



Alumni Opportunities

The FLEX and A-SMYLE Alumni programs and staff look forward to working with you as alumni upon your return home. Alumni programming offers you the opportunity to share your on-program experiences and skills learned while on your exchange with your community and wider network via community engagement, professional development, English language, and American culture events. The local American Councils office staff, the appointed Alumni Coordinator in your country or region, and the FLEX Alumni program staff will reach out to you to share opportunities, invite you to a re-entry seminar, and connect you with other alumni. For now, connect with us online through social media (see FLEX Alumni Infographic).

1. Alumni Database

Please update your contact information for the alumni database at www.bradleyherald.org by clicking "Update your Info."

2. Alumni Grants Program

Alumni may apply for individual/travel grants (**up to \$250**) or group grants (**up to \$3000**) to do projects that contribute to the social, economic, and civic development of their countries. Summaries of past projects that received funding through the program can be found at www.bradleyherald.org under Alumni/Projects & Activities/FLEX Grants. The online application is available in November and the deadline for submission is in February.

3. Global Youth Service Day (GYSD)

Alumni may apply for matching grants up to **\$500** for GYSD projects. GYSD is an annual global event that highlights and celebrates the contributions of youth to their communities through service (www.gysd.org). The online application is available in November and the deadline for submission is in February.

4. FLEX Alumni Photo/Video Contest

Alumni are invited to submit pictures and videos taken at alumni events to the FLEX Alumni Photo and Video contest. Winning submissions will receive prizes. The contest will run from July – August 2015. Program start and end dates and promotional materials will be posted on social media sites.

5. International Education Week (IEW)

IEW is an opportunity to celebrate the benefits of international education and exchange worldwide. This annual initiative is part of an effort to promote international understanding and build support for international educational exchange. For more information, go to www.iew.state.gov.

6. Global Village for Leaders in Business and Industry

The Global Village for Future Leaders of Business and Industry® invites active alumni to apply to participate in a six-week intensive training on leadership in business and industry. For more information about the program and the application, go to www.iacocca-lehigh.org. Applications are available in November.

7. Re-Entry Seminars and Online Forum on Facebook

Recently-returned alumni are invited to discuss their exchange experience and connect with other alumni at re-entry seminars in June – August. The **2016 Alumni Re-entry Forum** on Facebook is available for all recently-returned alumni to reconnect and especially for those alumni who are not able to attend events in their country.

8. Job and Volunteer Opportunities

• CITY REPRESENTATIVE

A volunteer who works with the Alumni Coordinator (AC) to organize local activities. The City Representative (CR) communicates regularly with American Councils offices, providing information on alumni and alumni events in their city. Contact the Alumni Coordinator in your country or region for more details:

<http://www.bradleyherald.org/contact-us/>

• ALUMNI TEACHING ASSISTANT

A paid position to prepare future FLEX participants for their exchange. Contact your local American Councils office or the FLEX Alumni office at flexalumni@americancouncils.org for details.

9. Useful Sites

- FLEX Alumni online newsletter – www.bradleyherald.org
- FLEX program site – www.discoverflex.org



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- American Councils website - www.americancouncils.org
- State Alumni website, your link to U.S. Government sponsored alumni - <http://alumni.state.gov>