# GAME CHANGERS IN EDUCATION

VIRTUAL NEGOTIATION SKILL-BUILDING & INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM FOR FUTURE LEADERS IN EDUCATION















#### **ABOUT**

The Game Changers in Education program, conducted by PATHWAYS Institute for Negotiation Education, brings together education majors and pre-service teachers from colleges and universities in the United States and diverse communities in Israel for interactive joint learning and facilitated online exchange focused on developing and applying creative negotiation skills in their schools and communities. In active paired exercises, group dialogues, and team-based project work, participants develop intercultural understanding and global awareness while acquiring practical pedagogical and professional tools based on a principled, problem-solving methodology for negotiation developed at the Harvard Negotiation Project. Through the program's experiential process, participants build their skills and self-confidence while exploring how the vital mindsets and skills of cooperative, interest-based negotiation can be incorporated into their roles as change-makers in education.

For more information about the program, please see www.gamechangersedu.org

### **SCHEDULE**

- Cycle 1: October-December, 2021 (dates & times TBD with partners)
- Cycle 2: March-April, 2022 (dates & times TBD with partners)

We will run two parallel cohorts in each semester, each with 36 students coming together from 2 Israeli teachers' colleges and 1-2 U.S. institutions. Each course is planned to be 18 hours over ~6 weeks and will culminate with a final project in which students apply what they've learned to creating a new teaching activity or designing an innovative educational initiative.

#### PARTICIPATING COLLEGES - MENA









#### STUDENT EXPERIENCE

Through interactive exercises, role plays, and group work, students participating in the program will learn a problem-solving approach to negotiation developed at the Harvard Negotiation Project, which they can apply to their careers in education. They will connect with peers from diverse backgrounds and build key professional, social, and intercultural competencies. Students completing the program will receive certificates of completion and will be invited to enroll in the Department of State's International Exchange Alumni Network and the Localized international professional development platform. Students will also receive invitations to additional learning, exchange, and networking opportunities from PATHWAYS and Empower Peace.



# JOIN THE PROGRAM

We are seeking institutional partners in Massachusetts with motivated undergraduate seniors or graduate students who are studying for careers in education. Thanks to support from the Stevens Initiative, the program is offered <u>free of charge</u> to participating U.S. colleges and universities.

#### STEVENS INITIATIVE

The Stevens Initiative is an international effort to build global competence and career readiness skills for young people in the United States and the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) by growing and enhancing the field of virtual exchange. Created in 2015 as a lasting tribute to Ambassador J. Christopher Stevens, the Initiative is committed to helping to expand the virtual exchange field through three pillars of work: investing in promising programs, sharing knowledge and resources, and advocating for virtual exchange adoption. The Stevens Initiative is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, with funding provided by the U.S. Government, and is administered by the Aspen Institute. It is also supported by the Bezos Family Foundation and the governments of Morocco and the United Arab Emirates.

## **PATHWAYS**

<u>PATHWAYS Institute for Negotiation Education</u> is a non-profit organization building the field of "negotiation education" through negotiation skills, leadership, and bridge-building programs for students, educators, and civil society leaders. Our mission is to nurture cooperative and shared societies in which people from different backgrounds and communities have the mindset, skills, and tools needed to creatively and constructively negotiate and problem-solve day-to-day and seemingly intractable issues with one another. Our approach is based on methodology developed at the Program on Negotiation at Harvard, with whom we maintain an active working relationship.