APPLICATION PROCEDURE FOR THE SCGCD PROGRAM OF El Salvador 2017

In order to participate in our Strengthening Capabilities in Global Community Development (SCGCD) Program, there are certain eligibility requirements you must meet. We will check your academic records to confirm that you meet these overall requirements. You must:

Be in **good academic standing**. You need a GPA of at least 2.5.

Be in **good disciplinary standing** with the Dean of Students and with Housing at your home university.

**Maintain appropriate standards of behavior.** Keep in mind that there is a large social aspect in the study abroad learning experience. Faculty, staff, and participants must be able to comply with program guidelines.

You must have completed at least **four semesters of college study** prior to participation in study abroad.

Secure all **travel documents** required by the El Salvadoran document (or for transit through a third country). Only a passport (which has at least 4 months before expiration) for US citizens. US citizens do not require a visa before entering the country. You will purchase a tourist visa for $10 at passport control in the airport or at a border. For citizens of another country, please check with the El Salvadoran website as to your requirements.

The only immunizations that are absolutely necessary are typhoid and hepatitis A. Please download the Travel Information page for more health information once you decide to go.


If you have any questions, please write Elizabeth.Falconi@ideasnet.org or call her at (734) 417-2033

**SCGCD APPLICATION OVERVIEW:**

Applications are first-come, first-serve. We will only accept 20 students per session. If this summer session is filled, we will note that on our program website.

We advise that you apply as soon as you have decided that you want to attend the **Strengthening Capabilities in Global Community Development** program to assure your reservation.

Please send us a personal letter that includes the following:

- Full Name
- Address
- University - Professional Affiliation and Year
- Age
- Hometown
Personal Statement:
In your letter, please describe your experience thus far as a student of Global Development, Anthropology, Economics, or other discipline. This should be one-or-two paragraphs in length. Tell us a bit about your interests in global development, social science research, microeconomics, the study of culture and the environment -- or other interests you may have that you would like to pursue while participating in our program to learn community development skills. Please include three reasons why you want to attend our program; a paragraph per reason will suffice.

Additionally, please tell us which countries you have visited previously, and/or where you have conducted research. Share briefly any experiences you have had working with low-income communities either in the United States or abroad.

Please note due to the short time frame before going to the field you will likely be unable to complete an IRB process for any research activities planned. If you have already initiated the process we may be able to work with you. Or, we can configure your activities as a program evaluation, which is exempt from the IRB process. Please contact Elizabeth.Falconi@ideasnet.org for further information.

All application materials should be sent as one e-mail (the personal letter as the body of the e-mail -- and as an attachment transcripts, photo, resume and letter(s) of recommendation if needed (see below).

The subject line of your application should read 'SCGCD Program Application'.

Send your application to: Elizabeth.Falconi@ideasnet.org

Once you send your application you will be notified via e-mail within one week indicating if you have been accepted or not. Once you have been accepted, you will be given instructions regarding tuition payment.

Your $1500 deposit should be sent with your application. It will be returned if we deny your application or if we do not have enough students to go forward with the program on June 5th.

TRANSCRIPTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Please attach a scanned copy of your University or College transcripts -- and at least one letter of recommendation from a faculty member in your department.
INSURANCE

All Field School participants must provide their own health insurance. Some airlines like Delta allow one to purchase emergency health provisions including evacuation in case of health issues. Or you could contact companies like Allianz Global Assistance. See their FAQ at https://www.etravelprotection.com/deltausa/FAQ/.

Documentation of coverage is required before attending the Strengthening Capabilities in Global Community Development program.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- Passport Scan
- Letter to Dr. Falconi with the contents above.
- Transcripts
- Letter of Recommendation
- Resume or CV
- Proof of Insurance
- Liability Release Waiver form
- Recent Color Photo (for local ID upon arrival in El Salvador. This type of passport photo is available at a store like CVS)

PAYMENT METHODS

Please send a check of $1500 made out to IDEAS to: Dr. Garber, IDEAS
1702 Dancing Fox Road
Decatur, GA 30032.

*You need to send in your deposit with the application form.

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