LEADERSHIP PROGRAM FOR ABORIGINAL YOUTH 2017
FULL SCHOLARSHIPS FOR SELECTED PARTICIPANTS

Universidad de las Américas Puebla (UDLAP) is proud to announce the opening of this program for Aboriginal Canadian students who are currently studying at the undergraduate level at a recognized Canadian higher education institution.

The LEADERSHIP PROGRAM FOR ABORIGINAL YOUTH aims to strengthen the abilities of young leaders so they can accurately identify the necessities of their home towns, provide solutions to local problems and generate public policy proposals to promote local developments. The program will take place from May 29 to June 23, 2017.

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

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

Applicant profile
- Be an Aboriginal Canadian
- Between 18 and 25 years old
- Currently studying at the undergraduate level at a recognized Canadian higher education institution
- Have a broad knowledge of current issues in their communities on language, health or migration
- Demonstrate commitment and involvement in community and extracurricular activities

Program description

The program will be held at UDLAP in Puebla, Mexico and will last four weeks. Weekend extracurricular activities are scheduled throughout the program.

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

Different topics will be addressed including international political and economic reality, analyzing the challenges regarding language, health and migration, which always emphasize the key role of Aboriginal youth.

Language

The program will be held in Spanish. For this reason, a Spanish language level equivalent to B1 (Basic Intermediate) is highly recommended. There will be English-speaking college students, faculty and staff who may act as support.

Funding

The program is funded by contributions from the Mexican private sector and education sector. Thanks to their support, scholarships will be awarded to participants to cover the cost of the academic program, accommodation, food and 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 are provided in the University dining hall.

Medical Insurance

Participants need to purchase insurance with international coverage (including full geographic coverage in Mexico Country) for the entire program length and it must include emergency evacuation and repatriation of remains.

Commitments and Restrictions

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

During the program it will be necessary to comply with the institutional regulations, 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 the end.

To apply

Interested applicants must submit the following documents, each one named as specified at the beginning (example: _SOLICITUD). This documents have to be sent March 6, 2017 as deadline to liderazgo.indigena@udlap.mx

- 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
- 5_ESTUDIOS: Official Academic Transcript with signature and stamp
- 6_IDENTIFICACIÓN: Official Identification
- 7_ESTUDIANTE: Student ID

* Forms can be downloaded from: www.udlap.mx/liderazgo/

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 45 seconds and it must have the following content:

- Full name
- Age
- Aboriginal community to which applicant belongs
- Name of University where he/she studies
- Reasons why the applicant wishes to participate in the program
- In case of speaking some dialect, mention a symbolic leadership phrase with a Spanish translation

Results

Applications will be reviewed by a multidisciplinary committee.

The names of the finalists will be published by April 4, on the official web page of the program, and finalists will also be contacted by e-mail.

For more information about the program:

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