

KEITH SHERIN GLOBAL LEADERS: STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM

Global Citizenship: A Summer Study Tour for TRIO College Students in
The Hague, Netherlands

June 21—July 13, 2024



TRIO students attending The Hague Summer School, The Hague University of Applied Sciences

The Council for Opportunity in Education (COE) is excited to co-sponsor the 2024 Keith Sherin Global Leaders: Study Abroad Program with COE's international partners, ECHO and The Hague University of Applied Sciences.

About the Program

Accompanied by two COE Group Leaders, you will spend the first week with ECHO getting to know your host country! Where you will learn about the Netherlands' social and educational context. Your study will focus on higher education and cultural diversity in theory and practice. Under the auspices of ECHO, the Center for Diversity Policy, your group will visit Amsterdam as well as meet student leaders representing migrant communities.

For the next two weeks, you will study at The Hague Summer School, a cutting-edge modular set of courses based on the United Nations 17 Sustainable Development Goals. Courses will focus on solving global issues by connecting the public and private sectors. Each student will be enrolled in one general course and one elective course.

Students will rank the elective courses in order of their preference and we will do our best to provide the students with their top or second choice.

The courses shown below were offered in previous Summer School programs:

- Peace, Justice, Human Rights & European Union Cooperation
- Local Impact of Global Migration
- Sustainable Entrepreneurial Thinking
- Current Trends in Finance and Economics

This is a rigorous academic program that requires coursework, field research, and social learning. Study may be required prior to departure. For example, some reading or journaling may be required to prepare for coursework.

[The Hague Summer School is accredited by The Hague University of Applied Sciences.](#)
[All instruction is in English.](#)

After completing the program, academic transcripts are issued by The Hague University of Applied Sciences (THUAS), which awards four (4) European credit hours (the equivalent of 2 U.S. credits). Students seeking credit for the program are encouraged to consult with their registrar's office and their academic advisor prior to leaving the U.S. You will know which elective course you are enrolled in around May 2024.

This unique experience will allow you to prepare for a future international career, enrich your personal growth, and develop your talents through teamwork, debate, and sharing knowledge, all while making life-long friends from around the world.

The Hague Summer School experience will also allow you to discover the city of The Hague and have fun through the social and cultural programming offered in the evenings and on weekends.

There is no better place to learn and practice world citizenship than in The Hague (*Den Haag*), the International City of Peace and Justice, and the political and cultural heart of the Netherlands.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



United Nations 17 Sustainable Development Goals

Student Eligibility

Students must be of sophomore status or higher at a 2 or 4-year college and enrolled in a TRIO Student Support Services or McNair program at an institution that has an active COE Institutional Membership. To find out if your TRIO program host institution is an active member, please consult your TRIO Director. If they do not know, please have them contact COE at 202-347-3470 or email membership@coenet.org.

Students must be nominated by their TRIO program Director to be considered for the program. The program is a rigorous program that will stretch the student to new limits. Support from the TRIO Director ensures that the student applying is ready academically, physically capable, and emotionally mature for the experience.

Nominated students must understand that they will be enrolled in rigorous courses, therefore they must be in good academic and social standing with their institution, have at least sophomore status, and have demonstrated leadership ability and potential.

Additionally, a great deal of physical activity is required to participate fully in the program. For example, activities may require extensive (2-3hrs) continuous walking on cobblestone streets and climbing narrow stairs daily.

Students will be representing not only themselves, but their family, TRIO program, institution, city, state, region, United States, and COE in their discussions and participation. Therefore, it is imperative that the students also demonstrate leadership ability and sound judgment.

Priority will be given to sophomores and juniors, and to those who have not previously studied or traveled overseas.

Application Process and Program Fees

To apply, complete the 2024 Keith Sherin Global Leaders: Study Abroad program application, found [here](#), no later than 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on Tuesday, January 16, 2024.

The application will ask you to submit the following supporting materials:

- Two-part student essay (max 1,000 words) describing:
 - Your interest in studying abroad and its relation to your academic, personal, and professional goals and
 - Strategies you have used in the past or plan to use while abroad when dealing with culture shock in a new environment.
- Unofficial Transcript

In order for your application to be complete, COE must receive your \$250 deposit, preferably via the [2024 Keith Sherin Global Leaders: Study Abroad Program Payment Form](#) by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on Tuesday, January 16, 2024. If you do not have a card to process payment, please send your deposit to the COE office via a check or money order.

- Checks and Money Orders must be addressed to either “Council for Opportunity in Education” OR “COE”
- Please include KS, your name, and your TRIO Program Host Institution in the memo.

