



## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE

Promoting U.S - Arab Business and Capacity-Building  
Through Professional Fellowship

The Professional Development Initiative (PDI) provides Kuwaiti students on F-1 visas in the United States with a well-targeted, year-long Optional Practical Training (OPT) opportunity to work with a U.S. company before returning home. The PDI is administered by the Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Sciences, the Kuwait Cultural Office in the Embassy of Kuwait, representing the Ministry of Higher Education, and the National U.S-Arab Chamber of Commerce.

### Basic requirements:

- Having a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0
- Graduating within standard MOHE timelines (4 years for Bachelor's and 2 years for Master's programs)
- Spring 2019 Graduates may apply

### The PDI includes:

- Job placement with a U.S. firm matching your skills and interests
- Group and individual coaching to prepare you for job interviews
- Assistance with work documentation paperwork
- Negotiation of job offers with U.S. host companies on your behalf
- A 3-day Leadership Training program in Washington, DC
- Networking with current PDI Fellows and PDI Alumni
- Liaising with Kuwait's Ministry of Higher Education to ensure your OPT stipend is approved and sent to you when your work begins
- Access to LocalizED, an online learning platform connecting you with global professionals

## Spring 2019 Graduates Apply Now

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