

Application for Middle East Regional Director Position

1. why you want to be the MERD

Dear Elections Chair Cooper Moore,

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to express my strong interest in the Middle East Regional Director position, as advertised. My name is Tulein Saed, and as the current President of the An-Najah National University Chapter in Palestine (2023/2024), I have gained valuable experience and developed a deep commitment to fostering international collaboration and understanding.

Having led a dynamic chapter, I recognize the transformative power of effective leadership in creating meaningful connections and opportunities for students. My experience has instilled in me a passion for promoting cultural exchange, diversity, and cooperation, principles that align seamlessly with the objectives of the Middle East regional role.

Through my involvement in various projects and initiatives at the university level, I have honed my organizational, communication, and strategic planning skills. I am confident that these attributes, combined with my cultural awareness and dedication to the mission, make me well-suited to contribute effectively to the growth and success of our regional network.

Moreover, my background in architectural studies has instilled in me a holistic understanding of the importance of global perspectives in shaping the future of the profession. I believe that serving as the Middle East Regional Director will allow me to leverage this understanding to create impactful programs, foster collaboration among chapters, and champion the interests of students in our region.

In conclusion, I am excited about the prospect of taking on this leadership role to further enhance the impact of our international network. I am committed to promoting the goals of the organization, strengthening ties between chapters, and ensuring a vibrant and inclusive community for students across the Middle East.

I appreciate your consideration of my application and welcome the opportunity to discuss how my skills and experiences align with the vision for the Middle East region. Thank you for your time, and I look forward to the possibility of contributing to the success of our global network.

Sincerely,

Tulein Saed
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3.RESUME:

TULEIN SAED

Architectural Engineering Student

EXPERIENCE

Jul 2022

Aug 2022

REGIONALS SUMMIT TOP WINNER,
AND ACCELERATOR COMPETITOR

Hult Prize | Boston, MA

Feb 2022

Present

CO-FOUNDER

Tariqak | Nablus

In Tariqak we came up with a solution that targets three aspects..

We employ passengers in public transportation network to assist in delivering light to medium-weight parcels between cities and communities in the West Bank, for financial returns.

Sep 2018

Feb 2019

WINNER FOR THE INVENTION
"LIFE FLOOD JACKET"

International Science & Engineering Fair (Intel ISEF) | Tulkarm, Palestine

Smart Flood life jacket to help people survive from floods by knowing all their data, health, location and id numbers..

Aug 2019

Mar 2020

PARTICIPANT

Technovation family

Tecnovation Families..

We worked together as a family, conducted many researches and developed a questionnaire about the challenges that mothers encounter, but they'll be relieved to know that babies have their own language. Its found out that there's a universal baby language consisting of 5 different crying

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OBJECTIVE

Highly motivated and detail-oriented professional committed to delivering exceptional results through hard work and meticulous attention to detail. Seeking a position where I can utilize my strong work ethic and focus to contribute to the success of an organization, Won 3 places in 3 different innovational and entrepreneur international competitions

SKILLS

		<p>baby language consisting of 5 different crying sounds which indicate 5 meanings of baby needs, so we decided to develop a phone application using AI, through ML4K to assist mothers to efficiently communicate with their babies to recognize the baby cry reasons and to proceed accordingly.</p>	SKILLS <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Leadership• Research• Design thinking• Architectural designing
Oct 2022 Dec 2022	MEMBER Soliya Virtual Exchange	<p>Soliya's virtual exchange program (Connect Express) Fall 2022 to discuss some of the ways in which youth can bring change to their communities, with students from all over the world..</p>	LANGUAGES <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Arabic Native• English Advanced
Feb 2023 Present	PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER Shift Virtual Community	<p>Shift is a global platform for engaging fly-high youth together with their professional industries and leading academics to provide a leading professional network.</p> <p>Our mission is to build student communities within Arab League universities. We are proud to serve and bridge them together and with their local professional industry markets. through educational, technical and fun activities with the help of its professors' network and innovation hub. Shift serves professionals with a community in which they can connect.</p>	
	EDUCATION		
Aug 2021 Present	ARCHITECTURAL ENGINEERING An-Najah National University Nablus, Palestine		
	CERTIFICATIONS & COURSES		

update: Current President of the An-Najah National University Chapter in Palestine (2023/2024),

EDUCATION

Aug 2021
Present

ARCHITECTURAL ENGINEERING
An-Najah National University
| Nablus, Palestine

CERTIFICATIONS & COURSES

Photoshop professional user certificate, Nablus NNU, (2022)

Innovators Hackathon, Nablus NNU, (2022)

P.s: “a letter from your school, a letter from a fellow student”, are attached in the email.

2. answer a short questionnaire.

