

HOW YOU CAN CONNECT WITH AMERICAN SPACES

This Toolkit informs Alumni how they can continue their connections with the United States after their exchange by engaging with American Spaces' resources, networks, and platform, as well as running and participating in programs.



RESOURCES

AMERICAN SPACES MAP

This [website](#) can point you to the nearest American Spaces location and explains more about the American Spaces program.

AMERICAN SPACES WEBSITE

This [website](#) has resources for those managing American Spaces, including thematic toolkits and activity guides that alumni can use to run programs.

INTERNATIONAL ALUMNI EXCHANGE WEBSITE

This [website](#) provides access to the Alumni portal, where you can research tools for programming, network with fellow alumni, and find grant money for projects.

CONTINUE YOUR CONNECTION WITH THE UNITED STATES AT AMERICAN SPACES

American Spaces, which include American Centers, American Corners, and Binational Centers, are inviting, open-access learning and gathering places around the world. An essential element to American Spaces is supporting Alumni of [these U.S. government-sponsored exchange programs](#) to provide a platform, networks, advanced technology, and programs.

With more than 600 spaces in 142 countries, it's likely that an American Space is not far from your home. Here's a [map](#) to find the nearest American Space. At American Spaces, you'll find a place to share content, conduct meetings, network, find resources, discover useful programming, and lead programs of your own.



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MORE RESOURCES

#MentorTalks - Ask your American Space about local [#MentorTalks](#) webinars. MentorTalks webinars allow you as an alumni to connect with other alumni around the world.

Entrepreneurship? Interested in starting your own business or helping others start theirs? American Spaces can provide you a place to connect with people, use advanced and free technology, and run programs on entrepreneurship. Check out the list of current Department resources [here](#), and ask your American Spaces representative if they currently offer any of these programs.

Interested in Running a Program? Check out the [available toolkits](#) on the American Spaces website to get topic ideas and links to past programs.

Want to host your own virtual talk, but aren't sure where to start or what might be interesting? Check out these [discussion guides](#) of popular videos and webinars. Also, check out the [22.33 podcast](#) which has examples of how other alumni choose to share their exchange stories. Talk the an American Spaces coordinator about how to run a virtual program and what resources available.



How can you connect?

VISIT AN AMERICAN SPACE AND ASK FOR A TOUR

Find your nearest American Corner or American Center and ask them about what programs they offer. English-language classes, speaker programs, entrepreneurship programs, technology clubs, and sessions for study in the United States are some of the most common programs offered at American Spaces.

VOLUNTEER AS A MENTOR OR ADVISOR

Is there a particular program that interests you? Do you have a particular skillset you could share? Check to see if local programs at your American space have opportunities for volunteers. In addition to serving as a mentor, American Spaces could use your help to advertise their activities through your networks.

OFFER TO PRESENT ON YOUR U.S. EXPERIENCE

Did you recently return from the United States? Do you have something from your experience that you think would benefit local students and youth? Share it with your community! American Spaces are the perfect place to host a talk on your experiences in the United States. Speak with your local representative about doing something virtually if in-person isn't possible.

HOST AN ALUMNI COFFEE/NETWORKING SESSION

American Spaces serve as a gathering place for alumni. Work with your Embassy/Consulate Alumni Coordinator to host a networking session or professional development program at an American Space.

OFFER TO COHOST A PROGRAM

Do you have a program idea and need a platform to host it? Talk to your local American Spaces representative about hosting a skill-sharing course, a virtual program, or a speaker presentation with a fellow alumni or experts on a topic of your choice.