



Tunisia UGRAD Participant Application: Hassen Maamri

I. General Information

First Name	Hassen	Country of Citizenship	Tunisia
Middle Name		Country of Residence	Tunisia
Surname/Last Name	Maamri	City or Town of Birth	Sfax
Date of Birth	7/30/1994	Country of Birth	Tunisia
Gender	Male	Have a passport	No
Married Status	Single	What was your primary city of residence in the last 10 years?	Sfax
If Married, Citizenship of Spouse		What is the approximate population of that city?	960000
Disabilities		In which governorate of Tunisia is that city located?	Sfax
		What is the education level of your father?	University Degree
		What is the education level of your mother?	Masters or Higher

II. Contact Information

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III. Educational Background

Are you a current undergraduate student in Tunisia?	Yes
Present Course Year	3
Expected Graduation Date	5/2019
Third Year students are eligible for Tunisia UGRAD only if they are in a 4-year American style degree program, or in a 5-year engineering or 6-year architecture program. Are you in a 4-year, 5-year, or 6-year program of study?	Yes
What is the highest educational degree you have completed?	Second year certification
TOEFL Score	Not taken

Institution Information

Institution	Country	City	Department	Dates of Attendance	Type of Degree	Date Received Degree
Esprit	Tunisia	Ariana	Engineering	09/2015 - 06/2019	Bachelor Degree	06/2019
Faculty of sciences of Sfax	Tunisia	Sfax	Physics and Mathematics department	09/2013 - 06/2015	Certificate	06/2014

University Courses

Institution	Academic Year	Subject/Course	Grade
esprit	2015-2016	Algebra	10.9
esprit	2015-2016	Mathematical Analysis	12.33
esprit	2015-2016	Architecture of microcontrollers and Project	16.33
esprit	2015-2016	Database	13.7
esprit	2015-2016	Communication, Culture and Citizenship	14.85
esprit	2015-2016	Introduction to UML	13.13
esprit	2015-2016	C++	17.83

esprit	2015-2016	Algorithmic and data structure	15.25
esprit	2015-2016	C programming project	14.41
esprit	2015-2016	Communication networks	12.15
esprit	2015-2016	Local business networks	12.1
esprit	2015-2016	Unix operating systems	14.25
esprit	2015-2016	Web technologies	20
esprit	2015-2016	Digital Electronic	10.55
esprit	2016-2017	Java	14

In reference to the grades you are entering here please describe the grading system used.

Grading system is on a scale of 1-20, with 15-20 = excellent, 13-15= good, 8-12 = average, and 1-7 = failing.

IV. Native Language Contact Info

Native Language (in English)	Arabic	Current Academic Institution/Employer	
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V. Program Preferences

Proposed Field of Study in U.S.	Mobile application development	Other Exchange Applications	No
Current Specialization / Major in Home Country	Computer Engineering	Specify Other Exchanges	
Referral	Academic Advisor		

VI. Knowledge of Languages

Language	Reading	Writing	Speaking	Listening
Arabic	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
French	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
English	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
Italian	Good	Poor	Fair	Fair

Have you ever participated in an English language learning program (ACCESS, British Councils, etc)?	No
If yes, please provide program name, location, and dates:	

VII. Previous VISA Information

Have you been in the U.S. for any other reason?	No
If yes, list the dates showing exact duration of stay in the United States (mm/dd/yyyy to mm/dd/yyyy) and the reason for travel.	
Have you ever traveled or lived in any country other than the U.S. or Tunisia?	No
If yes, list the places, approximate dates of stay (mm/dd/yyyy to mm/dd/yyyy), and reason for travel.	
Have you or your family applied for U.S. permanent residency in the past three years?	No
If yes, please provide the date of application:	

Previous Exchanges

Program Name/Reason for Travel	VISA Type	Dates	Sponsored by U.S. Government?
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VIII. Work Experience

Name and Address of Employer	Position Held	Dates of Employment	Responsibilities
Linagora, Mohamed Amine Bouhlel, Elgazala Technopark	Web developer	2016	I participated in developing a website (Hubl.in) as an intern web developer.
Ahmed Dammak, Sakiet Ezzit	Fruit Picker	2015	I participated in harvesting olive.
Nabil Zeidi, Menzel Chaker Zouaied	Wall painter	2014	I participated in painting a house.
Work Name			
Position			
Work Address			

IX. Extracurricular Activities

I have held numerous volunteer positions and got involved in several philanthropic activities such as relief campaigns within Enactus Club on the "Social Day" during the winter storms. We launched clothing collection movement to provide stricken families with food, medicines, blankets and especially boosting their morale. I also participated in distributing food parcels and water to refugee families in my hometown who were fasting during Ramadan and had no shelter or job. I've enhanced my leadership values by organizing and participating in students debates within Young Arab Voices, and by participating in The Tunisian AeroDay at INSAT which was a great opportunity to discuss entrepreneurship ideas with specialists in the field of aerospace. My hard work with my teammates gave me the chance to participate in "Esprit Bal Des Projets" which is considered as one of the most important annual IT appointments in Tunisia where students of my college who excelled in their projects present their work in front of the media and professors. In addition to that, I had a summer internship at Linagora one of the historical leaders of the free software, which helped me improve my skills in web development. Furthermore I can mention experiences in working in agricultural areas, wall painting and fixing electronics devices.

