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UNM Researchers,

The Office of Citizen Exchanges, Youth Programs Division, of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) announces an open competition for the FY 2018 TechGirls Central Asia Program. U.S. public and private non-profit organizations may submit proposals to conduct a 4-week exchange program in the United States in summer 2019 for approximately 25 high school girls from Central Asia focused on promoting the high-level study of technology. The eligible countries include: Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan.

The exchange will feature a weeklong (minimum) technology camp designed to include competitively selected American peers who share similar interests. The camp should be academically rigorous and provide hands-on exposure to advanced tools in technology, as well as tools that can be readily adopted for use in the participants' home countries, through hands-on classes, labs, and individual or team-based projects.

The camp should be complemented by additional activities such as mentoring experiences, job shadowing, mini-internships, and/or site visits to technology companies in the United States. A visit to Washington, D.C. should be incorporated into the program schedule at the conclusion of the exchange to give participants opportunities to meet with representatives from their own embassies in the United States and engage in a program debrief with U.S. Department of State officials.

The solicitation can be found at <https://www.grants.gov/custom/viewOppDetails.jsp?oppId=301614>.

The total amount of annual funding will be \$990,000 (base plus two Non-Competitive Continuations), pending successful performance and the availability of funds. It is anticipated that the cooperative agreement will begin on September 1, 2018 and end on December 31, 2021. Proposals are due to the sponsor May 14, 2018.

This is a limited competition. Each institution is limited to one proposal. If you are interested in submitting a proposal, send a statement of interest with a tentative project title and brief description (200 words) by **noon, April 4, 2018** via e-mail to limited@unm.edu **with the subject line: ECA TechGirls Central Asia– your name**. Based on the e-mail responses received, the Limited Competitions Management Team may announce a call for preproposals.

Please distribute this notice to departments and individuals whom you believe would be interested.

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