



Cultural Enrichment Program

2023 Vietnam

Eligibility and Application Information

PLEASE READ ALL INFORMATION CAREFULLY

Tentative Travel Dates: May 16-26, 2023 (Dates are subject to change based on airfare)

What is the Global Enrichment Vietnam Program?

Spend 10 days in Vietnam learning about the culture and history. Visit night markets, a local university, and villages. Explore caves and take bike rides through the rice fields and mountains. Take classes in bamboo weaving, cooking, fishing, pearl cultivation, and history. Spend the day volunteering with the local villagers learning about day-to-day life in the village-farming, gardening, and taking care of farm animals. The focus will be on the history, environment and economic improvement in a developing country. Spend the night in an Ecolodge, cruise boat, and night train among other lodgings. This global enrichment program will expose participants directly to the rich culture and heritage of Vietnam. Participants will have life-changing experiences in this program.

To be eligible you must:

- Be at least 18 years old
- Be in compliance with department and college policies and free of disciplinary 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
- 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

Additional eligibility requirements for STAFF:

- Have been hired prior to December 31, 2021
- Notify your Dean/Supervisor of dates
- Subject to availability

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 **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) Includes: Airfare, most meals, transportation, standard hotel double occupancy rooms*, and insurance.	\$2,248.00
Tuition Cultural Elements of Study Abroad Course	\$156.00
Total:	\$2,404.00

Other costs to consider, passport and spending money *night train will be quadruple occupancy

Financial assistance for Program Fees

Students

- 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 are eligible to apply for \$500 professional development funding (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 the 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