



# 2010 Global Leadership Education (GLE)

## 21-Day Study Program

January 3 - January 23, 2010

**PROGRAM INFORMATION** -- Please read carefully.

### **21-Day Study Program 2010**

The focus of the 2010 GLE study program to Thailand is *volunteerism and community service for emerging young professionals between the ages of 22 and 35*. The goals are to

1. Deepen and broaden the delegate's understanding of community service and the role non-governmental organizations (NGOs), charities and other service organizations play in their communities; how community needs are identified; and the organizational structures and funding of service organizations.
2. Learn different ways that people participate more fully in their communities and in civic responsibilities.
3. Increase collaboration and build partnerships, new programming, and linkages between Missouri and institutions and people in Thailand.

Delegates in the international exchange will build capacity for leadership in these areas and gain an understanding of the roles that both volunteerism and community service play in increasing civic engagement and contributing to community sustainability in Thailand. Potential sites to be visited in Thailand include community foundations, orphanages, community economic development enterprises, rural health initiatives, community agricultural projects, immigrant communities and other community development and service organizational activities. Expenses, including airfare, meals, hotels and ground transportation, are covered by the grant which supports this study program. (For more information on expenses see "Costs" under Critical Program Information in next section.)

In Thailand, the Community Development Department of the Royal Thai government will host the Missouri delegation to carry out similar exchange activities and in Missouri, University of Missouri Extension, GLE Program, will host the Thai delegation in May-June 2009. Both Missouri and Thai delegates will have an opportunity in their host country to visit local leaders, public and private organizations, as well as cultural and historic sites.

### **Who should apply?**

Applications are invited from Missouri citizens, **who will be 22 to 35 years of age at time of the application announcement**, and are involved in various forms of community development, volunteerism and/or service organizations. Applicants will be a diverse group of community organizational, volunteer and service leaders and members, political leaders, educators, youth advocates and others who show the capacity to become effective in those roles.

Efforts will be made to have representatives from community and neighborhood organizations, the business and civic sector, government, non-profit organizations, the media, religious organizations, educational entities, and University of Missouri Extension as well as diversity in gender, ethnicity, and geographic area.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Applicant's professional or community or volunteer activities can relate broadly to the 2010 GLE program objectives listed in **Study Program 2010**. Primary criteria used to select participants will be:

- Plans to use the information learned during the study program in professional, community or volunteer activities in Missouri and
- How applicants indicate they can contribute to the "learning community" which the group will form.

Preference will be given to applicants who have NOT participated in previous GLE exchanges.

**NOTE: University of Missouri Extension personnel who apply must have six months of service, at the time of application, with an expectation for continuation in their career AND submit a letter from their supervisors approving their application. Grant-funded employees must provide verification that participation in this study program fits within the scope of their program's objectives.**

### CRITICAL PROGRAM INFORMATION

#### 1. Program dates and requirements

Application (please download .pdf file)

Completed applications and letters of support must be received with the application

**Both letters of support and applications should be mailed to:**

Sandra S. Hodge, Ph.D.  
Director, GLE Program  
230 Gentry Hall  
University of Missouri  
Columbia, MO 65211

For additional information visit the GLE website at

<http://extension.missouri.edu/cd/gle/>

or contact Dr. Sandra Hodge at 573-882-4435; email

[hodges@missouri.edu](mailto:hodges@missouri.edu)

#### **Travel dates to Thailand—21 days**

Group departs St. Louis January 3, 2010 in the morning and returns January 23. Flights will be on a U.S. carrier and its partner airlines. More travel details will be provided to participants selected.

#### • **Mandatory orientation program**

All selected participants must complete a 1 ½ day orientation program in Columbia (exact date TBA). This is critical to the diplomatic aspects of the exchange. The orientation will cover topics such as appropriate dress, what to expect in terms of weather, food and accommodations, the culture of Thailand, what types of gifts to take and currency exchange. **Please note: the cost to attend the orientation (room and mileage) are not included and are the responsibility of the participants. Meals will be provided.**

#### • **Participant presentations**

Successful applicants will be asked to make a brief presentation on some aspect of their choosing about Thailand. These will be short, about 5-10 minutes, and take place during the orientation. Topics might include: current events, culture, food, arts, and religion to name a few.

#### • **Passports**

All selected participants MUST have a valid U.S. passport and supplied that number to GLE program no **later than Nov 1, 2009**. A visa will not be necessary as we are staying less than 30 days.

#### 2. **Costs**

The GLE program will pay for round-trip group airfare from St. Louis to Thailand as well as hotels, meals, entry fees to sites and group transportation for the 21-day study program in Thailand.

