The EXPERIMENT DIGITAL

A PROGRAM OF WORLD LEARNING

VIRTUAL STUDENT EXCHANGE

ABOUT THE EXPERIMENT *DIGITAL*

The Experiment *Digital* is a fully-funded eight-week virtual exchange program for high school students from the United States and the Middle East region. Designed to connect students across the globe without leaving their living room, participants interact through videos, discussion forums, online chats, webinars, and playing games together. Through these activities, participants develop leadership and cross-cultural communications skills, speak with peers from different countries, and design youth-led projects to create positive social change. The exchanges take place online, so students can participate from *anywhere*. We encourage students with diverse backgrounds to apply!

Started in 2016, The Experiment *Digital* is sponsored by the Stevens Initiative, a partnership aimed to increase exchanges between youth in the U.S. and the Middle East. Through this program, students from these regions take part in a cultural exchange to build friendships, mutual understanding, and global awareness.

By participating in The Experiment *Digital*, students receive a Certificate of Completion in leadership and global issues analysis, access to the U.S. Department of State's International Exchange Alumni network, unique project funding opportunities from the U.S. Department of State, and a $400 scholarship towards participation in one of The Experiment's programs around the world.

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This program has affected a lot in my life and it is most important is to make my English language stronger than before and I can now speak English very comfortably additionally I have learned to manage my time, work tables, plans for my projects and focus and the discovery of new ideas, thus achieved my first project after the end of the program and since then did not stop discovering new ideas and participate in campaigns aimed at the development of society. "

- Maryam A., 2016 Iraqi Participant

PROGRAM DATES

The Experiment *Digital* runs for eight weeks, from June 24 to August 18, 2019.

HOW TO APPLY

Visit experiment.org/digital for more information on how to apply. Applications are due by Monday, May 20, 2019. Email digital@experiment.org if you have any questions about the application process.

PARTICIPANT ELIGIBILITY

You are eligible if you:
- Are between the ages of 14-19 years old
- Currently enrolled in or have not yet completed high school
- Reside in the United States, Algeria, Iraq, or Yemen
- Have basic English language competency
- Have regular access to Internet
- Can devote 3-4 hours each week to the program

SAMPLE ACTIVITIES

- Watch a video about culture and tradition in the Middle East
- Share your perspective and read what others have to say about stereotypes
- Play an interactive online game about life as a refugee
- Discuss power dynamics in your community with your peers through a video call
- Post a photo of your favorite meal

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