



# GLOBAL SOLUTIONS SUSTAINABILITY CHALLENGE

Interested in virtual exchange and connecting with students from another culture in the United States, Jordan or Iraq? Interested in sustainability, entrepreneurship, design thinking and using your skills to make a difference in your community?  
Want to gain real skills you can add to your CV or LinkedIn resume?



**Join your college's team and remix your community with sustainable business!**

**Program Dates:  
September 2022 – December 2022**

Students from selected schools in the US, Jordan and Iraq join together on a binational team and collaborate via virtual exchange to make a difference in their community while developing workforce readiness skills. Binational teams compete in this virtual business competition to design the most innovative sustainable solution to a challenge related to the UN's Sustainable Development Goals.

Top three finalist teams are awarded a small grant to further develop their concept.

**To participate in the program, contact the facilitator listed below who is leading a team at your institution.**

**Group Faculty Advisor**

**Contact Information**

*\*Program activities for Fall 2022 and Spring 2023 pending further program funding.*

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## Incentives for Students

### After completing the Challenge, students will:

- Receive a certificate of participation
- Become alumni of the US Department of State (afforded unique opportunities to apply for professional development and grants)
- Receive electronic YES Badges to add directly to LinkedIn / CV
- Finalist team members will receive a stipend to participate in additional online professional development course from a university in the United States
- Finalist team members are awarded a small grant to further develop their concept

Students will develop:

- **Entrepreneurial Thinking**
- **Cross Cultural Communication**
- **Critical Thinking**
- **Virtual Collaboration**
- **Empathy**
- **Adaptability**
- **Creative Problem Solving**

**“Strengthening a soft skill is one of the best investments you can make in your career, as they never go out of style.”**

*LinkedIn Learning Editor Paul Petrone*

**“Global Solutions was truly an eye-opening experience and my gateway to a whole new perspective of the world. My participation in virtual exchange allowed me to communicate and make connections.”**

*Student, Iraq*

**“The Global Solutions Program strengthened my ability to discover solutions to global problems, strengthened my cross cultural communication skills, how to use global applications such as Slack and Zoom and improved my ability to speak.”**

*Student, Jordan*



**“My involvement with the Global Solutions Sustainability Challenge gave me the ability to participate in a group effort that opened not only borders but our perceptions of other cultures. The skills I gained throughout the Challenge helped me secure a job within a sustainable business.”**

*Student, United States*



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