See the example below:

The image shows a check form with the following fields filled out:

- DATE:** January 16, 2024
- PAY TO THE ORDER OF:** Council for Opportunity in Education
- Amount:** \$250.00
- Amount in Words:** Two-Hundred and Fifty Dollars and 00/100 DOLLARS
- MEMO:** KS - Vanessa Ramirez – CSU, Chico
- Signature:** Vanessa Ramirez
- Check Number:** 325760408
- Routing Number:** 0031921
- Bank Code:** 0583
- Check Type:** 42

Send your check via USPS “certified mail” or with a FED-EX/UPS “tracking number” to the following address:

Council for Opportunity in Education
ATTN: Angela Holley
1025 Vermont Ave. NW, Suite 400
Washington, D.C. 20005

Your deposit information will either be deleted (card), shredded (check), or returned in the form of a refund check (money order) should you not be selected for this year's program.

Deposits will not be processed until the applicant accepts their selection for the program.

In addition, you will need to request the following supporting materials to be completed by your TRIO Program Director and a TRIO Program Staff Member. Please ask your TRIO Director and TRIO Staff Member to send these supporting materials to Angela Holley at angela.holley@coenet.org with the subject line "KS - Your Name - Insert Name of Document" by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on Tuesday, January 16, 2024:

- [Nomination Form from TRIO Program Director](#)
- Letter of Recommendation from TRIO Director/Staff Member who knows the student well and can share more about the student than just their academic profile. Such as, how the applicant has demonstrated their ability, patience, and flexibility in adjusting to new environments/situations.

Completed applications will be given to COE's International Access Committee using a formula to assure that each committee member has a diverse applicant pool from across the United States and not from their respective region. Be sure to take care in completing your application, as each of the following sections are considered when selecting the final group to enroll in the program.

- COE Institutional Member
- Good Academic / Social Standing
- Director Recommendation
- First-Time Traveler for Academic Purposes (can still be considered if this is not your first time)
- Demonstrated Leadership Ability and Potential
- Class Standing (Priority will be given to sophomores and juniors)
- Interest in studying abroad and its relation to academic, personal, and professional goals
- Strategies for dealing with culture shock in a new environment/situation
- The overall quality of your essay.

Students and TRIO Directors will be notified of their status by Monday, February 5, 2024.

Possible notification statuses include:

- Accepted

- Waitlisted
- Not Accepted

Selected students will need to accept their admission to the program by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on Monday, February 12, 2024, and ensure that their remaining program balance is due by the dates outlined below:

- \$250 Deposit - Tuesday, January 16, 2024
- \$750 - Tuesday, March 12, 2024
- \$750 - Tuesday, April 16, 2024
- \$750 - Tuesday, May 14, 2024

Further instructions and documents will be provided to selected students in their acceptance letters.

Program Cost and Financial Assistance

Thanks to the generous corporate support of Mr. Keith Sherin and his wife Janet, and the many COE institutional members who support the program via their institutional membership dues and personal contributions, the total **2024 program fee is \$2,500.**

The COE 2024 Keith Sherin Global Leaders: Study Abroad program fee includes the following:

- Hotel and meal costs associated with the pre-departure orientation (dinner, breakfast, lunch);
- Roundtrip air travel between the U.S. departure site, New York, and Amsterdam with one bag according to the selected airline;
- Ground transportation in the Netherlands, including airport transfers to and from The Hague;
- Program costs associated with the one week with ECHO, including meals, snacks, and living arrangements.
- Tuition and fees for the courses, living arrangements at The Hague University Summer Program, and some meals;
- Emergency medical insurance;
- Program group excursions;
- Unlimited Public Transportation Cards to use in Amsterdam and the Hague

The program fee does *not* include:

- Roundtrip travel from the student's home to the departure site, New York City's JFK Airport;
- Student passports, passport photos (and visas, if necessary);

- Immunizations;
- Luggage handling for domestic flights and extra fees for oversized/overweight and additional luggage;
- Independent sightseeing expenses;
- Personal items;
- Telephone calls;
- Optional insurance for baggage and/or trip cancellation;
- and reimbursement for lost or stolen personal items or currency.

Students are expected to cover the cost of most of their own meals. In previous years, participants have saved money by cooking together in the common kitchen provided by student housing.



Mr. Keith Sherin is the former senior vice president and chief financial officer of General Electric Company. He and his wife are committed to helping TRIO-eligible students attain international and domestic leadership experiences. Pictured are Keith Sherin Global Leaders: Study Abroad Participants, Keith and Janet Sherin, and a Keith Sherin Semester in Washington, D.C. Internship Participant.

