IREX is a nonprofit organization that builds a more just, prosperous, and inclusive world by empowering youth, cultivating leaders, strengthening institutions, and extending access to quality education and information.
Key Principles

IREX is:

- Nongovernmental
- Apolitical
- Nonprofit
- Committed to collaboration
Geographic Scope

- Offices in 20 countries
- Activities in more than 80 countries
Thomas Jefferson Scholarship Program (TJSP)

Funded by the US Department of State, Education & Cultural Affairs Bureau
Implemented by International Research & Exchanges Board (IREX)

Tunisia Undergraduate Scholarship Program

Tunisia Community College Scholarship Program
Background

**WHAT:**
- 1-year International cultural and academic exchange program

**WHO:**
- Engages Tunisian Youth from across Tunisia
  - Ages 18 - 26
  - Focus on disadvantaged regions & female participation

**PURPOSE**
- Empower and enable Tunisian Youth for future economic growth
TJSP Program Statistics

As of June 2017…

• 350 TJSP Alumni:
  • 45% are women
  • Representative of all 24 governorates in Tunisia
  • More than 35% come from disadvantaged regions along the border of Algeria & Libya and interior region
  • More than 45% scholars have studied in technical fields, and nearly 30% study in business fields.

Projected 2020…

• Over 700 TJSP Alumni
Program Activities

Professional Growth

• US Internships
  • Technical skills development
  • Professional networks

• Community service projects
  • Builds community networks
  • Skills-based volunteerism
Program Impact

Soft Skills Development

• Communication
• Team-work
• Problem Solving
• Innovation
Continued Activities in Tunisia

1. Professional Leadership Plan
2. Professional Training & Engagement
3. TJSP Alumni Network & Job Board
4. Alumni Innovation & Entrepreneurship Fund (AIEF)
5. Mentoring Program
Results

Employability

• Youth attaining jobs
• Youth creating jobs

Civic engagement

• Youth leading projects and initiatives in their respective communities
Successes

Employability
Private Sector Employers:
Microsoft, Vermeg, HP Enterprise, VistaPrint, etc...

Civic Engagement
TJSP Alumni lead projects:
Young Coder’s Academy
Hour of Code
GoodNess

Leadership & Job Creation
TJSP Alumni creating jobs:
SOGEER
CreaTech