Global UGRAD Program

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What do you think is the biggest benefit of doing an international exchange program?

- Increasing global awareness
- Gaining new skills
- Getting out of your comfort zone
- Making global connections
- Other

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What is Global UGRAD?

The Global Undergraduate Exchange Program (Global UGRAD Program) is a **scholarship** program funded by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, U.S. Department of State **for emerging undergraduate student leaders from around the world to spend one semester at a U.S. university.**
The program is implemented by World Learning.

What is Global UGRAD?

Global UGRAD participants engage in **undergraduate, non-degree studies** at a diverse U.S. network of accredited institutions.

Participants also engage in local **community service projects** and take part in **cultural enrichment** activities.

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Host Institutions

Global UGRAD participants must:

- Be **18+** in age at the time of the program's start.

- Enrolled as a **full-time undergraduate** student in Montenegro.

- Have familiarity with the **English language.**

- Have finished at least 1 semester of university before the start of the program.

- Have 1+ semester(s) remaining after the end of the program (or equivalent).

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Global UGRAD participants must:

- Be citizens of the country in which they apply for the Global UGRAD Program.

- Study in the country in which they apply for the Global UGRAD Program.

- Be committed to return directly to their home country after the completion of the program.

Preference will be given to those who have had little or NO experience in the U.S. or outside of their home countries.

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Which of the following eligibility criteria is incorrect:

- Be at least 18 years old at the time of the program's start;
- Be enrolled as a full-time undergraduate student in Montenegro;
- Have completed at least one semester of college by January 2024;
- Have at least one academic year remaining after the end of the program;
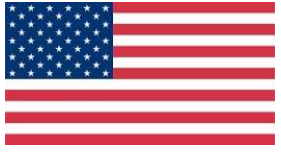- Be a citizen of Montenegro

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Global UGRAD Scholarship Benefits

- Travel to/from the U.S.

- Tuition and fees, including books

- On-campus housing and meal plan

- Settling-in allowance

- Monthly Stipend

- World Learning staff support

- ASPE health insurance

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Get ready!

To complete your application, you will need the following information in **.doc, .docx, .pdf, .jpg, or.jpeg** format:

- Your Passport or Government Issued ID

- Official College/University Transcript

- Academic Letter of Recommendation

- Personal Letter of Recommendation

Note: Letter of Recommendation Forms can be downloaded from the World Learning application site: https://webportalapp.com/sp/closed/ugrad_student_application_2023 or Embassy web-site:https://me.usembassy.gov/global-ugrad/

Apply until December 15, 2023

On-line ONLY @
https://webportalapp.com/sp/ugrad_student_application_2024

More info @
https://me.usembassy.gov/global-ugrad/

For any application web support, contact:
exchangeprograms@worldlearning.org

For programmatic questions, contact:
PodgoricaExchanges@state.gov

Note: Please make sure you read the call first, most of the answers are already there

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Tips

- Do not be afraid to apply! Take time to write your personal statement essay.

- Your English language knowledge and academic success do matter! Be sure to present both well.

- What are your interests? How can you use your U.S. experience upon return to Montenegro?

- Have clear goals in mind (e.g. academic, professional and personal).

- Be honest about your successes and plans. Remember that plagiarism is unforgivable in the U.S. educational system.

Application Essays & Questions

Nailing the essays and making yourself stand out:

DO:
1. Answer the question that is being asked;
2. Be creative, but answer the question;
3. Be professional;
4. Be specific, avoid speaking in general terms;
5. Show why you want to apply for this program, and not some other;
6. Go deep;
7. Keep diversity in mind;
8. Connect the topic to the school;
9. Follow a format;
10. Edit - Seek feedback - Edit.

Application Essays & Questions

Nailing the essays and making yourself stand out:

DO NOT:
1. Lie
2. Name drop
3. Use niche humor
4. Be overly controversial
5. Use too many big words (be yourself)
6. Repeat yourself/ramble
7. Go over the suggested length/word count
8. Regurgitate your resume
9. Make English/grammar errors below your level of English
10. Write it in one sitting and submit

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What should you do to make your essay stand out?
- Provide a lot of detail about your background and resume
- Be specific about how the program will help you reach your goals
- Explain why you want to visit the United States
- Talk about why Global UGRAD is a cool opportunity

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Have Fun!

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Are you going to apply to Global UGRAD?

- **Yes, definitely!**
- **I'm not sure.**
- **No.**
- **I'm not sure if I'm eligible.**

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Application deadline December 15.

Don't wait for the last minute to apply!

Follow us on-line to learn about firsthand experiences!

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Thank you!

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