Dear Elections Chair Cooper Moore,

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to respond to the Election **Questionnaire as part of my candidacy for a position on the AIAS Board of Directors.**

1. **Why are you running for a position on the AIAS Board of Directors? What about the organization and its membership motivates you to seek a leadership position?**

I am running for a position on the AIAS Board of Directors because of my profound belief in the transformative power of student leadership and the positive impact it can have on our architectural community. The AIAS, with its rich history and commitment to empowering students, has played a pivotal role in shaping my academic journey. I am motivated to contribute to its legacy by fostering an environment that not only supports but elevates the diverse needs and aspirations of our membership.

2. **Where do you see room for improvement or new areas for the organization to expand into?**

While the AIAS has achieved commendable milestones, I believe there is an opportunity to enhance its global reach and engagement. Strengthening connections among chapters worldwide and facilitating collaborative initiatives can enrich the experiences of students beyond borders. Additionally, I see potential for further advocacy in areas such as sustainability and mental health, ensuring our organization remains at the forefront of addressing evolving student needs.

3. **What one issue do you personally find the most important? How would you make progress on this issue as an elected leader on the AIAS National Board of Directors?**

Personally, I find the issue of mental health and wellness paramount. As an elected leader, I would advocate for comprehensive support systems, including resources for stress management, mentorship programs, and awareness campaigns. By collaborating with mental health professionals and student representatives, we can work towards destigmatizing mental health challenges and creating a more supportive environment for our members.

4. **How would you use your position on the Board to better connect and engage our geographically and culturally diverse membership? What resources would you propose to better serve Chapter leaders seeking to grow their chapters and connect to other students around the world?**

I aim to leverage technology to facilitate virtual collaboration, connecting chapters globally through online platforms and forums. Establishing a centralized resource hub, accessible to all chapters, can provide valuable insights, best practices, and templates for successful events. Furthermore, organizing regional conferences and exchange programs can strengthen the bonds among diverse chapters, fostering a sense of unity and shared purpose.

5. **Describe how you intend to fulfill the roles and responsibilities of your chosen position on the Board. Elaborate on your intended communication/action plan and the primary goals you have for your one-year term.**

In my role as the current President of the An-Najah National University Chapter in Palestine (2023/2024), I am committed to promoting transparency, inclusivity, and active communication. I plan to conduct regular virtual town hall meetings to address concerns, gather feedback, and keep the membership informed about ongoing initiatives. My primary goals include enhancing global collaboration, advocating for mental health resources, and ensuring that AIAS remains a dynamic and responsive organization that truly represents the diverse voices within our community.

Thank you for considering my candidacy, and I look forward to the opportunity to contribute to the continued success and evolution of the AIAS.

Sincerely,

Tulein Saed

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To whom it may concern,

Dear Sir / Madam:

I am writing on behalf of An-Najah National University to wholeheartedly endorse Tulein Saed's candidacy for a position on the AIAS Board of Directors. Tulein has been an exceptional student leader at our institution, demonstrating a deep commitment to the field of architecture and a passion for fostering positive change within our academic community.

Tulein's tenure as the President of the AIAS An-Najah National University Chapter for the academic year 2023/2024 has been marked by exemplary leadership, dedication, and a strong sense of initiative. Under her guidance, the chapter has thrived, organizing impactful events, fostering collaboration among students, and actively contributing to the architectural discourse both locally and internationally.

Her ability to engage with diverse groups of students, coupled with her strategic vision, has significantly contributed to the success of our AIAS chapter. Tulein's inclusive approach, coupled with her organizational skills, has led to the growth of our chapter and the enhancement of the student experience within the field of architecture.

We believe that Tulein's passion for student leadership, combined with her innovative ideas and commitment to the goals of the AIAS, make her an outstanding candidate for a position on the AIAS Board of Directors. We have every confidence that she will bring the same level of dedication and excellence to the national stage that she has consistently demonstrated at An-Najah National University.


Please feel free to contact us if you require any further information regarding Tulein Saed's candidacy. We wholeheartedly support her and believe that she will make significant contributions to the AIAS Board.

Sincerely,

Waaseem Salameh, Institute of Archtitectural Design and Building Construction, Germany

Lecturer, Department of Architectural Engineering

An-Najah National University

 15.12.2023

15.12.2023**To: Cooper Moore****Subject: Recommendation for Tulein Saed's Candidacy for AIAS Board of Directors**

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to wholeheartedly recommend Tulein Saed for a position as the *AIAS Middle East Director at the AIAS Board of Directors 2024-2025*. As the immediate past President of the AIAS An-Najah National University Chapter, I have had the privilege of working closely with Tulein and witnessing her exceptional leadership qualities and dedication to architecture.

Tulein is an outstanding advocate for student involvement and has played a pivotal role in fostering a sense of community within our local AIAS chapter. Her ability to inspire and mobilize her peers has been evident in the successful execution of numerous events and initiatives during her tenure as President. Tulein's inclusive leadership style has not only strengthened our local chapter but has also created an environment where diverse voices are heard and valued.

