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GESI Online Application Instructions for Non-Northwestern Students

Pre-Application Checklist:

Before starting the online application process, read through the following checklist so that you have all required materials prepared:

- Passport information** - if you do not yet have a passport, you can enter information later.
- Unofficial transcript saved as a PDF** - this is often found in your College or University's online student portal.
- Resume** - this will be shared with GESI site teams and internship hosts.
- Study Abroad General Essays** - Topics can be found [here](#) and on the online application.
- GESI Essay** - Prepare the following essay in a word document so you can easily copy and paste to the application. (If Bolivia, the Dominican Republic, or Nicaragua is your first choice, type your responses in Spanish.):
 - *Building on the progress made through the United Nations Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), the [United Nations Sustainable Development Goals \(SDGs\)](#) were introduced in early 2016 as a "universal call to action to end poverty, protect the planet, and enjoy peace and prosperity." In 300-500 words, describe which SDG resonates with you the most and why, and describe a few steps you think could help achieve that goal. **If Bolivia, the Dominican Republic, Guatemala or Nicaragua is your first choice GESI location, complete the response in Spanish.***
- Preliminary Course Plan** - Know your GESI course names, as you'll be required to enter them (copy below), as well as how you intend to count them (i.e. major or elective credit):
 - **Summer** - COMM 395 SA *Doing Development: The Theory and Practice of Community Consulting* and INTL 293 SA: *Development in the Global Context*
 - **Fall** - SESP 295 SA *Theory and Practice of Community Consulting, Section 21, Global Engagement* and INTL 293 SA: *Development in the Global Context*
- Home Institution Authorization Form** - Non-Northwestern students are required to submit a Home Institution Authorization and Evaluation Form. Please download this form [here](#) and submit to the appropriate administrator at your home university. *Please note you can submit your application without completion of this form, but you cannot be officially accepted and enrolled in GESI without the form.*
- GPA** - If your GPA is below 2.5, please contact us before beginning the application.

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Your GESI Application:

1. Go to www.northwestern.edu/studyabroadapp. Click on the “Non-Northwestern Students: Register Now” button.
2. Create a profile. If you have applied for a Study Abroad program before, be sure to update your profile before you begin.
3. Find your first choice GESI location and click “Select” and indicate the term you intend to participate in order to begin your application (Summer or Fall).

***The application will ask you to list a first and second choice program. If GESI is your only program choice, **DO NOT** select a second GESI location as your second choice program (this will trigger duplicate fields); there is space in the application to rank your preferred location(s). *Your application does not lock you into one GESI country. Should you decide you are interested in another site, the GESI staff can update your application to reflect your updated preferences.*

4. Students applying to GESI **must conduct a phone interview with GESI staff prior to submitting their application.** These interview sessions are an opportunity to articulate how your program choice aligns with your personal and academic interests, learn more about the program, and ask questions. Schedule an interview through our [online scheduling system](#).
5. Make sure you have completed all sections of the application. If you have completed all required questions in a section, you will see a **green check mark** next to that section. If you do not see this green check, return to that section and complete the required questions.
6. Review your application on the **Review & Save** page, then click the Submit Application button at the bottom of the page. If the option to submit your application does not appear, that indicates that some part of the application is not yet complete.

Please be aware that once you submit your application, it will be sent to a study abroad adviser for review. You will not be able to edit your application after clicking "Submit Application" unless instructed to do so by a study abroad adviser.

Questions?

We're here to help! Contact GESI at gesi@northwestern.edu or give us a call at 847.467.2689. For technical issues with the online application, please email studyabroadapp@northwestern.edu.

We look forward to reviewing your application!