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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 program. U.S. public and private non-profit organizations may submit proposals to conduct a 3-4-week exchange program in the United States in summer 2018 for approximately 28 high school girls from the Middle East and North Africa focused on promoting the high-level study of technology. Participating countries and territories will include: Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Palestinian Territories, and Tunisia.

The exchange will feature a weeklong (minimum) technology camp that will bring together the program participants with 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 TechGirls program participants may be integrated into an existing camp held on a university campus or at another venue, or one may be designed specifically for the TechGirls. 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 Department of State officials.

The solicitation can be found at <https://www.grants.gov/custom/viewOppDetails.jsp?oppId=298154>.

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 February 15, 2018 and end on May 30, 2021. Proposals are due to the sponsor December 27, 2017.

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, Monday, November 27, 2017** via e-mail to limited@unm.edu **with the subject line: ECA TechGirls – 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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