

Open Society Institute Undergraduate Exchange Program 2008-2009

The Undergraduate Exchange Program (U.E.P.) supports students from Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Macedonia, Moldova, Mongolia, Romania, and Serbia in the United States for one-year of non-degree academic studies. The program seeks to assist educational and civic development in Southeastern Europe and Mongolia by exposing participants to a liberal arts curriculum, different models of classroom instruction, community service work, and civil society related programming. The U.E.P. combines the U.S. liberal arts academic experience with exposure to American social issues and civic development through involvement in community service related work. The program aims to create lasting ties among participants and their American colleagues thereby contributing to cultural understanding and tolerance.

Participants attend a university or college in the United States for one year. While in the U.S., grantees agree to complete 25 hours a semester of community service work in an area of interest to them. At the end of the year, they are expected to return home to complete their degrees. Once back in their home country, grantees are expected to carry out a community service internship or service project.

Applicants must currently be enrolled as a second-year student at a university in their home country to be eligible. Participant selection and university placement is determined by a panel of experts in the United States. Candidates do not apply to a specific university.

Criteria

In order to qualify for the program, an applicant must:

1. Be a resident of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Macedonia, Moldova, Mongolia, Romania, or Serbia.
2. Be a current second-year undergraduate student studying American Studies, Art History, Classical Studies, Cultural Anthropology, Economic Theory, Fine or Performing Arts, History, International Relations, Journalism, Law, Literature and Languages, Philosophy, Political Science, Sociology, or Women's or Gender Studies.
3. Be enrolled in an accredited university in his or her home country.
4. Be in his or her second year when applying and have at least one year of study remaining at his or her home university when the applicant returns.
5. Have an outstanding academic record.
6. Have a history of community and/or extracurricular involvement.
7. Have spent previous two years in residence in home country.
8. Have not attended a university in the United States.
9. Have not attended high school in the United States for more than one academic semester.
10. Be fluent in reading, writing, and speaking English.
11. Be able to begin studies in the summer of 2008.

Deadline: December 3, 2007
Submit to Student Resource Center – SRCe (Sarajevo) or
Fond Otvoreno Društvo (Banja Luka)

All information's and applications are available at:

Student Resource Center- SRCe, Zmaja do Bosne bb; 71 000 Sarajevo; Bosna i Hercegovina.

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