzbekistan, the Uzbekistan Business Leaders Program is a program for business persons and entrepreneurs from Uzbekistan with at least two years of demonstrated leadership experience in the fields of business, entrepreneurship, innovation, social entrepreneurship, regional economic development, and technology. The program will bring business leaders to the U.S. in the fall of 2022 for a month-long program that includes a series of professionally-relevant business and leadership activities. The Program will provide young business leaders and entrepreneurs from a wide range of economic and geographic areas with the experience, skills, and inspiration needed to foster new forms of innovation, strengthen leadership, stimulate private sector economic growth in both Uzbekistan and the U.S., assist U.S. small- and medium enterprises in expanding their businesses globally, and cultivate productive ties between U.S. and Uzbekistan businesses and communities. Through engagement with the U.S. business community, entrepreneurs from Uzbekistan will learn values such as fair trade, business integrity, collaboration, and commitment to clients, which they can adapt to their businesses at home.

Will COVID-19 impact my participation in the program? Please note, the in-person, U.S.-based Fellowship is contingent upon favorable travel conditions. In the event there are travel restrictions or others factors that could adversely impact the health, safety, and welfare of program participants and hosts, UBL will pivot the in-person, U.S.-based exchange to virtual programming.

Do I need to pay for the program? What are the costs? If selected as a finalist, American Councils for International Education will cover costs associated with your international travel, visa, and living costs in the U.S. There are no required costs to Fellows.

How do I apply? Apply online at www.ais.americancouncils.org/ubl

How are Fellows selected? Fellows are selected through a competitive nationwide search that involves a merit-based selection process. This includes an extensive written application and in-person interview. The selection of finalists is determined in collaboration with the U.S. Embassy.

How will I get a U.S. visa? American Councils will assist Fellows in applying for a J-1 visa. Participants will be reimbursed for the U.S. visa fee. All travel costs to attend the visa interview. Fellows must be granted a J-1 visa by the consular section at the U.S. Embassy in order to be eligible to participate in UBL. Failure to obtain a J-1 visa will result in termination from the program. American Councils will assist Fellows in the application process, but holds no sway over visa granting decisions made by the U.S. Embassy.

Where will I live? UBL Fellows are housed in U.S. host families, university housing, extended stay hotels, or some combination of these options. At a minimum, all Fellows will be provided a home hospitality experience such as dinner with an American family, a cultural excursion, a short-term homestay, or other relevant activity to encourage cultural exchange.

How will my fellowship placement be assigned? Fellows will be placed in a non-profit, public, or private sector organization in the United States for the duration of the fellowship placement using information provided in your application, interview, and other materials.

What will I do at my fellowship placement? While at your U.S. fellowship placement, you will engage in a wide range of activities which may include shadowing important meetings, conducting research, presenting on relevant topics, participating in-office events, joining projects, and many other activities. UBL is a Fellow-driven experience. Fellows who are most successful set goals and objectives for the program in advance of their arrival and proactively share them with their U.S. placement host, along with information about their background and experiences at home.

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