

LEADERSHIP PROGRAM FOR INDIGENOUS YOUTH 2018

FULL SCHOLARSHIPS FOR SELECTED PARTICIPANTS

The Universidad de las Américas Puebla (UDLAP) with the participation of the U.S. Embassy in Mexico, is proud to announce the opening of a call for candidates for its program for **Native American** students who are currently studying an undergraduate degree at a U.S. accredited institution.

The **LEADERSHIP PROGRAM FOR INDIGENOUS YOUTH** aims to strengthen the abilities of young leaders so they can accurately identify the needs of their hometowns or communities, propose solutions to local problems, and generate public policy proposals in order to promote local development. The program will take place **from May 28 to June 22, 2018**.

We are seeking outstanding candidates, with excellent GPAs who have demonstrated their commitment to their communities through extracurricular activities or show potential to do so.

Program description

The program will be held at UDLAP in Puebla, Mexico and will last four weeks. Weekend field trips and other cultural activities are scheduled throughout the program to complement the academic content.

It is divided into two sections. The first has a theoretical component and includes advanced academic courses; the second focuses on practical components involving workshops to develop competitive skills and conflict resolution strategies.

Different topics will be addressed including international political and economic realities, analyzing the challenges posed by **language, environment and migration**, always emphasizing constructive roles that Native American youth can play.

At the end of the program, participants will present a public policy proposal that addresses a local problem in the participant's hometown or community. Participants will receive feedback to their proposals from academics and experts.

Applicant profile

- Be a Native American
- Be between 18 and 25 years old
- Currently studying an undergraduate degree at an accredited U.S. institution. All fields of study will be considered.
- Have a broad knowledge of current issues in their communities on one of the topics: **language, environment or migration**
- Demonstrate commitment and participation in community and extracurricular activities

Not eligible

In order to participate in the program, it is absolutely necessary to comply the applicant profile and not meet any of the ineligible conditions described below:

- Have concluded all the courses corresponding to his undergraduate degree
- Provide information false or apocryphal

Language

The program will be held in **Spanish**. For this reason, a Spanish language level equivalent to **BI** (Basic Intermediate) is highly recommended. There will be English-speaking college students, faculty and staff who may act as language facilitators.

Funding

The program is funded with contributions from the Mexican private sectors. Thanks to this support, scholarships will be awarded to participants to cover the cost of the academic program, accommodation, meals, and international and local transportation.

Accommodation and services

The accommodation will be in campus dormitories and participants will share a room with other participant of the same sex.

Meals will be provided in the University's cafeteria.

Medical Insurance

Participants are responsible for securing and purchasing health **insurance with international coverage (including full geographic coverage in Mexico)** for the entire program length and it must include **emergency evacuation and repatriation of remains**.

Commitments and Restrictions

It is mandatory to participate in the entire program including extracurricular activities during weekends.

During the program, it will be necessary to comply with the institutional regulations and attend all lectures and activities.

Stay on campus during the program is mandatory for all participants. Academic trips and visits will be coordinated for a pleasant stay. Participants are not allowed to arrive before the program starts or remain after its completion.

To apply

Interested applicants must submit the following documents in a single mail, each one named as specified at the beginning (example: 1_SOLICITUD). All the documents must submit in Word and/or PDF format, except the document 3_TRASLADO which must submit in Excel format.

- 1_SOLICITUD: Complete application form*
- 2_HIST.MED: Medical history form*
- 3_TRASLADO: Travel Route Form*
- 4_RECOMENDACIÓN: A recommendation letter from a professor with his/her contact data (complete name, phone, email)
- 5_ESTUDIOS: Official Academic Transcript with signature and stamp
- 6_IDENTIFICACIÓN: Official Identification
- 7_ESTUDIANTE: Student ID

* Forms can be downloaded from:

<https://liderazgoindigena.udlap.mx>

The mail's Subject must to be the postulant's complete name. The deadline to send the documents is **March 5, 2018** and must be sent to the email liderazgo.indigena@udlap.mx

Presentation video speaking in Spanish

The video must be uploaded on **YouTube**. The applicant must attach the video's link in the space provided in the application form. The video has to have a maximum duration of 30 seconds and it must have the following content:

- Full name
- Age
- Indigenous group to which the applicant belongs
- Name of University where he/she studies
- Reasons why the applicant wishes to participate in the program
- If the applicant masters his native language or dialect at any level, mention a phrase related to "leadership" and translate it in Spanish

Results

A multidisciplinary committee will evaluate applications.

The names of the finalists will be published on **April 3, 2018** in the program's official web page and they will be contacted by e-mail.

UDLAP's Planning and Evaluation General Office will determine the unforeseen cases in this call, as well as its interpretation.

For more information about the program:

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