X. Short Answers and Essay Questions

Short Answers

1. Please describe a time that you undertook a school project, community activity, or other initiative. How does this experience demonstrate your potential for innovative and/or entrepreneurial leadership? How do you plan to use these leadership skills while in the United States?

Throughout my years in college I've explored the community from its different sides and I've been a more approachable person to the different social classes. I've joined clubs in which I've gained a decent knowledge in entrepreneurship, enhanced my innovativeness capability and unleashed my potential of creativity.

Lately, I've performed many activities, including, but not limited to, I participated in the Tunisian AeroDay, a national festival of Aeronautics organized by AeRobotiX-INSAT. It was a great opportunity to work with young folks and share ideas on improving the field of aerospace in Tunisia, all with the support of a highly qualified team of entrepreneurship coaches.

It was really intriguing and enlightening to meet motivated people as well as presenting our ideas in front of a jury. I learned how to successfully manage a project and had a brief clue about the first steps of launching new startups which can help me in the near future put my ideas into action to contribute to the Tunisian economy.

Furthermore I want to mention that I've organized and engaged in inter-students debates that allow students master the art of public speaking to fight a war solely with arguments, which made me an insightful person who can cooperate with people from different backgrounds and ways of thinking smoothly.

I will definitely use all these leadership aptitudes incredibly with voluntary associations and ambitious youth while in the United States since I consider this great country the place where the best achievements and work come from.

2. Please describe a time when you worked with someone from a different background or culture. What was different between you and the other person? How did you manage these differences?

This incident dates back to the last semester. My teacher had to randomly divide the large number of students into groups to work on different projects. My group was composed of two girls, a guy and I. We were supposed to work together during the whole semester on that project. After that particular session ended, the other male of my group came up to me and said "Don't expect too much from me, I won't work with females who don't understand what we need to do". At that moment I realized that he had prejudices because of some cultural differences, so I decided to clean up his misogyny and the stereotypes he had of women. It wasn't easy as he was sticking to his ideas but I kept trying explain that today females enjoy indistinguishable rights from men's thank to their achievements all through history on contributing in setting up comfort for humanity and I also tried to show him that their mental abilities are equal to men and even exceeded and as examples of women that have played important roles all through history I mentioned Majida Boulila, Mother Teresa, Marie Curie, Hillary Clinton, and many others. He ended up changing his mind and we worked together as an awesome team in a great atmosphere.

3. Please describe your past experience with community engagement and volunteering. Why do you think volunteering is important? What did you learn from your experience?

I am truly pleased to specify several community engagements and volunteering experiences that I had. I took part in relief campaigns

in Ain Drahem after the winter storms, we've provided disadvantaged families and distraught individuals with covers, food and particularly moral support. I've likewise been a member in some tidy up campaigns in my school and city. Moreover I helped in the reconstruction of some ruined and demolished facilities and helped in planting trees in burned woodlands as a consequence of fires. Couple of years back I created a Facebook page where thousands of people have been posting their charity plans and then they get in touch with others who want to help. I've created a blog in which I put Pascal programming language courses available for free for highschool students, and I also respond to their questions as often as possible. What roused me to do this work was the inside belief that I should give back to the community until I realize that people can never pay me back. Besides observing that lovely grin on people's countenances truly push me to give a greater amount of my time for these acts and activities. I gained great traits from these experiences and learned that love and respect cannot be purchased with any cash. I also learned to never sit tight to get paid for something considered as a duty and to give back to my society to strengthen it and to promote personal growth and self esteem.

4. Please describe a time where you felt overwhelmed by a stressful situation. How did you manage your stress? What did you learn from this experience?

The toughest situation that I've ever been through was when I realized that my father was suffering from cancer. It was hard to see the strongest man I knew goes from one doctor to another. That caused trouble to my family as my mother had to give up doing the household chores to look after my father. She used to be with him in the hospital and I had to take care of my siblings. And because misfortunes never come singly, that year I had to take the national Engineering exam that I wasn't really ready for because of the sadness and depression caused by the lifeless days I had thinking about dad and praying for him. I felt overwhelmed and stressful but I knew that I had to be strong and patient just like my father was. I'm really thankful for the stable situation of my dad and for what I learned from this experience. I learned that what does not kill you makes you stronger, I learned to never surrender and to keep pushing the rock like Sisyphus to fight for life. In addition to that this experience made me want to help people living such tough situations materially and morally. Another important thing I gained from this is experience is the willing to work harder and harder and to colaborate with others to achieve my goals and make my dad see me a leader as he has wanted me to be and as I promised to be!

