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## **The Essam and Dalal Obaid Foundation (EDOF) supports the National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations for Educational Efforts**

**Geneva, June 19th, 2015** - [The Essam and Dalal Obaid Foundation](#) (EDOF) has announced that it has awarded a grant to the Washington, DC-based [National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations](#) (NCUSAR). The unrestricted contribution will support NCUSAR's educational programs, projects, events, activities and publications. Specifically, EDOF's grant will help NCUSAR increase the work it does to enhance American awareness, knowledge, and understanding of the Arab countries, the Mideast, and the Islamic world.

Founded in 1983, NCUSAR promotes a special relationship between the United States and its Arab partners, friends, and allies. In order to facilitate this relationship, it creates programs that foster Arab-U.S. leadership development, people-to-people exchanges, lectures, publications, an annual policymakers conference, and the participation of American students, faculty, armed forces officers, and other private and public sector foreign affairs practitioners in Arab world study experiences. As a public service, the Council also serves as an information clearinghouse and participant in national, state, and local grassroots outreach to media, public policy research institutes, and select community, civic, educational, business, and professional associations.

The grant to NCUSAR is a part of EDOF's overall social mission of bringing together political and civil leaders, promoting peaceful co-existence, and supporting cross-cultural education. In line with this mission, it has also partnered with the CNN Freedom Project to help stop human trafficking as well as the International Committee for the Red Cross to provide care to war victims in the Arab world. EDOF also has a medical mission that resulted in the founding of the Mayo Clinic's Essam and Dalal Obaid Center for Reconstructive Transplant Surgery in Rochester, MN.

As EDOF CEO Dr. Nawaf Obaid has stated, *"We are delighted to support the educational mission of the National Council. The Council's multifaceted efforts to promote Arab-U.S. relations are vital to building bridges of friendship, collaboration, and understanding."*

In his official statement, Dr. John Duke Anthony, Founding President and CEO of the National Council, declared, *"The Council is proud to count EDOF among its supporters. The Foundation's contribution will help the Council maintain and expand our U.S.-Arab relations leadership development and bridge-building educational efforts."*

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More information about the EDOF and NCUSAR collaboration can be found at <http://edof.org/ncusar>

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