

LEADERSHIP PROGRAM FOR INDIGENOUS YOUTH

FULL SCHOLARSHIPS FOR SELECTED PARTICIPANTS

Universidad de las Américas Puebla (UDLAP), is proud to announce the opening of its Leadership Program for Indigenous Youth to **Native American** students who are currently studying an AA, AS, BA or BS degree at an accredited U.S. higher education institution.

The **LEADERSHIP PROGRAM FOR INDIGENOUS YOUTH** aims to strengthen the abilities of young leaders so they can identify the needs of their communities, seek solutions to local problems, and generate public policy proposals to promote local development. We are seeking **outstanding candidates**, with excellent academic records who have demonstrated their commitment to their communities through extracurricular activities or who can demonstrate potential to do so.

Program description

The program will be held at the University of the Americas Puebla (UDLAP - www.udlap.mx) in Cholula, Puebla, Mexico during **four weeks in the summer: May 26 to June 20, 2014**. Weekend activities are scheduled throughout the program.

It is divided into **two sections**. The **first** has theoretical components and includes **advanced academic courses**; the **second** focuses on **practical components** with workshops and other activities to develop competitive abilities and conflict resolution strategies.

Among the topics that will be covered are Mexican political and economic reality, the implications of globalization on the reality for indigenous peoples, multiculturalism, tolerance, migration, transnationalism, social change and human rights, as well as the U.S.-Mexico relationship.

At the end of the program, students will present a **public policy proposal** that addresses a **local issue or problem** in the

participant's home town. Participants will receive feedback to their proposals from academics and experts.

Applicant profile

- Be a Native American.
- Be between 18 and 25 years old.
- Currently studying an AA, AS, BA or BS degree at an accredited U.S. institution. All fields of study will be considered.
- Demonstrate commitment and involvement in community and extracurricular activities.

Language

The program will be held **mostly in Spanish**. For this reason a Spanish language level equivalent to **BI** (Basic Intermediate) is highly recommended. There will be English-speaking college students, faculty and staff who will provide facilitative assistance to some extent. .

Funding

The program is funded by contributions from the **Mexican private sector and the U.S. Embassy in Mexico**. Thanks to this support, **scholarships** will be **awarded** to participants to cover the cost of the **academic program, accommodation, food and transportation**.

Accommodation and services

The accommodation will be on **campus dormitories** and participants will share rooms with other students of the same gender.

Meals are provided in the University cafeteria.

Medical Insurance

Participants need to purchase **insurance with international coverage** for the entire

program's length and it must include **emergency evacuation and repatriation of remains**. UDLAP provides primary medical care in its on campus clinic as well as a limited National Accident Medical Insurance. No expenses for pre-existing diseases are covered.

Commitments and Restrictions

Participants **must** participate in the entire program including activities during weekends.

During the program it will be necessary to comply with institutional rules and regulations, attend all lectures and activities.

Participants are not allowed to arrive before the program starts or remain after the end.

To apply

Interested applicants must submit the complete **application form** available at: <http://www.udlap.mx/liderazgo/inscripcion.aspx> preferably before **May 2, 2014** to liderazgo.indigena@udlap.mx with the following documents:

- A **recommendation letter** from a professor.
- **Official Academic Transcript** with signature and stamp.
- **A personal statement** which clearly documents the candidate's interest and motivation to participate in the program.
- **Proof of Medical insurance** with international coverage valid during the duration of the program and that covers:
 - Emergency evacuation.
 - Repatriation of remains.

Results

Applications will be reviewed and candidates selected by a **multidisciplinary committee** convened by the university.

The names of the **finalists** will be published in the UDLAP's official web page of the program and will be contacted directly by the **end of April**.

For more information about the program:

<http://www.udlap.mx/liderazgo/>

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