



USG Alumni Support Small Grant Application

USG Alumni Support Small Grants Scope and Intent:

Alumni Small Grants

Alumni have the opportunity to design and implement their own projects by submitting proposals for funding to American Councils. Through these projects, alumni are able to serve their communities by providing educational and cultural opportunities for children and professional development opportunities for adults.

Professional Development

Alumni will have the opportunity to apply for funding for professional development, such as registration fees for online or in-person courses, or international travel expenses to attend conferences or other professional events. Recipients of professional development funding are encouraged to “pay it forward” by conducting trainings, presentations, or other events for their fellow alumni.

Eligibility Criteria:

USG Alumni Support grants are available to alumni of U.S. Government-funded programs administered in Turkmenistan. Alumni do not need to currently reside in Turkmenistan to be eligible. Applicants who meet the eligibility requirements below are welcome to apply:

- The project must benefit a specific community of children or adults in Turkmenistan.
- The project must support one or more of the program goals of American Councils and the U.S. Embassy in Turkmenistan: STEM/STEAM, education, women’s empowerment, capacity building, and civil society development.
- The project must support the implementation of a project, a professional development opportunity, or travel to attend a conference, summit, or workshop. USG Alumni Support grant funds may not be used to cover college/university tuition, travel to attend college/university abroad, or donations to charity.

Following submission, proposals will be shortlisted by the USG Alumni Program Manager, and final award decisions will be made by the Public Diplomacy Section of the U.S. Embassy in Ashgabat. Award decisions are made on a rolling basis and applicants are strongly encouraged to submit proposals *at least 60 days* before the implementation date. Proposals submitted too close to the implementation date may not be approved due to insufficient processing time.

American Councils and the Public Diplomacy Section have the right to remove or alter aspects of the proposed alumni projects and to change the implementation timelines.

This document is to confirm that I have read and understand the terms and conditions of the USG Alumni Support Small Grants application.

Full Name

Signature

Date