

# Global Scholar Study Abroad Program 2020 International Biz Squad-Oujda, Morocco

# **Eligibility and Application Information**

## PLEASE READ ALL INFORMATION CAREFULLY

Tentative Travel Dates: May 27 - June 9, 2020 (Dates are subject to change based on airfare)

#### **Description:**

Gateway Technical College students will work on an International Biz Squad and collaborate with instructors and students from Ecole Superieure de Technologie (EST) in Oujda, Morocco to address industry issues facing local businesses. Once in country, students will visit the medieval city of Marrakech, and ride a camel through the palm grove stopping at an authentic Berber home. In Casablanca, visit the Hassan II Mosque (the largest Mosque in Africa), and see royal landmarks in the capital city of Rabat. Students will spend the last 6 nights with a host family in Oujda immersing themselves in the captivating culture of Morocco. With EST instructors and students as their guide, they will tour the EST campus, complete the Moroccan Biz Squad project, visit local businesses and visit the Government office in Berkane to learn about Moroccan government and to do an analysis of the public works data center. This program is open to Business and Information Technology students.

As part of this experience, participants will be expected to attend and participate in multiple workshops at Gateway. The first workshop will focus on working in a diverse culture. The second workshop will develop the participant's presentation and communication skills. The third workshop will focus on international business practices. Additional workshops will be determined. The expectation is that participants will collaborate as a team with their peers both at GTC and EST to develop their Biz Squad projects while working on their interpersonal communication skills, learning more about other business disciplines, as well as working to also develop their own technical skills.

#### To be eligible you must:

- Be at least 18 years old
- Be in compliance with department and college policies and free of disciplinary action or progressive discipline action
- Have or be able to obtain a valid U.S. Passport by January 10, 2020

### Additional eligibility requirements for STUDENTS:

- Be declared in a Gateway Associate Degree Program or Technical Diploma
- Have completed 6 credits

- Have a minimum grade point average of 2.5 (on a 4-point scale) in declared program
- Be able to provide two (2 letters of recommendation from Gateway faculty)
- Be available for an interview in November 2019

Successful candidates will have the social maturity to represent the U.S. and Gateway abroad, work well in a team environment, and be able to handle uncertainty.

#### If selected to participate you will be required to:

- Register for and successfully complete course International Biz Squad (3 credits).
- Meet all deadlines including payment deadlines.
- Participate in <u>MANDATORY</u> pre and post departure activities including <u>MANDATORY</u> <u>Orientations.</u>
- Submit a signed Publicity Release Form.
- Submit a completed Medical/Emergency Information form.
- We reserve the right to request additional health information from you and/or a statement from your health care provider verifying your health prior to departure.
- Submit a copy of the front page of your passport.
- Keep your student account current
- Meet program requirements and comply with any applicable rule, code of conduct, regulation, Instruction or law during the program. Noncompliance may result in expulsion from the program, Forfeiture of fees, and <u>being immediately sent home at your expense</u>.

How much will it cost? (estimated and	\$1965.00
subject to change)	
Airfare, most cultural excursions, transportation,	
12 nights lodging (some nights with a host family)	
and medical insurance	
Tuition (Study Abroad Course)	\$456.00
Total:	\$2,421.00

Other costs to consider: Passport (\$140.00) and spending money

#### **Financial assistance for Program Fees**

#### Students

- New, First time Global Scholars will receive \$750.00 in funds from Gateway.
- Returning Global Scholars will receive \$500.00 in funds from Gateway.
- If you are eligible for financial aid, you may use it to pay tuition for the required coursework.

#### Fee payment schedule

- \$80.00 paid online via PayPal to Gateway Global Scholars when application is submitted.
- Refundable if not approved for the program but otherwise non-refundable.

#### Course tuition and program fees

- Paid to Gateway and subject to the same payment and refund policies as other
  Gateway courses. See your student handbook or Student Services Center for further information.
- Student account must be current prior to departure.

Participants who drop from the program will be held responsible for any unrecoverable fees incurred by Gateway Technical College.

#### TO APPLY:

- Complete online application and pay \$80 application fee by October 25, 2019. You MUST send a copy of the PayPal invoice to Sherry Bubel at Bubels@gtc.edu
- Request 2 online recommendations from Gateway Staff (you will need their email address, and let them know you are asking for a recommendation) by October 25, 2019.

Who do I contact if I have questions? Chinedu Obowu at 262-619-6546 Obowuc@gtc.edu