



## *The Beirut Exchange*

*September 1-14, 2008*

Dear Applicant:

Below you will find the complete application for the second Beirut Exchange. Although currently enrolled students will be given first preference for the limited number of slots (currently capped at 22 persons to ensure small group discussion and learning), consideration will be given for researchers, journalists and other individuals interested in our three tracks: Academic, Language and Dialogue with Leaders.

Furthermore, we will accept applicants currently residing in Lebanon, with the assumption that they will provide for their own accommodation and travel. Additionally:

- ***The program is closed to the public.*** Only those accepted into the program will be able to attend the sessions. Although a participant may choose not to attend the seminars, language classes and/or meetings, full tuition must be paid in order to attend any of the three tracks;
- Once accepted, full tuition must be paid via wire transfer no later than August 10. Failure to pay full tuition will result in cancellation on that date;
- Tuition is 90% refundable up to one week prior to the program's commencement in cases of *Force Majeure*;
- Once accepted, a participant must provide credit card details to hold payment for accommodation at Beirut's Crowne Plaza hotel. Failure to do so will result in cancellation. Because all programming, except for Sunday excursions and some sessions in the Dialogue with Leaders track, will take place at the Crowne Plaza, participants must reside there throughout. In-Country participants are exempted from the hotel requirement. The total cost for accommodation is \$600 under Mideastwire.com's group rate and includes breakfast and VAT. The price is set for one double room that will be shared with another applicant. Individual rooms are also available at different price levels upon request;
- Participants are responsible for arranging their own airfare. It is highly recommended that participants include travel insurance in the event of

- program cancellation;
- Participants are responsible for arranging their own visas for travel and stay in Lebanon, although Mideastwire.com can and will assist;
- All sessions will take place in English; when necessary, simultaneous interpretation into English will be made available;
- A detailed schedule will be made available for successful applicants upon receipt of payment;
- All participants will receive a one-year, premium license to Mideastwire.com, including access to our database.

**\*\*\*\*\*Application\*\*\*\*\***

**1. Full Name:**

**2. Mailing Address:**

**3. Email Address(es):**

**4. Telephone/Mobile Number(s):**

**5. Date of Birth:**

**6. Sex:**

**7. Country of Current Residence:**

**8. Citizenship:**

**9. Where do you expect to be traveling from for the Beirut Exchange?**

**10. Have you ever traveled to or lived in Lebanon?**

**11. Have you ever traveled to or lived in an Arab country? If yes, provide brief details if possible?**

**12. Have you ever traveled to or lived in Israel? If yes, please note that passport holders with Israeli visas will not be admitted into Lebanon by Lebanese customs officials.**

**13. Are you currently employed in any capacity? If yes, where (please provide a website, if possible)?**

**14. Are you currently employed by a national government and/or private security company in any capacity? If yes, please provide details.**

**15. Are you currently enrolled in an accredited higher education institution? If yes, where (please provide a website, if possible)?**

**16. Would you like to request Financial Aid? (Please note that Financial Aid can only be provided to students currently receiving aid and/or grants for current studies. The maximum aid award, if eligible, is set at 15% of tuition. Aid cannot be provided for travel or accommodation. In order to be eligible for aid, please provide proof of your current status as receiving aid and/or grants along with this application, or by faxing a hard copy to 1-866-749-9031).**

**17. In 500 words or less, please describe why you are interested in participating in the Beirut Exchange?**

**18. How did you hear about the Beirut Exchange?**

**19. Please rate your fluency in both Formal and Colloquial Arabic as either no fluency, beginner, intermediate or advanced.**

**Formal**

**Colloquial**

**20. Will you be participating in all three tracks? If no, please indicate which track(s) you will not attend.**

**21. Do you have any special dietary or health needs/disabilities?**

**22. Do you have any particular accommodation needs?**

**23. Do you have any special security considerations?**

Finally, in addition to the above application, please attach and email to [info@midwestwire.com](mailto:info@midwestwire.com) by the closing date of July 15, 2008:

- Your CV with relevant work experience and education;
- One English language writing sample – minimum 1000 words.

Many thanks for your interest!

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