



## Cultural Enrichment Program Ireland and Scotland

### 2023 Ireland History & Culture and Scotland Exchange

#### Eligibility and Application Information

**PLEASE READ ALL INFORMATION CAREFULLY**

**Tentative Travel Dates:** April 28-May 8, 2023 (Dates are subject to change based on airfare)

#### What is the Ireland and Scotland Cultural Enrichment Program?

Students will begin their program by flying to Dublin and taking a cross-country bus ride to the Institute of Study Abroad Ireland in Bundoran, Donegal on the Wild Atlantic Way. Students will stay in apartments and have daily lectures, field trips, and experience the local music culture. The academic concentration will be on Irish History, Social Justice and Global Citizenship. Surfing lessons will be available. After the Ireland program, students will fly to Glasgow and travel on to New College Lanarkshire. Participants will stay on campus and participate in cross-cultural and academic activities with students and faculty at New College Lanarkshire. Students will experience a Scottish Highlands day tour of Stirling Castle, the Troussachs, and visit a distillery. Students will stay for two days in Edinburgh. While there, students will have high tea at Prestonfield House and explore the Royal Mile- from Edinburgh Castle to Holyrood Palace.

#### To be eligible you must:

- Be at least 18 years old
- Be in compliance with department and college policies and free of disciplinary action or progressive discipline action
- Have or be able to obtain a valid U.S. Passport by January/February 2023

Successful candidates will have the social maturity to represent the U.S. and Gateway abroad, work well in a team environment, and be able to handle uncertainty.

#### Additional eligibility requirements for STUDENTS:

- Be declared in a Gateway Associate Degree or Diploma
- 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 October/November 2022

#### Additional eligibility requirements for STAFF:

- Have been hired prior to December 31, 2021
- Subject to availability

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

- Register for and successfully complete course Cultural Elements of Study Abroad

- 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
- Keep your student account current
- 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

**How much will it cost?** *(All fees are estimated and subject to change)*

Airfare, most cultural excursions, transportation, and medical insurance	<b>\$2,183.00</b>
<b>Tuition Cultural Elements of Study Abroad</b>	<b>\$156.00</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$2,339.00</b>

Other costs to consider, passport, some meals, and spending money (\$500+)

**Financial assistance for Program Fees**

**Students**

- New, first time Global Scholars will receive \$750.00 in funds from Gateway.
- Returning 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** are eligible to apply for \$500 in professional development funds and tuition reimbursement for the required course. (See Employee Handbook section 5.11 for tuition reimbursement policy)

**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.**
- **Request 2 online recommendations from Gateway Staff (you will need their email address, and let them know you are asking for a recommendation)**

**Who do I contact if I have questions? Chinedu Obowu at 262-564-2505 or [Obowuc@gtc.edu](mailto:Obowuc@gtc.edu)**