



Global Undergraduate Exchange Program 2022-2023

Application Review Criteria - Semi-Finalist Selection

1. **Goals-** The candidate's goals should align with the goals of the program- to encourage their leadership potential, commitment to civic engagement & community service, and interest in mutual understanding between their home country and the United States. Since the program is limited to one semester and participants do not receive degrees, it is important that their goals are flexible and realistic.
2. **Academics-** Global UGRAD is a non-degree program. Participants may not be able to transfer credits from their U.S. host university to their home university. The candidate should be prepared that this may delay their graduation from their home university. Neither World Learning nor their U.S. host institution can guarantee enrollment in specific courses for the purposes of transfer.

All students must provide official university transcripts with their current academic standing. Students should be in good academic standing at their home university in order to be considered for the Program.

3. **English Language ability-** A TOEFL score is not required at the time of application; however, a TOEFL score is required for participation in the program. World Learning will provide the U.S. Embassy with a voucher for the selected finalists and alternates to take the TOEFL exam. Please note that a minimum TOEFL iBT score of 48 is required for Program participation.
4. **Community Service-** It is okay if the student has not completed community service in their home community, but their application should show that they understand the importance of community work and show an inclination to volunteer while in United States and upon returning home. They will be required to do 20 hours of community service in the United States.
5. **References-** One reference has to be academic and written by a professor or assistant professor from the candidate's major field of study. A second reference may come from a non-academic aspect of the candidate's life and work. World Learning provides a reference form on the application portal.
6. **Plagiarism Policy-** If a student has plagiarized any part of their application, he/she will be removed from consideration for the Program.



Program Eligibility

Global UGRAD is open to all academic fields of study and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, gender, sexual orientation, religion, ethnicity, or disability.

The Global UGRAD Program is open to anyone who is/has:

- over 18 years of age by the start of their program;
- a citizen of a Global UGRAD participating country, currently residing in that country;
- enrolled as a full-time undergraduate in good standing at any accredited university, public or private, and has at least one semester remaining at their home university at the conclusion of the Global UGRAD Program;
- has a solid command of written and spoken English (English Language training for some finalists is possible);
- able to begin studies in the U.S. in August 2022 (selected participants may not defer to a later date);
- eligible to receive and maintain the U.S. student exchange visa (J-1) required for the program;
- cleared by a physician to participate in the program;
- committed to returning to their home country after the completion of the program.

Individuals in the following circumstances are **not** eligible for the Global UGRAD Program:

- U.S. citizens and permanent residents of the United States;
- Individuals currently studying, residing, or working outside of their home country;
- Anyone who has already graduated from university
- Local employees of the U.S. missions abroad who work for the U.S. Department of State and/or the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID); employees are also ineligible for one year following the termination of employment;
- Immediate family members (i.e. spouses and children) of U.S. Department of State and USAID employees; family members are also ineligible for one year following the termination of employment;
- Current World Learning employees and their immediate family members.