International Study Centres

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Why do the USA ISC?

Study at a top US university

Gain a better understanding of your leadership skills

Visit community engagement and social entrepreneurship projects

Spend two days in Chicago
The programme

**Topic: PROBLEM SOLVING, LEADERSHIP AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP**

At the end of this short course you will have explored diverse facets of problem solving, leadership, and entrepreneurship. You will come away with new skills and viable plans for your personal development, and hopefully be inspired to make a positive impact in your communities in the future.

Lectures and workshops topics will include:

- Leadership aptitude, habits and practice
- Working within organizations
- Intergroup dialogue
- Community engagement
- Social entrepreneurship
- Skills to start, manage and grow a new venture
The Michigan State ISC has been one of the best experiences of my life so far and I have made some incredible friends. Being able to visit and experience American college life has helped me to appreciate my time at York even more. I will continue to apply and develop my strengths and leadership skills which I have learnt about, which will enhance my academic, professional and social life."

Triona, Biology

This trip has been truly beneficial to my long-term personality building and future career, the trip has helped me grow in confidence massively which is something I have struggled with previously, further to this its helped me to confirm what I would like to do after my degree and it’s given me a renewed drive for further education."

Dan, Chemistry
Excursions

The lectures are complemented with visits to sites around the local area. There is also a cultural programme. Excursions include:

- Visiting community projects
- Watch a live baseball game
- Picnic BBQ at Lake Lansing
- Two nights in Chicago
**Student feedback**

"I learned so much during this [personal strengths] training, and it’s not something I have ever been taught about, or even thought about before. I felt this part of the course was incredibly valuable for me, and will really help in my future career.”

Jonny, PhD, Chemistry

"It has helped me grow as a person, developed many skills and put me in a better position when looking for an international position in the future. I am much more confident and inspired to travel if possible to see the world from different perspectives, giving a fresh view. I am now a Spartan, a part of the Michigan State University and feel honoured to be a part of this community. This experience made me believe that no matter where I come from I can make a real difference.”

Daria, Biology

"A great deal of the academic schedule was focused on recognising and developing our own leadership skills. We did aptitude testing, reflection and many group activities – the sessions were fun and dynamic, and we all learned a lot about ourselves, and our personal leadership styles.”

Nina, Masters, English

"Studying in America has always been an ambition of mine, and without this programme [it] is likely a goal [I] would have never been able to achieve!”

Jack, Environment
Accommodation

The programme accommodation is a student dorm on Michigan State University campus, called Owen Hall.

Accommodation in Chicago will be at a hotel.

You will share a room with at least one other student.

Visa requirements

- The USA has an entry authorisation called ESTA. If you are from one of the 38 countries listed here [http://www.esta.us/visa_waiver_countries.html](http://www.esta.us/visa_waiver_countries.html) it is your responsibility to get an ESTA, not a visa. An ESTA can be filled in online and currently costs $14.

- If you are not from a country listed it would be your responsibility to get a visa.

- The cost of the ESTA and any visa is not included in the programme cost.
What will it cost?

- Participation in the 2019 ISC programme costs £2,250 per student.
- A non refundable acceptance fee of £250 is necessary to secure your place on an ISC.
- A payment plan of two further £1,000 instalments is then implemented to allow you to spread the programme participation cost.
- You must pay in full before the departure date. Failure to pay will result in you being withdrawn from the programme.

What is included in the cost:
- International flights
- Tuition fees
- Transfer to and from airport in host country
- Travel insurance
- Entry tickets
- Accommodation
- $150 on a meal card

What is not included in the cost:
- Visa/ESTA
- Spending money and extra for food
- Travel to and from airport in the UK
Bursaries

- Each year there are a limited number of bursaries you can apply for towards the cost of the Study Centre.
- These are highly competitive and will be distributed on a needs basis. They are evaluated by a bursary case submitted as part of your application.
- Previous award amounts have been between £500 and £2000.
- Bursary offers will be made at the same time as offers on the programme (see application and deadlines).

Admission criteria

- International Study Centres are open to all York students, including final year, masters, postgraduates and distance learners.
- You do not need any prior knowledge of the topic and it doesn’t need to be linked to your degree. It is a chance to learn something from a different perspective, something completely different, and/or about a country that interests you.
- Students must be of good academic standing.
- A reference is requested from your supervisor as part of the application process.
Application and deadlines

- The application is online at york.ac.uk/globalyou via the How to Apply tab.

- Applications for 2019 close on Wednesday 6 February at 1pm.

- The application is a number of personal statement type questions. We recommend that you write your answers to these questions in a Word document before you copy them into the application.

- Shortlisted applications will be invited for a 10 minute interview. (Skype or phone interviews will only be offered to distance learners or students on placements)

- Interviews will take place between 20 and 26 February 2019, with a first pre-departure workshop on Wednesday 6 March.
Pre-departure

- There are three pre-departure workshops scheduled in the spring and summer term, where you will be told all the information you require for the trip. They are mandatory and will be held on Wednesday 6 March, 1 and 8 May (all in the afternoon).

- Topics will include (amongst others) vaccinations, visas, free insurance provided by the University, flight details and group risk assessment.

- You will also have a chance to meet the rest of the group going on the trip and the York team leader who will also accompany the group.
For more information

- Contact summer-abroad@york.ac.uk
- Speak to our peer advisor Emily who has been on an ISC global-peer-advisors@york.ac.uk
- Visit one of the following events to speak to us in person:
  - International Study Centre information session – Wednesday 14 November, 1.15-2.15pm, Derwent (D/L/047)
  - Summer Opportunities Fair – Wednesday 23 January, 1-3pm, James Hall