Please work closely with your TRIO Director to determine if you can use TRIO Program funds to help pay for your study abroad experience. It will be the responsibility of your TRIO Director to work closely with their U.S. Department of Education Program Specialist to obtain approval for your travel. This approval is awarded on a case-by-case basis. Therefore, please plan to consider other financial options to cover the expenses associated with the Keith Sherin Global Leaders Study Abroad program.

Financial assistance from [regional and state TRIO associations](#) may also be available. Please work with your TRIO Program Director in contacting your respective regional and state TRIO associations for assistance.

Additionally, your institution may have funds available. The COE membership community has shared a template to assist with asking for financial assistance to attend the Keith Sherin Global Leaders: Study Abroad program. To download and customize the template to fit your needs and audience, please click [here](#). Please let your TRIO Director and COE know if you are in need of additional examples of how students have successfully obtained financial assistance for this educational experience.

COE encourages all eligible students to apply for the [Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship](#) due Thursday, March 7, 2024, at 11:59 pm Pacific Time. To be eligible for the Gilman Program scholarship, applicants must be receiving a Federal Pell Grant during the time of application or provide proof that they will be receiving a Pell Grant during the time of their study abroad program or internship. Recipients of this award can receive up to \$5,000 to assist with paying for their study abroad experience. For more information and to complete the application click [here](#).

Pre-Departure and Re-Entry Orientations

Accepted students will be required to attend the following Pre-Departure and Re-Entry Orientations. These calls will assist with introducing the group prior to their departure, making sure program requirements are clear, and that your questions and concerns are answered and alleviated prior to your departure.

- Virtual Meet and Greet with COE Staff, Student Group, and Group Leaders - Wednesday, March 13, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time
- Virtual Program Partners Orientation with COE Staff, International Partners, Student Group, Group Leaders, and TRIO Director/Staff/Nominator - Date to be determined for April
- Virtual Student Group and Group Leader Check-In with COE Staff - Wednesday, May 29, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time
- In-Person Pre-Departure Orientation - Friday, June 21, 2024 - Saturday, June 22, 2024
- Re-Entry Orientation - July 22, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. E.T.

Insurance

COE purchases emergency medical and accident insurance for all participants in the event of illness or injury. Treatment related to pre-existing conditions is not covered. Participants should make sure their U.S. policy will cover emergency expenses related to pre-existing conditions.

Program Changes and Cancellation

Proof of COVID-19 vaccinations were not required as of 10/17/2023 to participate in the program, nor are they required for U.S Citizens / Residents to go to the host country and return to the United States and its territories. However, this requirement may change suddenly.

Students who commit to participate in the program agree to follow mandates and guidelines in the host country that are in effect or may be put into effect during the program. Please note that at any time, COE retains the right to amend the itinerary as needed. COE and our partners also reserve the right to cancel the program. In the event of cancellation, student payments will be refunded.

Withdrawal

Students wishing to withdraw from the Keith Sherin Global Leaders: Study Abroad Program after acceptance must inform COE in writing by emailing Angela Holley at angela.holley@coenet.org. The uncommitted portion of the program fee (recoverable transportation, travel agency, housing, or class activity fees) will be refunded, minus a \$300 handling fee. No refunds will be granted after Wednesday, May 1, 2024, except in the case of program cancellation.

For more information, contact Angela Holley at angela.holley@coenet.org



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Important Deadlines/Dates

- Tuesday, January 16, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. ET:** Student Application, Nomination Form, Letter of Recommendation & Deposit Due
- Monday, February 5, 2024 by 5:00 p.m. ET:** Student and TRIO Directors Notified of Selection Status
- Monday, February 12, 2024 by 5:00 p.m. ET:** Selected Students submit their decision to participate in the program.
- Tuesday, March 12, 2024:** \$750 installment due
- Wednesday, March 13, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. ET:** Virtual Meet and Greet with COE, Student Group, and Group Leaders
- April (Date and Time TBD):** Virtual Program Partners Orientation with COE, International Partners, Student Group, Group Leaders, and TRIO Director/Staff/Nominator
- Tuesday, April 16, 2024:** \$750 installment due
- Tuesday, May 14, 2024:** \$750 installment due
- Wednesday, May 29, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. ET:** Virtual Student and Group Leader Group Check-In with COE Staff
- Friday, June 21, 2024 - Saturday, June 22, 2024:** In-Person Pre-Departure Orientation
- July (Date and Time TBD):** Re-Entry Orientation