The International Arid Lands Consortium (IALC) Wayne Owens Peace Fellowship Program promotes opportunities for outstanding undergraduate and graduate students to conduct arid lands research and contribute to the Middle East peace process.

**Selected students from IALC member institutions** spend one month or more working in the field with eminent scientists on projects sponsored by the Consortium. This exchange between American universities and researchers in the Middle East fosters an environment in which young people can grow intellectually and contribute to understanding among Israeli, Arab, and American participants.

Students chosen to participate in the IALC Peace Fellowship Program have demonstrated interest in sustainable development or arid lands. The exchange is an opportunity for them to contribute to the success of projects on desertification, water management, reforestation, and related topics.

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Participation brings with it the possibility of published work in a scholarly journal and provides a challenging academic environment. Students’ experience abroad focus on practical knowledge and application of research. It gives them skills that are personally enriching and that will benefit their communities.

In keeping with its goal of supporting and researching methods of ecologically sound desert management, the IALC created the Peace Fellowships to benefit the U.S. and Middle East environment and society. Expansion plans include awarding up to 20 fellowships per year.
All full-time undergraduate and graduate students from IALC member institutions are eligible to apply to the program and related grants including work-study. Total awards are for up to $5,000: of which up to $3,500 may be used for international travel, lodging, and meals; and up to $1,500 for principal investigator research support.

Applications are accepted throughout the year at the IALC headquarters in Tucson, Arizona.

A list of frequently asked questions (FAQs), student fellowship records, the application form, and other IALC Peace Fellowship information are located at the IALC Website at: http://ialcworld.org

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The International Arid Lands Consortium... was founded in 1989 to provide research, education, and sharing of information among the nations of the world, with the objective of helping to make arid and semiarid lands more productive and habitable.

IALC Member Institutions include:

- The University of Arizona
- Desert Research Institute – Nevada
- The University of Illinois
- Jewish National Fund
- Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reclamation – Egypt
- New Mexico State University
- South Dakota State University
- Texas A&M University – Kingsville

The IALC also works extensively with U.S. government agencies involved with the stewardship of arid lands.

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