



United World Colleges

Call for admissions in Academic Years 2018-2020 for Iraqi students

Deadline for submission: 15th of December, 2017

*How can there be peace without people understanding each other;
and how can this be if they don't know each other?
Lester B. Pearson*

The United World Colleges (UWCs) offer young men and women from all backgrounds the opportunity to develop international understanding through a curriculum that combines high academic standards with activities designed to encourage a sense of social responsibility and adventure. Applications are invited for a full scholarship for the two-year course leading to the International Baccalaureate Diploma (IB) at a United World College. The scholarship includes tuition, room and board; and usually excludes airfare, health insurance, and pocket money.

The student body and teaching staff of each College are international. Students from over eighty countries attend a two-year, pre-university course, leading to the IB. Prospective students should know that although the main teaching language at the UWCs is English, speaking English is not a requirement to be awarded admission into a UWC.

Entry is competitive, with selection based on academic ability, personal qualities, and a wish to further the international aims of the UWC Movement. In order to be able to compete for the scholarships, students must fulfil ALL of the following criteria:

- Have Iraqi citizenship, living either in the country or abroad
- Have an above-average academic record
- Have completed or be currently enrolled in 10th grade (4th Preparatory Grade)
- Be 16 – 18 years of age by September 1, 2018 (but outstanding applications will be considered for those born in September 1999 to August 2000 or September 2002 to August 2003).

The fundamental principle in UWC selection is that each student is ranked for selection on the basis of personal merit alone, regardless of financial ability or status. The Selection Committee will look to identify the candidate's potential, as well as their achievements. The successful applicant will show strengths in the following areas, as they are all important if a student is to be able to gain from, as well as contribute to the UWC experience:

- An understanding of UWC ideals and its Mission, particularly the focus on international peace and cross-cultural understanding
- A commitment to providing service to others
- The ability to act as an ambassador, positively representing their culture
- Tolerance, adaptability, and signs of integrity and strength of character
- A preparedness to live away from home and an appreciation of the challenges of living in the intense and multicultural setting that a UWC College is

Applicants who pass the first screening of applications will be invited to take a Skype interview or to join UWC Selection Days, either in Baghdad or Erbil.

You can apply online within the 15th of December 2017, through this platform: <http://uwc.fluidreview.com>

Before you begin completing the application form:

- Find out all you can about UWC and the International Baccalaureate Diploma (IB) to determine whether this opportunity is suitable for you. You will find more information at www.uwc.org
- Discuss the opportunity and the application process with your family and teachers
- **Read the manual in Arabic guiding you to fill-up the online application. Click here https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B_P1_Ysbkw2-S2FPOVixcVl6Y2s/view**
- Check the whole list of documents you will need to scan and attach
- Please consider that you should complete the application in English; only the short essays can be written in Arabic if you don't feel comfortable writing in English
- Remember that you are not allowed to copy and paste from the internet. Copying and pasting information from the internet might jeopardize your application status and the UWC Iraqi National Committee final decision.

In addition to filling out the application form on the Online Application Portal, you will need to upload the following documents:

1. Copy of official identification document (National ID or passport)
2. Transcripts of your marks/grades **for the previous two academic years**, obtained from your school. Transcripts in Arabic or Kurdish are accepted but you need to include a translation into English (non-sworn translations will be accepted). If you are accepted into UWC, you will be expected to provide sworn translations of your transcripts in a short time.
3. A recommendation letter from one of your teachers or supervisors (letters from relatives will not be accepted), preferably in English

This form and all the required documentation must be submitted by **15th of December 2017** at 5 p.m. Baghdad time.

If you have any questions, or for some reason you do not manage to submit the application online, please refer enquiries to the UWC Iraqi National Committee at volunteers@iq.uwc.org