



## Cultural Enrichment Study Abroad Program 2023 Australia

### Eligibility and Application Information

**PLEASE READ ALL INFORMATION CAREFULLY**

**Tentative Travel Dates:** End of May/Early June 2023 (dates subject to change)

#### **What is the Australia Cultural Enrichment Program?**

Students will travel to the east coast in the state of New South Wales, Australia to engage in a global enrichment experience with a focus on cultural interaction, education, environment, building leadership skills, and networking. They will immerse themselves in the culture while staying with host families connected to TAFE (Technical and Further Education). Participants will visit classes and learn more about their program area at TAFE Illawarra, Wollongong. Moreover, participants will tour TAFE Institutes, breathtaking beaches, Wildlife Sanctuaries, and Blue Mountains National Park as well as spend three days in Sydney during Vivid (Festival of Light). Open to students, GTC employees, and alumni.

#### **To be eligible you must:**

- Be at least 18 years of age
- Be in compliance with department and college policies and free of disciplinary action or progressive disciplinary action
- Have or be able to obtain a valid U.S. Passport

#### **Additional eligibility requirements for STUDENTS:**

- Be declared in a Gateway Associate Degree or Diploma
- Have completed 6 credits
- Have a minimum grade point average of 2.5 (on a 4-point scale) in declared program
- Be able to provide two (2) letters of recommendation from Gateway faculty
- Be available for an interview in November 2022

Successful candidates should have the social maturity to represent the U.S. and Gateway Technical College abroad with dignity, respect, and accountability for one's actions, work well in a team setting, and to be able to handle uncertainty with maturity.

#### **Additional eligibility requirements for STAFF:**

- Have been hired prior to December 31, 2021
- Notify your Dean/Supervisor of dates
- **Subject to availability (students get first priority)**

#### **If selected to participate you will be required to:**

- Register for and successfully complete course Cultural Elements of Study Abroad (1 credit)
- Meet all deadlines including payment deadlines

- Participate in **MANDATORY** pre and post departure activities including **MANDATORY Orientations**
- Submit a signed Publicity Release Form
- Submit a completed Medical/Emergency Information form
- We reserve the right to request additional health information from you and/or a statement from your health care provider verifying your health prior to departure
- Submit a copy of the front page of your passport
- Meet program requirements and comply with any applicable rule, code of conduct, regulation, instruction or law during the program. Noncompliance may result in expulsion from the program, forfeiture of fees and **being immediately sent home at your expense**

<b>How much will it cost?</b> Airfare, most cultural excursions, transportation, host family accommodations (most meals included), lodging in Sydney, and medical insurance	<b>\$2,800.00</b>
<b>Tuition Cultural Elements of Study Abroad</b>	<b>\$156.00</b>
<b>Visa</b>	<b>\$30.00</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$2,986.00</b>

Other costs to consider, passport and spending money

#### **Financial assistance for Program Fees**

- New, first time Global Scholars will receive \$750.00 in funds from Gateway
- Previous Global Scholars will receive \$500.00 in funds from Gateway
- If you are eligible for financial aid, you may use it to pay tuition for the required coursework

**Faculty and Staff** May be eligible to apply for \$500 professional development funding (for more information see Employee Handbook)

#### **Fee payment schedule**

- \$80.00 paid at orientation
- Refundable if not approved for the program, otherwise non-refundable
- Course tuition and program fees paid to Gateway and subject to the same payment and refund policies as other Gateway courses. See your student handbook or Student Services Center for further information
- Student account must be current prior to departure

*Participants who drop from the program will be held responsible for any unrecoverable fees incurred by Gateway Technical College.*

#### **TO APPLY:**

- ☐ **Complete online application by October 28, 2022**
- ☐ **Obtain 2 online recommendations from Gateway Staff (you will need their email address, and let them know you are asking for a recommendation)**

**Whom do I contact if I have questions? Chinedu Obowu, International Education Coordinator at 262-564-2505 or [obowuc@gtc.edu](mailto:obowuc@gtc.edu)**