The Summit is a week-long conference held every April at Northwestern University. Delegates from around the world arrive with change-based projects that can tackle any social change from education to healthcare to sustainability. If their project is in the ideas phase, we help them make their plan a reality. If it's already up and coming, we help them become more impactful.

Delegates leave the Summit with tangible skills and newly learned strategies to improve their project and create change in the most effective way possible. Past projects include a creative arts education center in Cambodia, a marketing NGO for small businesses in Egypt and an organization that connect local food pantries with college dining halls to minimize food waste in the U.S.

The Summit offers a wide variety of capacity-building programs ranging from hands-on workshops to individualized mentoring sessions. Because projects brought to GES can be anywhere in the development process and tackle a host of different types of social challenges, Summit programming is customizable to each delegate. Once accepted, delegates will apply for and be placed in workshops relevant to their specific project and the goals they wish to accomplish.
To learn more about what happens during these five life-changing days, please visit Summit programming.

Are you passionate about social change? Curious about innovation and entrepreneurship? Want to be part of a lifelong network of changemakers from all over the world? Apply for the 2019 Global Engagement Summit (GES) to join our community.

GES is an annual social innovation conference that connects and empowers young entrepreneurs to address pressing social needs. On April 17-21, 2019, we will invite 35-50 delegates to Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois: our delegates are paired with professional mentors, participate in capacity-building workshops and engage with Summit programming, such as the Keynote Speaker, OpenShutter Photography Exhibit and Story Slam. Our delegates work on projects like developing a business model that employs domestic abuse survivors in Uruguay, engineering a low-cost prosthetic hand for impoverished amputees in Sudan, creating a food rescue service to reduce hunger in NYC, and much, much more. Throughout the year, the 59-person staff at Northwestern meet weekly to discuss sociopolitical affairs and work towards building the Summit.

Apply

Students should apply directly to the Program via their website by 10 January 2019.

If you wish to transfer credit for the program, you must first seek approval from your faculty for credit transfer through Cross-Institutional Enrolment. For more information see - Applying for credit and funding for your overseas short course.

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Risk assessment

All programs involve some degree of risk to participants. If you choose to source a provider on your own, please remember to do some research on them first and ensure that they are a legitimate organisation and that the product they offer will definitely meet your requirements. Students are therefore advised to undertake their own risk assessment before departure and any participation in these programs is at their own risk.

Before departure

All students should register their travel with UNSW. You should also undertake a risk assessment before heading overseas. For more information see - How to prepare for departure.

More information

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