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Youth Resources

Collegiate Fellowship to Prepare Students for Top Colleges and Universities



USPAK in partnership with Zindagi, an organization that believes in providing health education to girls in Pakistan, is starting a highly selective Collegiate Fellowship program for talented and ambitious high school sophomores and juniors. The program will provide a focused and personalized one-to-one coaching to the Fellows; it serves as an overarching and personalized introduction to a potential educational and professional path of the Fellow's choosing - it is a tool formatted for the most promising students who do not only dream of an influential life, but are eager to learn how to achieve their dreams in a pragmatic way. The Founders of Zindagi, two Harvard students Aleeza Hashmi and Amna Hashmi, are the Directors of the program. Selected Fellows will spend 4 days during their school spring break at

Harvard University, meeting with academics and students, getting a preview of academic teaching at Harvard, and sitting in a class of their choice. Fellows will also be familiarized with the Harvard admission process and selection criterion. After discussing their needs with each Fellow, the Directors will develop a year-long program for the Fellows to help them achieve their objectives.

The deadline to apply for this Fellowship program is **February 15th 2013**. At this time only students enrolled in a high school in USA may apply. To learn more about the program and to apply, please visit [Collegiate Fellowship](#).

It is a highly competitive program and requires significant time to complete the application process. If you have any questions about the program, send an email to ed@uspakfoundation.org.

Youth Leadership Conference - June 23rd 2013



USPAK foundation will hold its 4th Annual Youth Leadership Conference from **June 23rd -26th 2013** in Washington DC. The conference is suited for high school and college students; it is designed to develop their Leadership skills. In a campus setting students will participate in tutorials, workshops, and hands-on training to acquire networking, public speaking, resume writing, public speaking, interviewing skills during the four days of the conference. They will meet and interact with various professional leaders to discuss career planning. . Special briefings by Administration officials on topics of interests. Students will have the opportunity to visit various Government Offices and monuments in Washington DC.

More details of the conference will be posted in the following weeks. **SAVE THE DATE June 23rd**. [Read More](#) about previous Youth Conferences organized by USPAK. For more information send an email to ed@uspakfoundation.org

Job Postings (service of [DC Linktank](#))

Click on the link below for more information and application deadlines

- [Paid Summer 2013 Internship at Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments](#)
- [Development Assistant at ITIF](#)
- [Social Media Manager at First Book](#)
- [Research Associate, Iran at FDD](#)
- [Campaigns Manager at GlobalSolutions.org](#)
- [Recruitment Intern at Management Systems International](#)

- [Research and Staff Assistant at Thomas B. Fordham Institute](#)

Emerging Leaders of Pakistan Fellowship!

The Atlantic Council's South Asia Center is accepting applications for the 2013 Emerging Leaders of Pakistan Fellowship! We are seeking young, dynamic men and women from across Pakistan **who have not previously traveled to the United States or Europe. The application deadline is March 1, 2013.**

The application and instructions can be found here: <http://elpak.org/apply/>

The Emerging Leaders of Pakistan Program aims to identify, cultivate, and support young people in Pakistan, ages eighteen to thirty that have the potential to become future leaders in their country by providing them with resources and opportunities to strengthen their engagement within civil society. We are looking for successful, driven, diverse applicants from a broad range of personal and professional backgrounds who are passionate about bringing about social change in Pakistan.

The program creates a forum of engagement and collaboration for Pakistan's young leaders to discuss and make an impact on issues such as democracy and Islam, economic development, employment, and governance. Fifteen applicants will be selected for the 2013 Fellowship, involving a three week visit to the United States and post-visit activities in Pakistan. The Fellowship seeks to encourage peer-to-peer collaboration, strengthen relations between Americans and Pakistanis, and empower the Fellows with skills and ideas through leadership training sessions and meetings. The US visit will consist of sessions with policymakers, student groups, community leaders, Diaspora communities, and regional experts, while the online forum will facilitate sustainable idea exchange among participants and with the broader community in Pakistan, the region, and the world.

If you are interested in partnering or supporting the Emerging Leaders of Pakistan Program, please contact: Huma Haque, hhaque@acus.org.

Virtual Career Fair

The United States Intelligence Community (IC), an integrated network of agencies that work together to protect our nation's security, is seeking a culturally diverse, technologically savvy and skilled workforce for exciting careers in a number of fields. Join us at the IC Virtual Career Fair to explore career opportunities, chat with recruiters and subject matter experts, and learn how to apply for job openings. The fair will take place on **Tuesday February 26th 2 PM**. Pre register for this fair at ICVirtualFair.com. For more information checkout [event flyer](#).

USPAK News

Solidarity with Malala through a book

In response to the Taliban's horrifying attack against Malala Yousafzai, USPAK Rising leader Lena Shareef with a friend started a project called #GIRLWITHABOOK. In this initiative, they asked people all over the world to submit pictures of themselves with a book as a way to show their admiration and solidarity with Malala and her fight for girls' education. To spread the word about this, they took to social media platforms and created a [Facebook page](#), [Twitter](#), [Pinterest board](#) and [tumblr](#).



