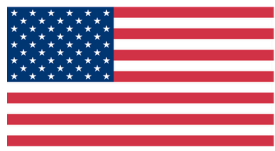


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BUSINESS LEADERS

PROMOTING INNOVATION AND
ENTREPRENEURSHIP



COME TO THE U.S. ON A FULLY-FUNDED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM!

Are you a young professional engaged in the fields of business, entrepreneurship, or innovation?

Gain hands-on experience and practical skills through a short-term fellowship in the United States in **Fall 2026!**



"HOW WILL THE PROGRAM BENEFIT ME?"

Each finalist of the program will:

- Work in a full-time individual placement in a U.S. organization focused on issues relating to the Fellow's business or work at home
- Partake in a professional development curriculum
- Gain first-hand knowledge about U.S. institutions and build relationships with American counterparts.
- Receive comprehensive on program support. Travel and living arrangements will be covered as well as emergency health benefit on program.
- Become part of a prestigious alumni network with access to tremendous resources and an international network of like-minded professionals.

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ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The **Ukrainian Business Leaders Program: Promoting Innovation and Entrepreneurship (UBL PIE)** is a professional exchange program for Ukrainian entrepreneurs and innovators. Participants will be exposed to U.S. organizations and policies that promote a culture of innovation, entrepreneurship, and competitiveness as well as improve investment and business climates. The program consists of the following elements:

- **Pre-Fellowship Orientation in Ukraine and the U.S.**
- **Fellowship at a U.S. organization**
- **Pre-and post-program networking events**



ELIGIBILITY

To apply, you must be:

- Mid-level professional, 21-40 years old
- A citizen and current resident of Ukraine
- Have demonstrated proficiency in written and oral English
- Have demonstrated commitment to develop, enhance, or lead an existing business or entrepreneurial venture

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Deadline: February 16, 2026

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Ukrainian Business Leaders: Promoting Innovation and Entrepreneurship Program? The UBL PIE Program brings emerging business leaders to the United States for intensive fellowships designed to broaden their professional expertise and encourage Ukrainian and U.S. partnerships, and develop Ukraine's innovation ecosystem.

Do I need to pay for the program? What are the costs? If you are selected as a finalist, American Councils and the Department of State will cover all costs associated with your international travel, visa, and basic living costs in the US. There are no required costs to Fellows.

Am I eligible to apply? To participate in Ukrainian Business Leaders, applicants must be between 21-40 years old and be a citizen and current resident of Ukraine. To be eligible, you must have relevant professional experience in the private sector for-profit companies, business, entrepreneurship, large corporations, social entrepreneurship, innovation, and able to demonstrate leadership in their field.

Where will I live? Fellows on the program will live with volunteer host families or in extended stay hotels / corporate apartments. All fellows will participate in an American hospitality component as a required part of the program.

Where will I work? American Councils will match Fellows with Placement Hosts in the U.S. While Fellows may express a preference early in the process for a particular type of site, please note that American Councils has final say over all placements and Fellows may not choose their own placement office. Not every type of office will have an exact match in the United States, so Fellows will need to keep an open mind about learning how U.S. offices work around different issues.

How would I get a US visa? If you are selected for the program American Councils will assist you in applying for a J-1 visa. All visa fees will be covered through the program as well as travel to the visa interview. However, the granting of a US J-1 visa is a requirement for the program, and if you are rejected for a visa by the Consular section at the Embassy you will not be eligible to participate. American Councils can assist fellows in the application process but holds no sway over visa-granting decisions made by the Embassy.

What if I am currently working or studying abroad? Am I eligible? No, applicants living, working or studying outside Ukraine will not be considered eligible to apply. All Fellows must be current residents and citizens of Ukraine.

What will I do at my placement organization? UBL PIE experiences are often very Fellow-driven. This means that the Fellows who are most successful often think about their goals and objectives for the program in advance of their arrival and are able to share them with their future worksites along with information about the Fellows' background and experiences at home. While at your U.S. worksite, you will likely engage in a wide range of activities, which can include shadowing important meetings, conducting research, presenting on relevant topics, participating in office events, and many other activities.

How are Fellows selected? Fellows are selected through a competitive nationwide search that involves an extensive written application and interviews with American Councils and U.S. Embassy staff.

Where can I learn more about UBL PIE? To learn more, visit: www.UkrainianBusinessLeaders.americancouncils.org



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