



UKRAINIAN
BUSINESS LEADERS
PROMOTING INNOVATION AND
ENTREPRENEURSHIP

UBL PIE SPRING 2027 APPLICATIONS OPEN

A professional exchange program for Ukrainian entrepreneurs and innovators. Gain hands-on experience and practical skills through a short-term fellowship in the United States



APPLICATION DEADLINE
SEPTEMBER 1, 2026



A FULLY FUNDED PROFESSIONAL
FELLOWSHIP IN THE UNITED STATES

WHY APPLY?



INDIVIDUAL U.S. PLACEMENT

Work in a full-time fellowship at a U.S. organization aligned with your goals and expertise



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Participate in workshops, mentorship, and a curated curriculum to strengthen your leadership and business skills



BUILD LASTING CONNECTIONS

Gain first-hand knowledge of U.S. institutions and build relationships with American counterparts



JOIN POWERFUL NETWORK

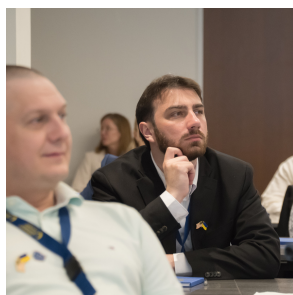
Join a prestigious alumni network with access to resources and a global community of leaders



JOIN THE COMMUNITY

UKRAINIAN BUSINESS LEADERS

Our alumni are building innovative companies, driving change, and strengthening Ukraine's economy



THE PROGRAM INCLUDES



Online Entrepreneurial Trainings Before the U.S.-Based Exchange



Orientation Sessions in Ukraine and in the U.S.



Individual Fellowship at the U.S. organization



Alumni Networking Events

WHO CAN APPLY?



Citizens and current residents of Ukraine



21-45 years old



Proficiency in written and spoken English



Demonstrated commitment to develop, enhance, or lead an existing business or venture

APPLY NOW!

SCAN TO APPLY ➤



APPLY ONLINE:

<https://ais.americancouncils.org/ukrainianbl>

For more information, visit: www.UkrainianBusinessLeaders.americancouncils.org

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 21-45 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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