



Global Outlook (GO) Institute

The Global Outlook (GO) Institute is an intensive, one-semester opportunity for graduate students to explore international approaches to academic leadership preparation. It is particularly relevant for graduate students who aspire to careers in the academy at the faculty or administrative level.

Mission

To cultivate a global perspective on leadership responsibilities in university-level education, enabling GO Ambassadors to integrate global awareness into their pedagogies and practices as academic professionals.

Objectives

Go Ambassadors will:

- Experience alternative models for secondary and higher education through discussion of scholarship and travel abroad
- Cultivate professional relationships with representatives from universities abroad by exchanging perspectives on education in a global society
- Apply diverse cultural values of education to their pedagogies, practices, and methods in a culminating, sustainable collaborative project
- Witness an example of a faculty-led study abroad program from the perspective of both student and educator
- Prepare for leadership roles in academia by gaining a global perspective on education
- Enhance their marketability as they advance from graduate student to academic professional in an increasingly global job market

GO Ambassadors will meet several times at TCU over the course of the Spring 2018 semester. In these meetings, Ambassadors will engage with recent scholarship on academic leadership in a global society, study international models of education in comparison to the American education system, and discuss global issues in higher education with academic leaders from TCU. In May 2018, Ambassadors will travel abroad for 10-12 days to meet with representatives

of universities in the UK and Europe, enabling them to form and maintain valuable global connections. Upon their return, GO Ambassadors will collaborate on sustainable, multi-media projects that apply global perspectives to concepts of academic leadership and consider the implications of the Institute on their own future academic and professional work.

Requirements

To be considered for the GO Institute, students must **attend one of three information sessions** and submit an application. The **application** (in this document following the information section) requires a **statement of interest** detailing their international interest and career aspirations, and **two letters of recommendation** from faculty or staff who can attest to the appropriateness of this opportunity for you and to your appropriateness for selection to the group. All materials must be **submitted no later than Noon on Tuesday, October 31, 2017**. Submit application including statement to Graduate Studies (Sadler Hall 3101) or send to [GSR Graduate Studies](#). Letters of recommendation should be sent directly to [Dr. Melhart](#) by recommenders.

Information Session Dates

Session I: Includes GO Institute 2017 Fellows' Presentations. Friday, September 15, 2017, 4:00-5 pm, Scharbauer Hall Debate Chamber (first floor, to left of elevator).

Session II: Tuesday, September 19, 2017, 4:00 pm-5:00 pm, 1005 Sadler Hall

Session III: Friday, September 29, 2017, 12:00 pm-1:00 pm, 1005 Sadler Hall

If you have conflicts for all the dates and want to apply, please email tcugradstudies@tcu.edu to make other arrangements.

GO Abroad Travel Dates and Costs

Students selected as GO Ambassadors will attend one meeting in the fall and several meetings in the spring semester.

The GO Abroad trip will tentatively take place between Tuesday, May 22, 2018 and Saturday, June 2, 2018, with the option to travel before or after (at your own expense). The trip will begin in London, UK and end in Trier, Germany.

Graduate Studies funds all selected Ambassadors for the GO Institute. This funding includes the following:

- \$800 Travel Grant for air travel
- Eleven nights lodging
- Most meals
- Train travel and other transportation to and from GO Abroad events

GO Ambassadors will be responsible for spending money, any meals during optional activities or free time, and flight cost beyond \$800.

Questions?

Please contact Graduate Studies GA Tim Ballingall or Dean Bonnie Melhart.

Global Outlooks on Education Institute Application

All application materials are due to Graduate Studies (Sadler Hall 3101) no later than 5:00 PM on Tuesday, November 1, 2016. Due to the competitive nature of the program, incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

Applicant Information	
Name:	
Department and TCU Address:	
Degree in Progress:	Anticipated Degree Completion Date:
Present and prior assistantships held (TA, GA, GI, RA, etc.):	
Dissertation/Thesis Title:	
Dissertation Chair/Academic Advisor:	
Languages spoken:	
Previous travel abroad:	Are you interested in help attaining a passport?

Statement of Interest

Please attach a 500 to 750-word statement of interest that addresses the following questions:

- Describe an experience that took you out of your own culture (traveling abroad, a meaningful cultural event or experience, etc.). How have these experiences shaped your perspective or worldview with regard to higher education?
- How do the stated aims of the Global Outlook Institute fit with your vision of your future career (academic or professional)? Why do you want to participate?

Recommendation Letters

The Global Outlook Institute requires two letters of recommendation to be submitted via email. Your recommenders should speak in some capacity to how this program will benefit you in the pursuit of your career goals and you capacity to actively participate in the program. Recommenders should email letters to Bonnie Melhart at b.melhart@tcu.edu.

Recommender Name:

Recommender Name:

Additional Endorsement

Graduate Program Coordinator:

Graduate Program Coordinator Signature: _____

(In lieu of Coordinator signature, Coordinator may send endorsement to Dr. Melhart via email.)

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Application Completion

- Applicant information
- Attached statement
- Attached recommendation letters
- Endorsements

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