



## Sister2Sister Exchange Program 2023

Society for International Education announces the opening of applications for the Sister2SisterExchange Program 2023. Interested and eligible college and university females are invited to complete the application available at:

[www.sister2sister.pk](http://www.sister2sister.pk)

**The application deadline is October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022**

Sister2Sister Exchange Program offers eligible females between the ages of 18-24 years an opportunity to attend undergraduate summer courses at prestigious American universities. The Sister2Sister Exchange Program is funded by the U.S. Department of State. The program is led by American University, and administered by a consortium of partners, including American University, iEARN-USA and Society for International Education.

### Application and Selection Process for Sister2Sister Exchange Program 2023

Eligible students can fill out the application from the above-mentioned link. The application must be submitted with all the required documents. The application can only be submitted online. There is no paper application. Please do not send/courier the printed application or original/additional documents to our office. We do not return any document submitted.

After the initial application process, shortlisted candidates will be interviewed virtually. The shortlisted candidates will then enter the next stage of the selection process, which would include in-person group discussions and individual interviews. Following the interview process, the profiles of the shortlisted candidates will be sent to the American University for the final evaluation and selection and matching of selected students with the respective university programs. Each university will make the ultimate decision as to the applicant's candidacy. The students selected as the Sister2Sister Exchange Program finalists will be notified by a letter.

Finalists will be enrolled in a compulsory Pre-Departure Orientation Program prior to their travel to the U.S



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### **Sister2Sister Exchange Program 2023:**

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The Sister2Sister Exchange Program is a public-private partnership led by American University, which has been made possible through the primary support of the U.S. Department of State. In addition, U.S. partner universities donate summer scholarships for undergraduate courses and research projects related to the participants' fields of study.

American University and its partners, iEARN U.S. and Society for International Education, enable 20 young Pakistani women every year to participate in U.S. university summer undergraduate courses, in mostly Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) fields. Additionally, the program alums are provided access to mentorship programs and professional networks for educational and career advancement.

Former and current Participating universities in the Program include Boston University, University of Colorado, Denver, Harvey Mudd College, Southern Methodist University, University of Notre Dame, Purdue University, University of Michigan, University of Richmond, Virginia Tech Polytechnic Institute and State University, and the University of Southern California - Viterbi School of Engineering.

### **Sister2SisterExchange Program covers:**

- Full tuition fees
- Travel cost to and from the United States
- Health Insurance
- Accommodation and food
- Visa fees



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### Former and Current Partner Universities



### Fields of Interest

- Science (Biology, Biochemistry, Chemistry, Life biosciences, and Physics)
- Applied Mathematics, Data Sciences, Mathematics, and Statistics
- Engineering (Aerospace, Agricultural, Architecture, Biomedical, Chemical, Civil, Computer, Computer Sciences, Engineering Mechanics, Electrical, Environmental, Industrial, Mechanical, Petroleum, Robotics, and Software, etc.)
- Climate Change, Energy, Environmental Sciences, and Sustainability
- Business, Economics, Finance, and Management
- International Affairs, Public Policy, and Social Sciences
- Arts



### Eligibility Criteria

- Pakistani citizen (no dual nationality permitted)
- Female student
- 18-24 years old by June 1st, 2023 (Born on or after 1st 1999 – June 1st, 2005)
- Minimum 12 years of education
- Must be enrolled in an undergraduate degree program at an accredited Pakistani University and committed to returning to Pakistan after completing the program.
- Has at least one semester or an equivalent term to complete at their home university at the conclusion of the Sister2Sister Exchange Program
- Currently enrolled in a four-year bachelor's program
- Demonstrated leadership potential at the university and/or community level.
- Interested in learning about the United States
- High grades, honors, and awards, as well as reference letters
- Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 70% or higher in the last three years. No failing grades on the transcript.
- Proficiency in English
- Female students from diverse backgrounds and with limited or no prior international travel are encouraged to apply
- No prior travel to the United States
- Able to commit to the program in the United States any time from June - August 2023
- Students from low to middle-income backgrounds, and/or hailing from Balochistan, Northern Sindh, Southern Punjab, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Azad Jammu Kashmir, and Gilgit Baltistan are highly encouraged to apply.
- Engineering students in their 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> year of university are highly encouraged to apply. Selected students are likely to be placed in research programs.



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