

The Ford Motor Company Global Scholars Program





UN Millennium Development Goals

In the year 2000, leaders from around the globe adopted an ambitious vision for the future—a world with less poverty, hunger and disease, greater survival prospects for mothers and their infants, universal primary education, equal opportunities for women and environmental sustainability.

This vision was summarized in the eight UN Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)—an action plan with time-bound targets for measuring progress. Now, as we near the end of the 15-year period originally set forth, it has become clear that significant challenges remain. In order to effectively address obstacles to global improvement, developed and developing countries will need to collaborate more than ever before.

The Washington Center (TWC) is pleased to accept applications for the Ford Motor Company Global Scholars Program, which will enable a small number of students from universities in selected countries around the world and across the United States to spend a semester together in Washington, D.C. acquiring skills and understanding needed to achieve the MDGs.

The Ford Motor Company Global Scholars Program will be offered each fall semester for three years: 2012, 2013, and 2014.

U.S. students who come from or attend a college or university in the following cities will be selected:

- Anchorage, AK
- Phoenix, AZ
- Los Angeles, CA
- San Diego, CA
- Washington, D.C.
- Miami, FL
- Atlanta, GA
- Chicago, IL
- Lexington, KY

- Louisville, KY
- Detroit, MI
- Billings, MT
- Portland, OR
- Puerto Rico
- Nashville, TN
- Dallas, TX
- San Antonio, TX
- Seattle, WA

They will be joined by eight students from universities in the following cities:

- Sao Paulo and Camacari, Brazil
- Nanchang, Chongqing and Nanjing, China
- Chennai, India
- Saint Petersburg and Tatarstan, Russia
- Pretoria and Port Elizabeth, South Africa

Program Components

The 15-week Ford Motor Company Global Scholars Program will involve the following components:

1. Internship: The Washington Center will match students according to their interests with substantive internships related to the MDGs. Sites could include private companies, government agencies, nonprofits, and nongovernmental organizations, such as the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), Brookings Institute, National Geographic, Inter-American Development Bank, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), U.S. Department of Commerce, Business Council for Sustainable Energy, Pan

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American Health Organization (PAHO), and Oxfam America, among many others.

- 2. Academic Course: All students will attend an academic course one evening per week. The course will help students explore and analyze the policy making process and grassroots efforts currently having an impact on the advancement of the MDGs. The syllabus will include analysis of the eight goals and progress made since 2000, as well as overall study related to development theories and trade models.
- 3. Leadership Forum: In addition to attending our Alan K. Simpson-Norman Y. Mineta Leaders Series, each Monday students will take part in tailored events for Ford Scholars that are focused on the MDGs. At one point in the semester, they will have a meeting on Capitol Hill with a member of Congress through our Public Policy Dialogues. They also will take advantage of the resources of Washington, D.C. to develop a civic engagement (social responsibility) project and affect change in an area of personal or professional concern.
- **4. Portfolio:** Students will produce a compilation of documents that will summarize their learning experience, including a goal statement, various reflective assignments, papers and work samples.

Eligibility Requirements

International students must:

- Be enrolled in an accredited university.
- Have a grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale
- Demonstrate proficiency in written and spoken English (TOEFL score of 80 or higher, equivalent to 550 on the paper-based scale)

All students should demonstrate an interest in global community development through their academic background or community/campus involvement.

Important Dates and Deadlines

The application deadline for fall semester 2014 is May 7th, 2014. Candidates will be notified in July. For key fall semester dates, please visit http://www.twc.edu/deadlines.

International Application Components

- Please consult with your international office liaison before applying
- To become eligible, submit the International Ford Application: http://www.twc.edu/ford-application.
- Only qualified international applicants will be contacted for an interview.
- The final candidates who pass the interview stage will then be asked to complete The Washington Center's comprehensive online application—international applicants do not need to complete the full TWC application until asked to do so.

How to Apply

Please visit our website at: http://www.twc.edu/ford-apply for full instructions.

Scholarship

All international students (attending institutions outside of the U.S.) selected will receive a scholarship that covers application, program and housing fees, as well as a contribution toward health insurance coverage and SEVIS payment for the J-1 Visa.

The Washington Center

The Washington Center serves hundreds of colleges and universities in the United States and other countries worldwide by providing selected students challenging opportunities to work and learn in Washington, D.C. The Washington Center is the largest program of its kind and has more than 50,000 alumni, many of whom are in leadership positions in the public, private, and nonprofit sectors.

The Ford Motor Company

The Ford Motor Company is a global automotive industry leader manufacturing and distributing vehicles in 200 markets across six continents. It is also a larger provider of automotive financial services. Ford is publicly traded on the New York Stock Exchange. The Company prides itself on its commitment to a sustainable business model that supports the preservation of environmental, social and financial capital.

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