



**2016 Award Competition
Letter of Interest Form**

Please note that applicants must use the online submission system at aspen.fluidreview.com to submit the letter of interest. Answers must be typed or pasted into the boxes provided in the online form; this document is provided for information purposes only.

Please also note that there is a 100-word limit for all short-answer questions, with the exception of the prompt “Give an overview of the proposed program, including major activities and subject matter,” for which the limit is 150 words.

Name of Organization	State/Province/Region
Street Address 1	Postal or ZIP code
Street address, P.O. box, company name, c/o	Country
Street Address 2	Organization Main Phone Number
Apartment, suite, unit, building, floor, etc.	Organization Fax Number
City	Organization Website

Where does your organization have its headquarters?

- United States
- Middle East or North Africa
- Other

Point of Contact at the Organization for this Application

First Name / Given Name	Department
Last Name / Family Name	Email Address
Title	Phone Number

Organization's Chief Officer

CEO, President, Executive Director, etc.	Title
First Name / Given Name	Email Address
Last Name / Family Name	Phone Number

Briefly describe the organization's core programs and the constituents who those programs serve.

Organization's number of full-time paid staff

Organization's operating budget in Fiscal Year 2015. If necessary, convert the figure into U.S. dollars using the current exchange rate.



Does your organization have experience running the following programs?

- Virtual exchange: programs that use online technology to connect individuals and small groups between countries; are based on a curriculum and involves qualified facilitators (such as educators or others); and involve communication and collaboration in real-time or asynchronously over a sustained period of time
- Education programs that use online technology to deliver content and instruction
- In-person exchange
- Other, please specify... _____

[If applicable] Describe your organization's experience running virtual exchange programs. Include in your answer the number of young people as well as the number of educators or other facilitators who participated in your virtual exchange over the past year, if applicable.

[If applicable] Describe your organization's experience running education programs that use online technology to deliver content and instruction.

[If applicable] Describe your organization's experience running in-person exchange programs.

Give an overview of the proposed program, including major activities and subject matter.

What need does the proposed program address?

Indicate which of Stevens Initiative's funding priorities your proposed program addresses.

- Program includes refugees;
- Program is focused on a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) subject;
- Program is rooted in Project-Based Learning;
- Program includes in-person exchange as a complement to virtual exchange;
- Program includes an innovative method, such as: virtual reality and immersive experiences; mobile platforms; video games; using a language other than English as the primary language (Arabic, French, and others) or use automated translation; or connecting people in more than two countries.

In which countries in the Middle East and North Africa will the young people directly participating in the virtual exchange be located? Refugees from these countries who are currently in other countries are eligible.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Algeria | <input type="checkbox"/> Kuwait | <input type="checkbox"/> Qatar |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bahrain | <input type="checkbox"/> Lebanon | <input type="checkbox"/> Saudi Arabia |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Egypt | <input type="checkbox"/> Libya | <input type="checkbox"/> Syria |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Iran | <input type="checkbox"/> Morocco | <input type="checkbox"/> Tunisia |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Iraq | <input type="checkbox"/> Oman | <input type="checkbox"/> United Arab Emirates |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Israel | <input type="checkbox"/> Palestinian Territories | <input type="checkbox"/> Yemen |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jordan | | |



What will be the age or education level of the young people directly participating in the virtual exchange?

- Middle School
- High School
- Undergraduate
- Graduate
- Other, please specify... _____

Briefly describe the young people who will directly participate in the virtual exchange.

Briefly describe the educators or facilitators who will directly participate in the virtual exchange.

What curriculum will be used? Is it ready to be used or does it need further development?

Which technology-enabled platform or platforms will be used to connect participants synchronously (in real time) or asynchronously? Is it ready to be used or does it need further development?

Which partners, if any, are involved in this project and what are their roles? More information about the status of proposed partnerships will be requested of those invited to submit applications.

Describe briefly how you would conduct monitoring and evaluation of your program, including who would conduct it (for example, an employee or outside evaluator).

During which period will the youth participant virtual exchange begin? Award period ends no later than December 31, 2018.

- Fall 2017 (September to December)
- Winter or Spring 2018 (January to April)
- Summer or Fall 2018 (May or later)

Approximate budget requested (Organizations may request between \$20,000 and \$700,000). List the amount in U.S. dollars. Applicants will submit a complete budget at the application stage.

Please check all pages of this form and ensure you have answered all questions.

My signature below affirms that the information I have provided here is true and accurate.