

UFS GLOBAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT 2018: INVITATION TO APPLY

Dear GLS student applicant,

It is with great excitement that we invite you to apply to the 3rd iteration of the UFS Global Leadership Summit of 2018 that will be hosted at the Bloemfontein campus from 8 to 15 July 2018.

BACKGROUND OF THE GLS PROGRAMME

Hosted by the University of the Free State (UFS) in Bloemfontein, South Africa every three years; the Global Leadership Summit (GLS) is a strategic programme focused on bringing together students and staff from the UFS and its partner universities in discussions and developments around shared objectives for Leadership and Social Justice in Higher Education globally.

Initiated by the UFS as part of its institutional transformation project in 2010, the GLS emerged out of the First Year Leadership for Change Programme (F1 L4C), a programme focused on empowering students to activate and lead Social Change within the UFS. Over the period 2010 – 2016, two GLS iterations took place; in 2012 and in 2015. With the coming to closure of the F1 L4C programme cycle in 2016, but with recognition of the value of the international partnerships, the shared objectives amongst all in working towards Social Justice in higher education and with the desire to also bring on board and build partnerships with universities from the African Continent; the UFS has committed to once again host the GLS in July 2018.

The 2018 GLS is a collaborative project between the UFS Department of Student Affairs, the Institute for Reconciliation and Social Justice and the Office for International Affairs.

THE 2018 GLS OBJECTIVES

The broad objectives for the 2018 GLS are that this event be utilised as:

- A collaborative learning event where thinkers, students and staff from Africa, the EU, Asia and the USA explore what social justice and social inclusion in higher education and society means;
- A platform for students and staff to explore and discuss the development of new programmes, projects and research areas in *Comparative Global Leadership - Social Inclusion, Social Justice*. One such idea is that of the proposed development of a collaborative Virtual Exchange platform, from which students and staff from all institutions can learn from each other in terms of how issues of Social Justice and Social Inclusion are being interpreted and worked with globally and through this, draw from this learning to focus on and develop the competencies related to global inter-cultural development.

GLS PROGRAM OVERVIEW

During the GLS week you will participate in a student leadership and development program and interact with students and scholars of international universities. The program will entail presentations, talks and theatre productions during the morning sessions with student engagements and roundtable discussions during the afternoons.

Utilising the broader framework of the Social Change Leadership Development Model, seven thematic areas, related to the broader Summit theme of *Comparative Global Leadership: Social Inclusion, Social Justice* will be explored. These include:

1. **Human Value**
2. **Gender, Intersectionality & Diversity**
3. **Critical Leadership**
4. **Engaged Scholarship**
5. **Reconciliation And Transformation**
6. **Decoloniality**
7. **Arts & Social Justice**

APPLICATION PARTICULARS

- Spaces in the GLS team are limited and only forty (40) UFS students will be selected.
- The invitation is open to undergraduate students from their second year onwards, whilst first years will not be eligible to apply.

Please find attached guidelines and forms regarding the application and selection procedures, which should be followed and adhered to diligently in order for your application to be considered.

At the UFS we consider all our students as partners in building a proud university and society and in contributing on an African and global stage. The Global Leadership Summit is an important part of our effort to constantly pursue our mission of positive change impact at KOVSIES and beyond.

We look forward to receiving your application to join the GLS team.

Kind regards
GLS Steering Committee