



COUNCIL *for* OPPORTUNITY *in* EDUCATION



KEITH SHERIN GLOBAL LEADERS STUDY ABROAD HANDBOOK

APPLICATION INFORMATION

2025

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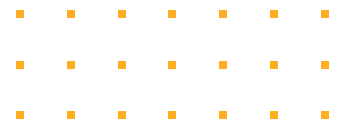
The Council for Opportunity in Education (COE) is a nonprofit organization, established in 1981, dedicated to furthering the expansion of college opportunities for low-income, first-generation students, and students with disabilities in all 50 states, Washington, D.C., the Pacific Islands, and Puerto Rico

Related to our charge of helping students to overcome economic, social, academic, and cultural barriers to higher education, the Council for Opportunity in Education (COE) believes international experiences are crucial to helping students understand and prepare for the roles they will play in their society and in the world at large. Our members are U.S. colleges and universities hosting the Federal TRIO Programs, which assist low-income students who are first in their families to attend university, and students with disabilities to prepare for, enter and complete postsecondary education.



Over the last two decades, the Keith Sherin Global Leaders Study Abroad (KSSA) program has had tangible, far-reaching effects on the lives of more than 450 students. Moreover, several alumni have noted that the impacts have been multigenerational, extending to their parents, siblings, peers, and children. The study abroad experience led several participants to change their academic majors and their professional goals; several decided, as a consequence, to pursue careers in international education and international affairs

Point of Contact



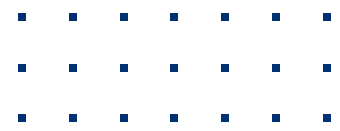
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Monday -Friday

2025 KSSA Experience



General Information



COE is excited to sponsor 10 TRIO SSS/McNair students to participate in the 2025 Keith Sherin Global Leaders Program. Students will have the opportunity to study global sustainability goals, peace, and justice in The Hague, Netherlands from June 27-July 26, 2025.

What to Expect

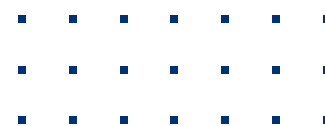


Students will spend the first week getting to know the host country! They will learn about the Netherlands' social and educational context with a specific focus on higher education and culture in theory and practice. Under the auspices of the ECHO Center, students will visit Amsterdam as well as meet student leaders representing migrant communities.

Following time spent at ECHO, students will study at The Hague University of Applied Science (HAUS) Summer School. HAUS offers a cutting-edge modular set of courses based on the United Nations 17 Sustainable Development Goals. The courses focus on solving global issues by connecting the public and private sectors. 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, cultural heart of the Netherlands. The Hague Summer School program is accredited by The Hague University of Applied Sciences. All instruction is in English.

Students get the opportunity to discover the city of The Hague. All students are paired with students at HAUS. There's an extensive social and cultural program for all Summer School students during the afternoon and evening.

2025 KSSA Experience



Academic Credit



Academic transcripts for the program are issued by The Hague University of Applied Sciences (THUAS), which awards four (4) European credit hours (the equivalent of 2 U.S. credits) for the program provided. Students seeking credit for the program are encouraged to consult with their registrar's office and their academic adviser prior to leaving the U.S.

Pre & Post Departure

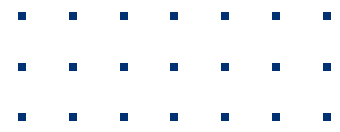


Students accepted into the program will take part in at least one virtual meeting with COE and their partners to discuss the academic requirements and logistics related to the short-term study abroad program. They will receive several emails with useful information. Therefore, It is important that they check email frequently.

Before departure, students will attend a one-day orientation in New York City. During this orientation students will be introduced to their peer group as well as the group leaders who will be chaperoning the trip abroad. Topics address during the meet and will provide additional guidance about the host country and health and safety measures

Upon return to the U.S., students will take part in a virtual re-entry meeting. During this time, students will discuss their experience and learn how it connects with their future career goals.

Application



1 Deadline

To apply, complete the student application form and upload supporting materials no later than **Monday, February 24 at 5:00 p.m. ET**. The supporting materials include:

- Two-part student essay describing: (a) your interest in studying abroad and its relation to your academic, personal, and professional goals and (b) strategies for dealing with culture shock in a new context or setting..
- Nomination Form from a TRIO Program Director.
- Letter of Recommendation from a TRIO Director/Staff Member
- Unofficial Transcript.
- A photo of your passport or evidence of submission of the passport application.

