

# MEPI Alumni Connection

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APPLY TO BE A

MEPI DIGITAL STORYTELLER

## Application Instructions

### Program Overview

The MEPI Alumni Connection is pleased to announce the first round of the English version of the MEPI Digital Storytelling Course.

The MEPI Digital Storytelling Course aims to leverage the emergence of multiple dynamic communication tools to provide a valuable professional development opportunity for MEPI alumni.

The MEPI Digital Storytelling Project is an exciting opportunity for alumni to:

- Gain real-life transferrable skills including media production and communication skills to engage in the 21st century workforce
- Connect with the growing MEPI alumni community
- Share MEPI alumni successes with external audiences

### MEPI Digital Storytelling Project

Upon selection, the MEPI Digital Storytelling participants will undergo a rigorous training process. Online training modules will be conducted between **July 1, 2019** and **October 4, 2019**. **The course** will be offered on our online platform [www.obaverse.net](http://www.obaverse.net). Each module will feature one to three lessons, which will include online training sessions and homework assignments. Participants will conclude each module by submitting a deliverable that reflects their understanding of the module objectives and program requirements.

Each week we will tackle one of the different topics. The session will also be recorded for those of you who need to access the material later. We will also have weeks with no online sessions so you can work on your assignments and deliverables.

You should budget around 2-3 hours on weeks when there are online sessions and about 5-7 hours on weeks where you are working on a deliverable. The last month will solely be dedicated to working on your capstone, and the time you will need will depend on what format you want your story to be in e.g. video, written.

Training modules will include:

- Introduction to Digital Storytelling
- Ethics in Storytelling
- From Idea to Reality: Developing and Capturing a Story
- Using Different Technologies in Storytelling
- How to Conduct an Effective Interview
- Editing Your Story
- Web 2.0 and Utilizing Online Media to Share a Story

Participants will be expected to submit assignments and deliverables, and actively participate in group activities to successfully complete the training and continue their participation in the MEPI Digital Storytelling course.

Following the completion of the online training modules, MEPI Digital Storytellers will have one month to complete one capstone deliverable that demonstrate their cumulative understanding of the training program materials.

### **Program Timeline**

*Application Deadline:* May 5, 2019

*Participants Announced:* June 2019

*Training Program:* July 2019- September 2019

*Participants Work on Capstone Projects:* September 2019

*Capstone Projects Due:* October 4, 2019

### **Eligibility Requirements:**

Candidates will be considered without respect to race, color, religion, regional origin, or gender. Persons with disabilities are strongly encouraged to apply.

Candidates *must*:

- Be an alum of a MEPI Leadership Program and be in good standing
- Submit a complete application
- Citizens and residents of Algeria, Bahrain, Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Morocco, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Tunisia, or Yemen
- Have the ability to take the course and complete the capstones in English

Applications will be evaluated by a selection committee. Selection criteria will include:

- Demonstrated interest in acquiring media and/or communication skills;
- Demonstrated commitment to the MEPI program's goals;

- Connectedness with the larger MEPI community;
- Strong writing and communication skills;
- Demonstrated access and ability to use the Internet regularly.

IREX reserves the right to verify all of the information included in the application. Incomplete applications and applications received after the deadline will not be considered.

#### **Certificate:**

**Selected MEPI Alumni who successfully complete the course will earn a Credit Course Certificate from George Mason University upon completion of the class. Only alumni that submit all assignments, deliverables, and capstone projects, and complete the course evaluation form will be issued the certificate.**

#### **General Application Instructions**

- Answer all questions in English;
- Include your full, legal name as it is spelled in your international passport;
- Provide complete and current contact information, including an email address that you frequently check;
- All forms and supporting materials should be clearly legible.

#### **Submission Guidelines**

- Applications must be received on or before the deadline **May 5, 2019**. Applications received after the deadline will not be considered.
- Applications must be submitted **through our online application**.
- Applicants must include an updated concise resume listing relevant academic coursework, professional and leadership experience with your application.

Please be sure to keep a copy of your completed application. Only one application per deadline for any individual alumnus/alumna will be considered.

