



Embassy of the United States of America

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Dr. Salah Hadi Alfatlawi
Director General of Scholarships Directorate
Iraqi Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research
Baghdad, Iraq

Dear Dr. Salah:

I am writing regarding the National Association of Foreign Student Advisors (NAFSA) annual conference and exhibition taking place May 31 to June 4, 2016, in Denver, Colorado. The U.S. Embassy extends to you an invitation of support for you to attend this important higher education event in the United States. We can offer to fund your conference registration, travel, hotel, and certain related expenses. Your attendance would support our bilateral commitment to encourage and promote cooperation in the field of higher education as outlined in the U.S.-Iraq Strategic Framework Agreement.

As you know, NAFSA's annual conference provides a multitude of educational offerings for international education professionals. This year's theme *Building Capacity for Global Learning* will focus on broadening access to education and enrich opportunities for learning. The Department of State Education Specialist for Iraq will attend the conference and set up meetings for you with representatives of U.S. institutions of higher learning that either currently host Iraqi students or are interested in doing so. Your attendance would be an opportunity to connect with officials of U.S. universities and to share Iraq's goals and needs in the field of higher education.

I hope you will be able to accept this offer of support. I look forward to hearing your reply.

Sincerely,

for James B. Fennell
Cultural Affairs Officer
U.S. Embassy Baghdad