



GLOBAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM

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Since 2003 the GEO Program has provided an unusual opportunity for selected university students to be individually guided and exposed to the annual summertime meeting of the Human Rights Council in Geneva, Switzerland in June 2020. In addition students may be involved in the annual meeting of the Commission on the Status of Women in New York City in March 2021.

Known as the City of Peace, Geneva is home to the European Headquarters of the United Nations and hosts sixteen permanent embassies. Geneva has great international influence and houses organizations such as The International Red Cross and a large number of international conferences.

The GEO Program gives students first-hand experience in dealing with a multitude of United Nations-sponsored topics such as the complexity of providing health care for all societies as well as addressing the need for and implementation of a broad spectrum of human rights issues.

Students benefit from this experience by better understanding how the international community develops a plan of action, and how UN bodies operate at the international, regional, and local levels. This GEO-monitored exposure allows participants to integrate their personal areas of interest into the realities of international relations and learn how this experience can be applied to different fields of study. If approved by the sponsoring university students may obtain academic credit from their United Nations exposure.

The timing and cost of travel to and from Geneva will be the responsibility of the university and the student. It must be understood that the cost of short-term accommodation is high in Geneva as those acquainted with traveling in Europe will recognize. GEO will provide as much information as possible (see GEO Supplemental Information) but students will have to arrange for their own accommodation.

The overall picture (details on GEO Supplemental Information Page) is that GEO mentors will meet students on arrival at Geneva Airport three days prior to the start of the subscribed conference. GEO will organise a briefing at the airport assuming that students have already read and are ready to ask questions about their received information. After all questions are answered students will be escorted to their lodging.

The next several days will be spent with GEO orienting students to their UNO and Geneva environment.

If interested, we ask that the student contact Afton Beutler as below to obtain the GEO Application and the GEO Supplemental Information pages, then coordinate with their appropriate academic advisor as well as any other individuals who may wish to have input into a go/no-go decision.

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