Applications Now Open for Global Voices Delegations!

University of Sydney Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences students APPLY NOW!
Your chance to be a delegate at the United Nations in New York

What is Global Voices?

Global Voices is a not for profit organisation whose mission is to provide opportunities for young Australians to engage with international policy both at home and abroad. We are offering a full scholarship for one University of Sydney Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences student to attend a Global Voices overseas delegation in Semester 1, 2015.

Where can I go?

One scholarship is available for a USyd Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences student to attend a Global Voices delegation this Semester:
- United Nations ECOSOC High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development from 4 – 12 July in New York City, USA

What’s included?

Thanks to the University of Sydney’s Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, this place is fully funded! All domestic and international flights, accommodation, breakfasts, visas, transfers, insurance, and registration fees are covered (you will only need to pay for your own meals).

You get the opportunity of a lifetime:
- Pre-Departure Briefings in Canberra to meet Australian leaders, business people and diplomatic staff
- A high-level Research Fellowship and the opportunity to have your work published
- Attending a selective international delegation and engaging with international diplomacy and foreign affairs overseas!

HOW TO APPLY

Applications must be made directly through the Global Voices website and due on Friday 6 March 2015 at 11:59pm.

Am I eligible to apply?

All applicants must be:
- Australian citizens or Australian Permanent Residents;
- Aged between 18 and 30 for the entire duration of their involvement (from 6th March to the end of the delegation they apply for);
- Hold, or be able to obtain, a passport that does not expire prior to 6-months before the end of the delegation they apply for;
- Available for 3 days of Pre-Departure Briefings in Canberra from 24 – 26 March 2015;
- Able to commit between 5 and 10 hours per week to prepare for the delegation in the months leading up to departure, and
- Able to participate fully in all delegation activities overseas

What does the application process involve?
Complete the personal details section on the application form, then answer these two questions. Applicants are also required to upload a copy of their CV as part of their application. Try to be as clear and specific with your answers as possible!

1) **Personal Statement**

Why do you want to attend this delegation? (500 words max.) Your answer should also include an assessment of the knowledge, skills, qualities and experience you would bring to the delegation, as well as how you might use the opportunity of the delegation for the benefit of others on your return to Australia.

2) **Research Proposal**

Please present a Research Proposal (500 words max.) to clearly indicate the key themes that would inform your final Research Paper. Research proposals must address at least one of the economic, social or environmental dimensions of sustainable development. The broad theme for the UN ECOSOC HLPF 2015 will examine the post-2015 agenda and focus on ‘Managing the transition from the Millennium Development Goals to the Sustainable Development Goals: What will it take?’ To indicate the topics to be discussed, key themes from the 2014 UN ECOSOC HLPF can be found [here](#) and a recent summary of the Post-2015 Development Agenda Negotiations can be accessed [here](#). It is important that you explain why your proposed research topic is relevant to both the current UN ECOSOC Sustainable Development Agenda and Australia (government, business or civil society), and also why it is important to you. Please consult the hyperlinks provided when preparing your answer, and make your research proposal as specific as possible.

**What are the selection criteria?**

Applications will be assessed based on the following selection criteria:

1. Demonstrated ability through academic and/or extra-curricular achievement;
2. Demonstrated interest in issues related to the forum;
3. Capacity to gain personally and professionally from the experience;
4. Desire to use this experience to make contributions to the community upon returning to Australia; and
5. Quality and relevance of the research proposal submitted with the application.

**What does the Research Fellowship involve?**

As part of their preparation for a delegation all participants are required to undertake a Research Fellowship with Global Voices. This commences with a three day Pre-Departure Briefing in Canberra, followed by researching and writing a Research Paper and an Opinion Piece. This will involve a virtual preparatory process completed from home alongside existing commitments. It includes a commitment of 5 to 10 hours per week for the months leading up to the delegation and includes the following:

- **Research Paper**: The production of a high quality research paper (between 2,500 and 4,000 words) on a topic relevant to the agenda of the delegation and Australia’s role within it. It must have a strong focus on practical recommendations for change or action (for government, business or civil society). This will be developed through a staged process involving a research outline before a full draft version is submitted. This paper will be published on the Global Voices website upon completion, will be provided to stakeholders and may also be published in full online or in print.

- **Opinion Piece**: The production of an opinion piece (between 500 and 1,000 words) synthesising the main points of your research paper for wider public consumption. Global Voices will work with you on the final version either before or during your delegation. In the past these opinion pieces have been published by the ABC, News Limited, Fairfax, On Line Opinion, The New Internationalist and The East Asia Forum.

**More questions?**

Email the Global Voices team at info@globalvoices.org.au