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INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT (ICLD) PROGRAM

TRANSFORMATIONAL LEADERSHIP FOR SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER 2015

WANTED: People committed to getting involved.

The University of Missouri South African Education Program is offering a pioneering community leadership education program that will be conducted concurrently in Missouri and South Africa. The comprehensive program includes classroom work, real-world activities, interactive exercises, community service and traveling to South Africa for two weeks to learn about community building in the global context.

- This is a revised version of the program announced last spring

As this is the first year we have a very limited number of slots available, but we are happy to announce that we are able to subsidize the expense of this first program year so that the total cost to you is less than the air fare alone.

→ Classes September 3 - 5, and September 17 - 19 (Thursday evening through most of Saturday) in Columbia MO. See details for all dates and times.

→ Travel to Cape Town, South Africa, October 3 – 18. Dates may vary by one or two days on either end, depending on air fares.

→ Geared towards adults who want to take their community involvement to the next level; an action plan will be developed at the end of the program

→ Subsidized fee includes air fare, meals and lodging while in South Africa

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“LEADERSHIP FOR SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT”

BACKGROUND and PURPOSE
The University of Missouri and the University of the Western Cape have had a formal partnership since 1986, when South Africa’s oppressive apartheid policies required separate education of the races. The partnership began as an educational initiative to aid South Africans disadvantaged by their government’s restrictive policies.

“The University of the Western Cape has a history of creative struggle against oppression, discrimination and disadvantage. Among academic institutions it has been in the vanguard of South Africa's historic change, playing a distinctive academic role in helping to build an equitable and dynamic nation.”

Much has changed since those early days, especially in South Africa, today a democracy with a multi-ethnic society and the second largest economy on the African continent. More than 500 faculty exchange visits have taken place between the two institutions, and a scholarship program supports student exchanges. In 2009, MU Extension committed to the partnership by connecting its community development extension program with UWC’s community engagement unit. Among their activities has been collaborating on a series of webinars exploring community issues of mutual concern. Building on this past success, the engagement team sought to take international collaboration in community development to the next level by developing and simultaneously implementing a community leadership program. The ICL program is the pilot of that effort.

WHO MAY APPLY?
Anyone seeking to improve their leadership skills and apply those skills in bettering their community. This may include volunteers, community workers, nonprofit employees, clergy, educators, health care workers, coaches, and college students. Preference will be given to applicants with some experience in volunteering and/or community leadership.

Eligibility requirements
→ Must be 18 years of age or older
→ Able to commit to the entire program schedule (except in documented emergencies) and willing to fully participate
→ Possess or able to obtain a valid passport
→ Missouri resident
→ Access to a computer and Internet preferred (documents will be shared online)

EXPECTATIONS and TIME COMMITMENT
As this is a new program we will be conducting a comprehensive evaluation, so it is necessary that participants complete all segments of the program. Our partner institution in this program, University of Western Cape, is conducting the relevant research. A signed informed consent form must be included with your application to the program.

1 Western Cape is a province in the country of South Africa, and is roughly the same size as Missouri.
There are four components to the ICLD program:

1. Classroom (direct learning): 32 hours over 6 days in September, plus a 3-hour orientation (35 hours total).

2. Practicum: the two-week exchange visit to South Africa will include at least 22 hours of program time. There will be time will be scheduled near the end for shopping and site seeing. You will be expected to complete written reflections, develop an action plan, and make a presentation at the end of the exchange.

3. Assignments and self-study: Approximately 15 hours; includes readings, short writing assignments, and movies.

4. Follow-up activities: We will request a post-program interview and/or survey completion after 6 months, then annually for 5 years.

Following completion of the program, participants may choose to continue involvement with the program, such as serving on the planning committee; and/or as mentors, hosts, or group leaders. Participants may also choose to participate in future trainings.

**SCHEDULE**
The full course calendar is as follows:

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*Refreshments will be provided.*

**Actual travel dates may vary by a day or two on either end of the date range**

**CLASS LOCATION**
Classes will take place at the University of Missouri Extension office in Columbia, 1012 Highway UU. The site is just off the I-70 exit for Fayette. *Please note that Highway UU south of the office is closed this summer for bridge replacement. This will only affect those coming the “back way” from town.*

**FINANCIAL COMMITMENT**
The program fee is $1,000; with a minimum of $200 payable up-front with the application and the remaining $800 due by September 19, 2015. *Applicants are encouraged to explore sponsorships through employers, civic groups, churches, community groups, and crowdfunding sites.*

The subsidized fee covers course materials; instructor and speaker expenses; classroom refreshments; ground transportation for local tours in Missouri and in South Africa; round-trip air fare to Cape Town, South Africa; lodging and meals while in South Africa. Any additional or personal expenses are the responsibility of the course participant.

*The University of Missouri is an equal opportunity/ADA institution.*
This course may be taken for credit at the University of Missouri through Rural Sociology independent study courses (graduate or undergraduate). However, all applicable MU fees and tuition are the responsibility of the student. If this option interests you talk to the program facilitator.

TO APPLY
Everything you need should be in this packet. A fully completed application must have 3 items:
1. A completed application form
2. A signed informed consent form
3. A check for $200 payable to: University of Missouri Extension

DEADLINE: August 28, 2015 (submit as early as possible to increase likelihood of acceptance)

SEND APPLICATION PACKETS and DIRECT QUESTIONS TO:
The Missouri ICLD program facilitator: Letitia (Tish) Johnson, University of Missouri Extension Boone County Center, 1012 Highway UU, Columbia MO 65203. Email: JohnsonLK@missouri.edu. Phone: (573) 445-9792