



2013 – 2014 GLOBAL UNDERGRADUATE EXCHANGE PROGRAM (GLOBAL UGRAD PROGRAM)

The Global UGRAD program will provide one semester (approximately five months) and one academic year (approximately ten months) scholarships to outstanding undergraduate students from non-elite, under-represented sectors in society for non-degree undergraduate study at accredited U.S. two- and four-year institutions. The goal of the program is to provide a diverse group of students with a substantive exchange experience at a U.S. college or university. **The deadline to apply is November 6, 2012.**

Eligibility

Students must:

- Be at least 18 years of age when they arrive in the U.S.;
- Be younger than 24 years at the time of application;
- Be currently enrolled in an undergraduate degree program in their home country and have completed their first year of undergraduate study prior to starting their UGRAD program;
- Have at least one semester or an equivalent term to complete at their home institutions upon completion of their UGRAD program;
- Have a TOEFL PBT score of 500 or higher (61 TOEFL IBT or 173 TOEFL CBT);
- Complete an official TOEFL exam before acceptance (but not before they apply);
- Have little or no prior experience in the United States or elsewhere outside of their home countries; and
- Return to their home countries on completion of the program.

Program Summary

Students accepted into the full academic year program will travel to the U.S. in fall 2013. Students accepted into the one-semester program will travel in fall 2013 or winter 2014. Pre-program English training will dictate an earlier arrival for students who do not meet host institution language requirements.

All Global UGRAD program participants will be enrolled full-time in undergraduate coursework chosen from the host institution's existing curriculum to give students ample opportunity for substantive interaction with U.S. faculty and student peers and to provide exposure to U.S. academic and classroom culture. Participants will live on-campus with American peers. To ensure that students succeed in their new academic environments, host institutions will offer instruction in academic research and writing, critical thinking, time management, note-taking and studying for and taking tests.

While scholarships will be available in all academic fields of study, the program does not encourage study in Medicine, Nursing, Veterinary Medicine, Pharmaceutical Studies, Law and TESL, because of limited opportunities for undergraduate coursework.





Students will not be able to choose their host institution. However, based on academic interests, the program will attempt to place students at the most appropriate participating host institution. This is a non-degree program and it will be the students' responsibility to check with their home institutions to determine whether any credits accumulated during the exchange can be transferred.

Students will be required to participate in a minimum of 10 hours of community service activities per semester. Additionally, an internship component will be required for all academic year participants. Internships will be related to each participant's field of study and/or career plans. Students will also be required to enroll in at least one course per semester in a U.S. studies field, such as American history, literature or government.

On-line applications must be submitted to RangoonUSECA@State.gov.

Hard copies must be sent to Public Affairs Section, The American Center, 14 Tawwin St., Dagon Township, Rangoon.

Upcoming Information Sessions

Monday, October 22, 2012

5:00 p.m.

The American Center, 14 Tawwin Street, Dagon Township

Wednesday, October 24, 2012

4:00 p.m.

MIT, Myanmar Institute of Theology, Seminary Hill, Insein Township

Friday, October 26, 2012

3:30 p.m.

Jefferson Center, 53 Corner of 26th Street & 71st Street, Chan Aye Thar San Township, Mandalay

For more information, please contact the Cultural Affairs Unit, Public Affairs Section, American Embassy, 110 University Avenue, Kamayut Township, Rangoon. Ph: 536509 / 534173, Ext: 4369; email: RangoonUSECA@State.gov.