2 Form

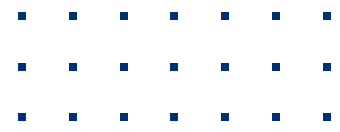
The application can be found at this [link](#) or by scanning the QR code below. Only **complete** applications will be considered. Please review the application carefully to ensure that all questions are answered and uploads are complete.



3 Fees

The registration fee for the KSSA Program is **\$2,750**. As part of the application process, students are required to submit a **deposit of \$250**. If the student is selected to participate in the KSSA program, the \$250 will be applied toward the total registration cost. The deposit will not be processed for students who are not selected.

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3 Fees Continued

This registration fee includes:

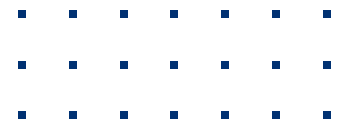
- Hotel and meal costs associated with the pre-departure orientation (dinner, breakfast, lunch);
- Roundtrip air travel (cost of \$1,600) between the U.S. departure site, New York, and Amsterdam with one bag according to the selected airline;
- Ground transportation in the Netherlands, including airport 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

The registration fee does not include:

(Note: these costs will be in addition to the \$2,750 registration fee)

- 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.

Application



4 Eligibility

- Current TRIO college program (SSS/McNair) participant;
- Good academic and social standing with their institutions;
- Have at least sophomore status;
- Demonstrated leadership ability and potential;
- Host TRIO institution must be an active member of COE.
- Applicants must be nominated and receive ongoing guidance and support from a TRIO Program Director.
- Preference given to sophomores and juniors.

5 Applicant Expectations

- Submit a copy of your **passport**.
- If the student **does not** have a passport, **they must provide evidence** of completion of their passport application. It can take up to three months to obtain a passport. Students **must** apply for their passport before submitting the KSSA application. It can take up to three months to process a passport and the information will be needed to confirm student flights to the Netherlands.
- Submit a **\$250 Deposit** with the application.
- If accepted, submit the remaining payment of **\$2,500 by May 1, 2025**.

Payment Process



Credit Card

- To pay the \$250 deposit using a credit card by using this [link](#) or scanning the QR code below.



Check

- A payment by check can be sent 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. Suite 400
Washington, D.C. 20005

- Checks should be made out to the ***“Council for Opportunity in Education”*** or ***“COE”***.

Payment Plan

- If a student is accepted, they must submit the remaining payment of \$2,500 by May 1, 2025. This is a hard deadline, with no exceptions. Failure to make payment by this date will result in the student being removed from the travel list.. An installment payment plan will be made available as follows:
 - March 17, 2025: \$750.00
 - April 14, 2025: \$875.00
 - May 1, 2025: \$875.00

Resources



Student Guide

- A comprehensive handbook about Study Abroad can be found [here](#).

Staff Guide

- A comprehensive guide for about Study Abroad for TRIO staff can be [here](#).

Passport

- Information about the passport process can be found [here](#).

Gilman Scholarship Program (Application Now Open)

- The U.S. Department of State's [Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program](#) (Gilman Program) supports students of limited financial means to study or intern abroad, providing them with skills critical to our national security and economic prosperity. To be eligible for the Gilman Program, 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 term of their study abroad program or internship. You are highly encouraged to apply before the application closes on March 6, 2025.

Fundraising

- Information about fundraising ideas for the study abroad experience can be found [here](#).
- A sample donation letter can be found [here](#).

Important Dates



- **Monday, February 24, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. ET:**
 - Student application with supporting documentation & \$250 deposit due
- **Wednesday, March 5, 2025, by 5:00 p.m. ET:**
 - Student and TRIO Directors notified of selection status
- **Wednesday, March 12, 2025, by 5:00 p.m. ET:**
 - Selected students submit their decision to participate in the program.
- **Thursday, March 13, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. ET:**
 - Virtual meet and greet (attendance is mandatory).
- **Monday, March 17, 2025:**
 - \$750 installment due
- **April (Date and Time TBD):**
 - Virtual Program Partners Orientation (attendance is mandatory)
- **Monday, April 14, 2025:**
 - \$875 installment due
- **Thursday, May 1, 2025:**
 - Final \$875 installment due
- **Wednesday, May 28, 2025, at 500 p.m. ET:**
 - Virtual student and group leader check-In with COE Staff (attendance is mandatory).
- **Friday, June 27, 2025- Saturday, June 28, 2025:**
 - In-Person Pre-Departure Orientation
- **Saturday, June 28, 2025:**
 - Student departure
- **Saturday, July 26, 2025:**
 - Students return to the U.S.
- **July (Date and Time TBD):**
 - Re-Entry Orientation (attendance is mandatory)