Participants are also expected to assume any other costs. This could include:

- Approximately \$15.00 US (or approx 530 Thai Bhat) airport departure tax from Bangkok;
- Costs associated with 1½ day orientation program in Columbia (mileage to and from Columbia; one night accommodations)

- Travel to and from St. Louis for departure flight to Thailand; one night hotel accommodations for evening prior to departure. (We will book a park/fly hotel at St. Louis airport so there will not be a parking charge during the dates in Thailand).
- Miscellaneous expenses while in Thailand such as laundry; alcoholic beverages; souvenirs and other personal expenses.
- Any medical costs such as vaccinations. (More information will be provided to selected applicants).

### **3. Physical demands**

It is important that applicants realize this exchange program is a physically demanding trip. The travel to Thailand is approximately 27 hours; the time difference is 13 hours. It is not uncommon for daily activities to run from morning through late evening in very warm, humid weather. Participation involves considerable walking, often on uneven terrain and steep stairs. Restroom facilities in rural areas may be basic. Often, there is no handicapped access to sites. The Thai government sets the schedule for us; and therefore, there are no opportunities for personally scheduled side-trips during the 21-day program.

### **4. Health care**

Health insurance is provided by the U.S. Department of State while you are in Thailand during the 21-day program. Health care facilities in Thailand are quite good in major cities. However, all participants are responsible for making sure they bring adequate supplies of any medication they are taking as they may not be available in Thailand. PLEASE NOTE: Access to refrigeration for medications cannot be guaranteed nor assumed, and applicants need to take this into consideration when deciding to apply.

### **5. Program evaluation**

Participants are asked to take part in the program evaluations as they are critical to learning what works and what doesn't. Completing the evaluation will help us determine how effective Global Leadership Education has been in increasing your capacity to understand volunteerism and community service in another culture and how that can be translated in your current work. Results will be used to make changes to the program, market the program, and maintain and secure future funding. All information will be kept secured and accessible only to research staff. However, you may decline to answer any question.

### **6. When you return to Missouri**

The purpose of this trip is to enhance community assets and the intellectual capital of Missouri. Each participant is asked to develop a project or use the information in his or her professional or community activities upon returning home. On your application, you will be asked to briefly describe how you would do this. There are a number of ways you can do this. Some suggestions are:

- Exploring new ideas for developing, implementing or enhancing community volunteer programs
- Developing diversity curriculum for schools or churches
- Establishing a sister-city with a Thai community
- Setting up a relationship between an American and a Thai classroom
- Working with a local library to set up cultural diversity displays
- Developing or hosting other international programs



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**(GLE) Study Program**  
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**APPLICATION FORM**

Please type or **print clearly** in the space allocated – you may attach one additional page if you wish.

Name:	Birth date:
Home Address:	Home Phone:
Office Address:	Office Phone:
E-mail address:	Fax number:
Name of your Organization or Business or Volunteer Activity:  Your title:  Major Responsibilities:	Social Security #  Passport number and place of issue (city and state)

1. Please refer to the objectives for the 2010 GLE Study program in the program information on page 1 and give an example of how your work, either professionally or as a volunteer, meets these objectives. Describe your role and contributions.
  
2. Please describe how you feel you can contribute to the "learning community" that will be formed by the Missouri group as during travel, based on your own work (either full-time work, part-time, or volunteer). That is, what learning do you bring from your own experience (related to the study program objectives) that you could share during the study program?

3. Please tell us what type of project you might like to develop after you return from Thailand or how you will use the information you learn in your professional, community or volunteer work. Please be specific. You may change your mind after you return or you may do a group project. This question is simply to determine potential.
  
4. Please describe any food allergies/dietary restrictions, etc. you have.
  
5. Please describe any medical/health/dietary conditions that could be a factor during an intensive trip in a developing country.
  
6. If we have more applicants than we are able to accommodate, would you be willing to have your name placed on an alternate list?    \_\_\_Yes    \_\_\_No (In the past, we have had applicants selected from the alternate list).
  
7. Please attach two letters of support for participation in this study program. (One letter should be from your immediate supervisor, if you are not self-employed). Letters should address what they see as the benefits to you, your work and/or the community as a result of your participation.
  
8. Please check that you have read these and sign below:
  - I have read the program information provided with this application and agree to meet the requirements of the program if accepted.
  
  - I understand the rigor of the program and meet the health requirements.
  
  - Complete application and two letters of support are attached.

I understand that this is a University sponsored educational study program. I realize I will be expected to be a full participant in all group activities planned for our delegation by the Royal Government of Thailand.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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