



# GLOBAL SOLUTIONS CONVERSATIONS

## Join the Conversation!

Apply by November 25<sup>th</sup> for the Spring 2023 Cohort to lead a team at your academic institution.



**Join the Global Solutions Conversations virtual exchange with students to engage in cross cultural communication and share ideas on improving sustainability in a global community.**

**What is it?** A virtual exchange that connects students in the United States, Jordan, and Iraq on binational teams through a series of six weekly dialogues on culture, design thinking, and the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

**Who is this program for?** College students in the US, Jordan and Iraq.

**What is required?** Attend six Zoom sessions with your binational group. Little work outside the calls is required for students. Facilitators lead their binational group of students through the provided curriculum where students develop empathy and global citizenship.

**What will occur during the calls?** Engage in a conversation with a group of students from another country and learn about culture, discuss sustainability in your community, and practice the human centered design process.

**When will this occur?** The binational calls will occur weekly from October through early November.

## Program Timeline

**November 25, 2022:** Application Deadline

**January 2023:** Facilitator Training

**February – April 2023:** Six Week Dialogue

To participate in the program, facilitators must apply on behalf of their students and institutions.

### Selected facilitators will:

- Form and lead a team from their institution
- Participate in professional development training
- Co-facilitate virtual conversations with their binational team

### Facilitators are provided:

- Certificate of participation
- Honorarium of 200 USD

## Interested in joining the conversation?

To learn more and apply, visit [www.irex.org/globalsolutions](http://www.irex.org/globalsolutions)

Contact [globalsolutions@irex.org](mailto:globalsolutions@irex.org) with any questions.

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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

“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

“It was amazing to have this conversation discussing real challenges experienced around the world. If all countries could be brought together in these types of virtual exchange programs, years from now, we just may be able to realize the world as one nation. We are together in this journey of life.”

Student, United States



“I want to thank IREX for the opportunity to be reminded of the importance of empathy and how we should empathize with each other and keep moving forward in life no matter what country we live in.”

Student, Iraq

“Through this program we got to know real people from different countries. It’s the perfect opportunity to have important communication we need in order to learn about another culture.”

Student, United States



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