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DIPLOMACY LAB



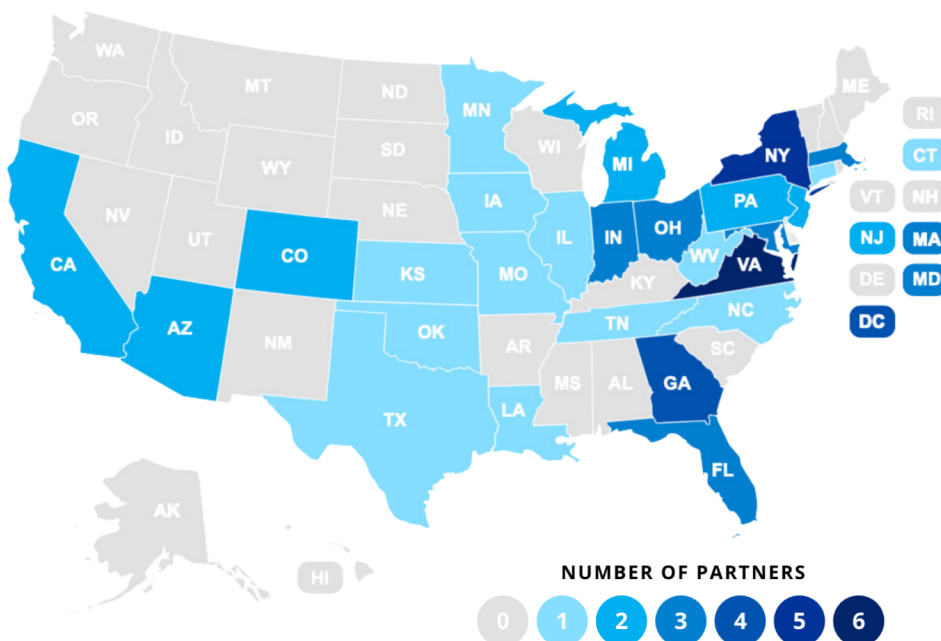
OVERVIEW

Launched by the U.S. Department of State in 2013, Diplomacy Lab is a public-private partnership between the Department of State and more than sixty U.S. academic institutions, including community colleges, public and private universities, and minority-serving institutions. Through the Diplomacy Lab partnership, academic teams conduct research around various Department-identified topics in priority policy areas.

GOALS

Diplomacy Lab engages the American public in the work of the State Department to address complex global challenges by broadening the State Department's research base. Diplomacy Lab harnesses the expertise and fresh perspectives of students and faculty members across the nation to conduct research on key foreign policy topics. By guiding student teams through real-world challenges identified by the State Department, the initiative provides policymakers with diverse perspectives and practical research solutions to inform their decision-making processes.

ACADEMIC PARTNERS



More than 60 colleges and universities from across the United States participate in Diplomacy Lab each year—and new academic partners are welcome to join.

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<https://diplomacylab.org>

ACTIVITIES

Academic partners recruit faculty members to assemble and guide student teams to undertake State Department-proposed Diplomacy Lab projects. Over a semester, faculty guide students in developing a final work product and presentation according to goals developed in collaboration with the Department of State. Throughout the semester, students and faculty discuss their research with State Department officials, learn about the work of the Department, and engage in experiential learning that can inspire them to pursue careers in diplomacy and development. The Diplomacy Lab partnership fosters a culture of innovation and collaboration at the Department of State, which is essential for tackling today's complex global issues.

HIGHLIGHTS

- ✦ 60 + Academic Partners in 27 states.
- ✦ 100 research projects completed per academic year.
- ✦ Topics include climate change, the rule of law, democracy, human rights, women's rights, urban planning, architecture, computer science, cybersecurity, countering violent extremism, post-war reconstruction, cultural/educational exchanges, international studies, and regional studies.



"The work that we do is truly important to American foreign policy."

Alison Wright, Student at Salisbury University

"It's a great way for State Department to make evidence-based decisions and also for students like us to get exposure and learn more about the policy making process."

Kashoon Leeza, Student at Georgia Tech



"Diplomacy Lab was really a great opportunity to see a bit more of how diplomacy looks on the ground...It's really a phenomenal experience."

Patrick Bereit, Student at George Mason University



Teams of students from the University of Virginia and the University of Pennsylvania present their research on the rebuilding of Ukrainian Cities to the Ukrainian Ambassador to the United States.



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