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GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP: A SUMMER STUDY TOUR FOR TRIO COLLEGE STUDENTS

2019 KEITH SHERIN GLOBAL LEADERS PROGRAM

JUNE 30—JULY 21, 2019

DEN HAAG, NETHERLANDS

Next summer, a group of 15 TRIO SSS and McNair students will have the opportunity to study peace and justice in The Hague, Netherlands.

The Program

Spend the first two weeks studying at The Hague Summer School, a cutting-edge modular set of courses, which looks at solving global issues by connecting the public and private sectors. There is no better place to learn and practice world citizenship than in The Hague, the International City of Peace and Justice, and the political, cultural heart of the Netherlands.

The third week is devoted to learning about the Netherlands’ social and educational context with a specific focus on higher education and cultural diversity in theory and practice. Under the auspices of ECHO, the Center for Diversity Policy, students will visit schools, universities, and cultural sites in Amsterdam and Rotterdam and meet student leaders representing migrant communities. This program will be accredited by The Hague University of Applied Sciences. All instruction is in English.

WHO SHOULD APPLY

- Participants in TRIO SSS or McNair
- Students in good academic and social standing
- Students with sophomore or junior status
- Students with demonstrated leadership potential
- Students who have never traveled or studied abroad

COST AND DEADLINES

- Refundable deposit of $500 due with application by February 15, 2019.
- Total program fee: $2,500.
"My experience made me realize just how big our world is, and that I can find my way through it." — 2018 Keith Sherin Global Leader

GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP PROGRAM FAQS

Why should I study abroad in The Hague?

The Hague is not only the political center of the Netherlands but is known as the International City of Peace and Justice since the United Nations’ Criminal Court is located there. Students from all over the world come to study politics, human rights, and social justice there. It’s a short train ride from Amsterdam and other Dutch cities that you will visit during your stay.

Why should I choose this particular program with COE?

This program is especially designed for college participants in TRIO SSS and McNair who are first-generation students and who have never studied abroad. You’ll have travel mates from all over the U.S. whom you will meet in New York and then will travel with to the Netherlands. In addition, you’ll have a chance to get to know first-generation college students in the Netherlands from diverse backgrounds and compare perspectives.

How can I afford the $2,500 program cost?

Students finance study abroad in various ways. You may be eligible for financial aid for this program. You should also apply for the Gilman Scholarship, a federal study abroad scholarship for Pell Grant recipients, at www.gilmanscholarship.org. Work with your TRIO director to find out whether regional and state TRIO associations are awarding scholarships. Contact your employer and community organizations to ask for their support.

Where would I be living? Do I need to know Dutch?

Students are housed in single rooms in the Student Hotel, a short walk from The Hague University, with other international students. It’s always a good idea to learn some of the local language, but it is not required to participate in this program. All of the courses and lectures will be given in English, and English is widely spoken throughout the Netherlands.
THE APPLICATION PROCESS

Students must be nominated by their TRIO director to apply to this program. Eligible students are TRIO Student Support Services or McNair participants who are in good academic and social standing with their institutions, have at least sophomore status, and have demonstrated leadership ability and potential. Priority will be given to students who are sophomores and juniors and who have not previously studied or travelled overseas. Your college or university must be an institutional member of COE for you to participate in this program.

Each application must be submitted with a transcript (unofficial is acceptable), personal essay, and $500 deposit to COE by February 15, 2019. The deposit is refundable if you are not admitted to the program. Applicants will be notified of their acceptance status by mid-February. Once accepted, participants must submit all payments and required forms to COE by the indicated deadlines.

Please create one PDF document for your application, recommendation, and unofficial transcript, and send it to holly.hexter@coenet.org. The deposit may be mailed separately with a check or money order made payable to COE and sent to COE, Keith Sherin Global Leaders Program, attn.: Holly Hexter, 1025 Vermont Ave. NW, Suite 900, Washington, D.C. 20005. Questions? Contact Holly at 202-347-7430.

THE PROGRAM FEE INCLUDES:

Roundtrip air travel between New York and Amsterdam; pre-departure and onsite orientation; ground transportation in the Netherlands, including airport transfers to and from The Hague; tuition and fees for the course; emergency medical insurance; some group excursions; single room accommodations in the Student Hotel, and some meals.

NOT INCLUDED:

The program fee does not cover roundtrip travel from the student’s home to the departure site, New York City’s JFK Airport; student passports; passport photos (and visas, if necessary); immunizations; luggage handling; independent sightseeing expenses; personal items; telephone calls; excess airline baggage charges; gifts or souvenirs; optional insurance for baggage and/or trip cancellation; and reimbursement for lost or stolen personal items or currency. Students are expected to provide most of their own meals by cooking together in the common kitchens in the Student Hotel.
WHO WE ARE

The Council for Opportunity in Education (COE) is a nonprofit organization, established in 1981, dedicated to furthering the expansion of college opportunities for low-income, first-generation students, and students with disabilities in all 50 states, Washington, D.C., the Pacific Islands, and Puerto Rico. Its membership includes more than 1,000 colleges and agencies. Through its numerous membership services, COE works with colleges, universities, and agencies to help low-income students enter college and graduate. Over a million low-income students and students with disabilities each year receive college access and retention services through our member colleges and agencies.

KEITH SHERIN GLOBAL LEADERS PROGRAM

The Keith Sherin Global Leaders Program was founded with the notion that all college students should have access to international experiences. The program supports the study of TRIO college students with demonstrated leadership skills in a three- to four-week program. Since 2000, more than 350 low-income, first-generation college students and students with disabilities have participated in COE-sponsored short-term and semester study abroad programs in Great Britain, the Netherlands, and Spain. The scholarships are named in honor of Keith Sherin, former senior vice president and chief financial officer of General Electric Co., who is committed to helping disadvantaged students obtain leadership experiences.