

**COE 2010 International Leadership Training Program
“World Citizenship: Building Leadership Skills in a Multicultural
Society”**

***A 3-Credit European Study Program for TRIO College Students
June 19 to July 10, 2010***

Co-sponsored by the Council for Opportunity in Education and the University of Liverpool

APPLICATION DEADLINE: February 1, 2010



You can't know much about this country without looking at it from a different perspective. You can't know much about where you are from without going somewhere else. To truly understand your identity, you must step on new ground, and to step on new ground is to be a leader.

--TRIO Student Support Services student, after studying at the University of Liverpool in summer 2006

In June and July 2010 an exciting learning opportunity will be available for a group of 20 TRIO students. You will have the chance to spend three weeks in Europe as the guests of the University of Liverpool, one of the leading research universities in the United Kingdom. You will get to know the people and rich history of Liverpool, and you will journey elsewhere in Europe. This is the tenth year of our program and promises to be the best ever!

You explore issues of common concern to both UK and US citizens. You will engage in a critical exchange that will enrich and inspire program participants from both sides of the Atlantic. You'll also have fun in major cities across Europe. In Liverpool, you'll have the opportunity to meet and work closely with young people from local schools, community groups and the local refugee community. Liverpool is much more than the Beatles and soccer; the city has a unique history and is rightly famous for its rich cultural and social life.

The Program

The three-week program will integrate the theoretical and the practical by combining study and debate on campus with project work with schools or local communities. The first week will introduce the themes and give you the chance to meet those who will be working alongside you. You will discover the significant role Liverpool played in the trans-Atlantic slave trade; more than half of all slave ships used the port. The historical legacy of the city and its impact on life and society today will form the basis of the discussion. During the second week we will use the experience of Anglo-Irish relations to explore the big issues of global concern: war and peace and terrorism.

Over the weekend you will learn to navigate travel through European cities. The tentative itinerary includes London and Amsterdam in the Netherlands, and another city may be added.

The final week will be a chance for reflection and you will be able to present your thoughts to invited guests. The three weeks will be crammed with new people, places and experiences that will boost your academic studies and provide a life-enhancing opportunity as well. You will be required to submit an end-of-course essay later in the summer to meet your academic requirements. Study and travel in Europe will help you to consider your place in the new world that is being forged in the beginning of the 21st century.

The Application Process

You must be nominated by your TRIO director to apply to this program. Eligible students are TRIO Student Support Services or McNair participants who are in good academic and social standing with their institutions, have at least sophomore status, and have demonstrated leadership ability and potential.

Each application must be submitted with a personal essay and \$500 deposit to the Council by February 1, 2010. The deposit is refundable if you are not admitted to the program. Applicants will be notified of their acceptance status in early February. Once accepted participants must submit all payments and required forms by the indicated deadlines.

Program Cost

The full cost of the COE 2010 International Leadership Training Program is \$5,200. The program fee includes: roundtrip air travel between the U.S. and Europe; pre-departure orientation; air and ground transportation in Europe, including airport transfers; tuition and fees for three semester hours granted by the University of Liverpool; entrance fees and class trips; accommodations and most meals. The program fee does not include: roundtrip travel from student's home or campus to the East Coast departure site; student passports, passport photos and visas; immunizations; luggage handling; beverages not included with meals; independent sightseeing expenses; personal items; telephone calls; excess airline baggage charges; gifts or souvenirs; optional insurance for baggage and/or trip cancellation and reimbursement for lost or stolen personal items or currency.

Financial Aid: The Keith Sherin Global Leaders Scholarships

Thanks to generous corporate support,* the Council will award **Keith Sherin Global Leaders Scholarships** of \$2,500 to 20 students selected for the 2010 International Leadership Training Program so that **the net cost to students is \$2,700**. The scholarships are named in honor of Keith Sherin, senior vice president and chief financial officer of General Electric Co., who is committed to helping disadvantaged students attain leadership experiences. A number of regional and state TRIO associations may also be awarding scholarships. Each TRIO director nominating a student for participation is asked to contact the appropriate regional and state associations for information about association-sponsored scholarship opportunities. Students may also be eligible for federal student assistance under Department of Education regulations. The sponsoring TRIO director is encouraged to work with the campus financial aid director to secure appropriate funding from this source and to ensure that credits obtained will be transferable. Other campus offices—such as the president's or dean's office—might also be encouraged to provide partial funding.

Pre-Departure Preparation

Students accepted into the program take part in at least one conference call with University of Liverpool staff to discuss the academic requirements and practical issues related to the short-term study abroad program. You will receive several mailings containing articles and useful information. A one-day orientation on the day of departure from the U.S. will introduce you to your travel mates, including the two

group leaders, and will provide additional guidance on the specific countries you are visiting, political and cultural topics, and health and safety issues.

Academic Credit

Academic transcripts for the program are issued by the University of Liverpool, which awards the equivalent of three (3) credit hours. Students are encouraged to consult with their TRIO director, their registrar's office and their academic adviser about obtaining credit for the International Leadership Training Program.

Program Changes and Cancellation

Please note that at any time, COE and the University of Liverpool retain the right to amend the itinerary as needed. COE and the sponsoring institutions also reserve the right to cancel the tour. In the event of cancellation, student payments will be refunded.

Withdrawal

Students wishing to withdraw from the International Leadership Training Program after acceptance must inform the Council in writing. The uncommitted portion of the program fee (recoverable transportation, travel agency, housing, or class activity fees) will be refunded, minus a \$250 handling fee. No refunds will be granted after May 15, 2010.

For more information and to receive an application, contact Holly Hexter at 202-347-7430 or by email at holly.hexter@coenet.us.

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