Essay Question #1 - Personal Statement B

Please list the area of specialization you plan to study in the U.S. Why do you want to study this field? Why is this field important to Tunisia's future? Describe the skills you hope to gain through studying in the U.S. How do you plan to use these skills in your future profession to positively contribute to Tunisia's economic development as a young professional during the next 5-10 years?

We are living in an era of rapid change where technology is witnessing continuous development. This not only aims to ease life and facilitate complicated stuff but it also represents a reliable way of boosting a nation's economy. As an IT Engineering student, this of course represents my specialization and the base of my future career plans and it also has been my interest since I was younger as I've grown with a big passion for problem solving and discovering how things work. Consequently, my work will have a direct impact on different fields and levels, which will enhance the growth of the Tunisian economy. I recently attended Tunisian Game Awards, an event that brought together the gaming and game development community in Tunisia. This event made me realize that in my country there is a huge and very cohesive community of video games fans, yet the gaming industry still has several weaknesses and shortfalls, and is striving to develop good quality and compelling games. This made me think about improving my programming skills and learning the knowledge needed to join the video game and mobile application development industry. The popular Pokemon Go is the best example of games and applications that has achieved astronomical profits and that is still managing to impact markets since its recent launching. The United states is where Taylorism was developed and hence it is the best place to learn tips on improving economic efficiency and development management and it is also the place where the best work always come from, so this is why I want to study video game and mobile application development in the United States and hope to expand my projects by dealing with other partners on the international level so I will help my country have great status in the programming field, I also want to discuss my plans with economic experts in the United States and want to learn the latest technology skills and practise them while in the internship. This way I will be ready and able to establish many development startups in order to provide job opportunities and to reduce the joblessness rate in Tunisia as well as interacting the gaming community in my country to help produce high quality video games and mobile applications that will contribute positively to the Tunisian economy.

A global citizen is a well-rounded individual, who contributes positively to their community, country, and the world and serves as a role model for others. How have you been a global citizen in the past? How do you plan to be an active global citizen in the future? What are your (a) academic, (b) professional, and (c) personal goals for your growth as a global citizen? How will participating in this program help you achieve your global citizenship goals?

I have been a global citizen throughout my life and especially during the last few years by living many experiences and participating in several events.

First I am an extremely dynamic and a very active member in my community. In fact, I got involved in different volunteer activities such as relief campaigns when we gave harmed families in the disadvantaged regions nourishment, and moral support. In addition to that, I was part of the opening ceremony of my hometown, Sfax, as the Arab Capital of Culture for the year 2016.

I also helped at planting trees in burned agricultural lands and took part in cleaning effort in my school and neighborhood.

Second I have constantly found out about other nations, cultures, religions and traditions, in fact I learned new languages that have helped me communicate with people from other parts of our globe and understand better what is going on in the world in different fields such as economy, science and technology.

Besides, I participated in many seminars and symposiums discussing critical issues in our world such as poverty, global warming, pollution and how can civilizations benefit from each other.

Last but not least, I have dependably been defending and praising great values and ethics such as solidarity, charity, love, respect and peace and resisting against hatred, violence, homophobia and racism.

That is not all, since I plan to enhance and enrich my global citizen qualities later on. I will grow my familiarities about different societies by reading more, surfing the web, attending more lectures and getting occupied with more clubs and associations.

Similarly important, I will take more and more interest in philanthropy deeds and do more noteworthy activities on the worldwide and national level.

Besides, I will always ask more shrewd and more experienced individuals from various societies and backgrounds for guidance.

Additionally I plan to go on student volunteering trips, within AIESEC, or other organizations that will empower me to develop myself while making a positive impact and spreading love and peace.

Accordingly, as a global citizen, I can accomplish numerous objectives. To begin with, I want to contribute in decreasing the rate of wars on the planet and setting a serene environment to live in. My goal is to reach an ultimate level that allows me present my ideas as a global citizen and help engaging interested people into working together so that we can get rid of the world main calamities. I also want to create my own identity because it is truly honorable to be known as regarded productive person whose mission is to make the world a better place.

Therefore getting this grant scholarship and participating in this program represents an extraordinary chance to gain something absolutely invaluable, it will make me rediscover my potentials, it will be an opportunity to grow personally and professionally. In fact, I will be able to learn from experts and activists in the organizations that are occupied with spreading the good qualities. I will also be able to tell them about my ideas and demonstrate my plans to uplift different fields, and since the United States incorporates various cultures and backgrounds I will have the opportunity to benefit from different ways of thinking. Furthermore performing community services will help me enhance my sense of responsibility and boost my leadership skills.

XI. References

Reference #1

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XII. Supplemental documents

Scan of Hard Copy Application	Not available
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