Girl with a Book project has gained attention across the globe and the support from various organizations, including the United Nations. A representative from the UN emailed the organizers to if we would like to collaborate with them in creating awareness about the serious need for education, especially for the 32 million girls worldwide who are not able to attend school. Lena also received a picture from Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon reading to his granddaughter, as well as other UN Messengers of Peace such as Midori, Paulo Coelho, and Jane Goodall. Secretary-General and UN Special Envoy for Global Education Gordon Brown have both contributed personal messages of support for Malala.

After receiving over 400 pictures from people all over the world, Lena decided to put many of these pictures together into a book that we are sending to Malala in the United Kingdom. They wanted Malala and her family to see just how many people she has inspired through her courage and strength.

This photo book was created with Shutterfly, which has graciously offered to donate 50 copies to #GIRLWITHABOOK in honor of Malala and the cause of girls' education. The photo book can be viewed at

<http://share.shutterfly.com/share/received/welcome.sfly?fid=437d902f74b8f371&sid=0AaOGzWz3csWzIA>

Roundtable discussion at Jinnah Institute, Islamabad

Ambassador [James Larocco](#), Director at [Near East South Asia Center for Strategic Studies \(NESAS\)](#), led a roundtable discussion on US policy in Near East South Asia, with a focus on US Policy in South Asia and Afghanistan at [Jinnah Institute](#) in Islamabad on December 19th 2012. In near term US plans to increase its naval presence in South Asia, with more emphasis on balance of regional power with emerging players like China. This increased presence would require more funding from Congress. US will be playing a diminishing role in Afghanistan and Pakistan in the next few years, there is no substitute for a political agreement in Afghanistan, and military action alone is not enough to bring an end to the conflict. A number of Ambassadors, Media personnel, and USPAK President Irfan Malik participated in the discussion. [Read More](#)

Framing Pakistan-US Relations in Obama's Second Term: Role of the Pakistani Diaspora

USPAK President Irfan Malik delivered a talk on **"Framing Pakistan-US Relations in Obama's Second Term: Role of the Pakistani**

Diaspora” at [Institute of Strategic Studies](#), Islamabad on December 21st 2012 as part of speaker series. . Over 150 distinguished scholars, think tank experts, journalists, students attended the talk. Ambassador Asharf Qazi, Director General ISSI presided over the discussion, and recounted his personal experience during his tenure as Pakistan’s Ambassador to US, the work and services of Pakistani Americans in helping Pakistan. Mr. Malik talked about the role and limitations of Pakistani Diaspora, and how their role can be utilized in an effective manner.

Viewpoint

All in the timing – Moeed Yousuf

Since the Afghan Taliban pulled out of the US-led Qatar talks in March 2012, there had been little progress on this front. In recent months, however, we have heard that the US-Pakistan “contact” group on ensuring safe passage for amenable Taliban is moving forward, there is more chatter about the US-Pakistan-Afghanistan core group, and last month a US newspaper leaked the “Peace Process Roadmap to 2015”, allegedly a plan that seeks to fast-track reconciliation and gives Pakistan a central role in facilitating talks with the Taliban. We have also seen the UN relax restrictions for travel on blacklisted Taliban and Pakistan has released 18 mid-level Taliban leaders within a month’s time. [Read More](#)

Reforming U.S. Drone Strike Policies – Micah Zenko

Over the last ten years, drones have become a critical tool in the war against terrorist and militant organizations worldwide. Their advantages over other weapons and intelligence systems are well known. They can silently observe an individual, group, or location for hours on end, but take immediate action should a strike opportunity become available--all without putting a pilot at risk. This combination of capabilities is unique and has allowed the United States to decimate the leadership of al-Qaeda in Afghanistan and disrupt the activities of many other militant groups. [Read More](#)

Upcoming Seminars

Political and Economic Transition Challenges in Afghanistan

Date: Friday Jan 25th 1 PM

Location: [US Institute of Peace](#) 2301 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, D.C

Speakers: Omar Samad, Michael Semple, Moeed Yusuf, Andrew Wilder, Matthieu Aikens, Bill Byrd, Anand Gopal

[Event details](#)

Pakistan: A soft coup? - C. Christine Fair

Date: Monday, January 28, 2013; 12:15 pm

Location: - Room ICC 270; Georgetown University · 37th & O Streets, NW · Washington, DC 20057

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It is through help of supporters like you that we are able carry on our vision promoting the ambitions and aspirations of Pakistani Americans. Your support today can ensure that Pakistani Americans have a place at the table, as we shape the policies on immigration, the economy and civil rights. You can help build a more vibrant and inclusive democracy.

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