I do not doubt that Tulein's passion for architecture, organizational skills, and commitment to the AIAS principles make her an excellent candidate for a position on the Board of Directors. Her experiences at the local level have equipped her with insights into the challenges and opportunities faced by architecture students, and I am confident that she will bring a fresh perspective and innovative ideas to the national stage.

Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or if I can provide additional information regarding Tulein Saed's candidacy. I wholeheartedly support her application and believe she will be an asset to the AIAS Board.

Sincerely,

Majd Odeh
AIAS-NNU Chapter Past President





AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTURE STUDENTS POLICY ON COMPENSATION FOR INTERNS

In July 1993, the AIAS Board of Directors adopted a “Public Policy on Uncompensated Interns.” The policy has been subsequently reviewed and reaffirmed by the Board and reads as follows:

The AIAS maintains that employers must properly compensate all employees.
Compensation must be in compliance with the regulations for the jurisdiction in which they are working.

In 2010, AIAS crafted a public statement on intern compensation in conjunction with the Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture and the American Institute of Architects, which reads as follows:

The Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture, the American Institute of Architects, and the American Institute of Architecture Students recognize that architects are bound by law and ethics to pay interns, and strongly advocate for the appropriate compensation of architectural students and interns. Because of current economic transformations, some architects have both solicited and accepted the services and labor of interns without pay. We strongly urge architectural firms and other for-profit employers to respect the law and comply with the ethical standards of our profession, and we strongly encourage interns to refuse to accept employment without pay, and to notify the Department of Labor in cases where employers propose such an arrangement. For more information on labor laws and professional ethics, please see the AIA Code of Ethics and the U.S. Labor Department standards under the Fair Labor Standards Act.

The ACSA, AIA, and AIAS further support architects, students, and recent graduate doing pro-bono work. We recognize the distinction between unpaid work for profit-making employers, and unpaid work for non-profit organizations, communities in need, and volunteer activities, which allows participants to determine their own hours and degree of involvement. The AIA has established guidelines for service that are provided on a Pro Bono basis. They can be found under the member section of the AIA website.

POLICY ON COMPENSATION FOR INTERNS AFFIRMATION

As a way of confirming that the AIAS is not promoting or being promoted by architects employing unpaid interns, we ask that each participant in an official AIAS function review and sign the following statement. We appreciate your participation in our event and thank you for your support of our position against unpaid internships. This position is supported as well by the Board of Directors of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture (ACSA) and the American Institute of Architects (AIA).

Name: Tulein Saed

I do hereby affirm that I understand and support the AIAS policy on the compensation for interns. If I employee interns, I further affirm that I do not use unpaid architectural interns in my professional practice when applicable by federal wage and hour laws.

Signature: *TuleinS*

Date: 22/12/2023



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AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTURE STUDENTS ELECTIONS CODE OF ETHICS

Elections are a critical step by which the American Institute of Architecture Students is governed. Annual elections, as outlined in the Bylaws and the Rules of the Board, ensure that the membership of the organization participates in the selection of the best candidates to serve on the national Board of Directors.

Individuals elected to the Board of Directors represent the membership and ensure the continued success of the organization. Therefore, participants who are involved in the elections process, including candidates and Board Members, are expected to demonstrate the highest standards of professionalism, integrity, and good judgment.

Confidentiality is required of all participants in the elections process. Participants should not discuss details of the elections process to the general membership before, during or after FORUM. Elections information that is considered public knowledge, and therefore can be shared with the membership, occurs during the General Business Sessions and at the General Assemblies.

Campaigning is strictly prohibited prior to FORUM. Conversation between chapters regarding candidates should not take place. Campaigning will only begin at the first General Assembly of FORUM.

Campaigning during FORUM shall be professional. Candidates and candidate support groups should be respectful in their campaigning efforts. Disrespectful campaigning will be a violation of the Elections Code of Ethics, and will be grounds for immediate review by the Past President.

Campaigning materials should follow the Election Guidelines, and should be distributed in appropriate venues only. Appropriate venues include FORUM General Business Sessions, General Assemblies, and Quad Breakouts.

As leaders of this organization, and future leaders of this profession, we must uphold the highest ethical practice. Questionable behavior during elections will not be tolerated. Any concerns should be immediately raised with the Past President.

ELECTIONS CODE OF ETHICS AFFIRMATION

To promote the highest level of professionalism during elections, we ask that each participant in the elections process review and sign the following statement. We appreciate your participation and thank you for your support and dedication to the organization.

Name: Tulein Saed

I do hereby affirm that I have read, understand and agree to abide by the AIAS Elections Code of Ethics and the Elections Guidelines.

Signature *TuleinS*

Date: 22/12/2023

Please submit this form with your confirmation for participation.

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CANDIDATE CONTACT INFORMATION FORM**

Candidate contact information will only be used by the Past President to communicate elections-related information. If provided, social media handles will be shared when candidates are posted publicly on AIAS website and social media.

Name (as preferred): Tulein Saed

Chapter: _An_Najah National University

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o Twitter: @_____

o Instagram: _____

o Other: _____