

International Youth Leadership Conference Prague, Czech Republic



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“What a wonderful experience for university administrators interested in developing programs to help their students become more globally-minded. The structure and organization of the program is outstanding. The students appeared to be gaining greatly both academically, culturally and socially. I will simply try help my students participate in this program in the future. It is a week packed with remarkable learning experiences”

~ Kathy Humphrey, PhD, Vice Provost and Dean of Students ,
University of Pittsburgh (United States)

Details

The **International Youth Leadership Conference (IYLC)** is a week-long youth forum on world politics, international relations and justice. Hosted biannually in Prague, Czech Republic, the IYLC brings together prominent students from 40 different countries for an open-minded exchange of diverse perspectives on contemporary global challenges.

The IYLC is ideal for university and college students, as well as recent graduates, who seek to strengthen their generic leadership skills and gain meaningful international experiences. The Conference is a unique model that harmoniously combines academic and socio-cultural components. With its busy 5-day schedule, the IYLC involves participants in diverse discussions and activities that directly and indirectly contribute to their academic and professional growth, as well as raise their intercultural, gender and environmental awareness.

The main objective of the IYLC is to facilitate an exchange of ideas across an ethnically diverse and socially responsible group of young international leaders. The conference blends social interaction with cultural and educational components into one cohesive experience. We believe in the learning method of direct, hands-on experience. In our simulation activities, students have the opportunity to test their leadership skills, debate current issues, deliver speeches, make executive decisions, and realize through experience the complexities of international relations. Their interaction provokes communication and dialogue that, throughout the week, provides an unparalleled learning experience and cross-cultural adventure.

Nominations

We encourage university administrator and faculty to make nominations for the IYLC. We are searching for outstanding students between 18 and 24, who demonstrate commitment to academic excellence, professional development and community involvement.

Application Process

Over the years, the IYLC application process and the standards we strive to achieve have ensured that the IYLC participants are outstanding young leaders, who demonstrate academic excellence and commitment to drive change.

Applications are reviewed in accordance with the following criteria:

1. Educational level and area of studies
2. Command of English
3. Country of origin and age
4. Quality of 2 short essays

Sample Essay Topics

International Cooperation:

Since its inception, the United Nations Security Council has passed over 1800 resolutions aiming to tackle various security threats worldwide. However, the Council is still criticized by many sides for failing to carry through its mandate and to act effectively on global challenges under its jurisdiction. Based on the UNSC Resolution(s) of your choice, please argue how effective or ineffective was the UNSC in tackling and/or eliminating the threat under concern, its sources and consequences.

Leadership:

If you were the key head figure in your country's government, what immediate decisions would you make to tackle the most pressing economic, social and/or political problems? How easy do you think it would be to implement these decisions and what effects would they have?

The International Youth Leadership Conference is committed to establishing longer-term cooperation with universities, academic programs and educators that seek to enhance their students' study abroad and intercultural experiences.

Universities and programs interested in exploring possibilities for continuous involvement may benefit from our Affiliate discounts as well as other special offers.

To qualify as an Affiliate, a university or program must:

- Make a commitment to promote the IYLC (and other conferences) among its students and professors, by posting updates in online media and putting up posters around the university facilities;
- Appoint a liaison to receive conference updates and to facilitate communication with the students;
- Ensure that no less than 2 students attend the IYLC annually, either by sponsoring their participation or actively supporting their fundraising efforts.

IYLC Affiliates are offered the following benefits:

- A discount of 10% off the conference fees per each student;
- Additional 10% discount, when annual attendance reaches 4 or more students;
- One observer spot, free of charge, for faculty accompanying delegations of 4 or more;
- Guaranteed participant spots and an opportunity to nominate students, exempt from the official application process;
- Visibility on the IYLC web-site and recognition of offered scholarships;
- Automatic affiliate status within the International Youth Leadership Network with benefits applicable to its participating programmes.

Please contact us at info@czechleadership.com, if you are interested in becoming an Affiliate.

Our Affiliate Universities

American University in Bulgaria (Bulgaria)	Nipissing University (Canada)	University of Birmingham (UK)
American University in Central Asia (Kyrgyzstan)	Singapore Management University (Singapore)	University of Bristol (UK)
Anglo-American University in Prague (Czech Republic)	Universite Pierre-Mendes-France (France)	University of British Columbia (Canada)
Carnegie Mellon University (USA)	University of Cape Town (South Africa)	University of Cambridge (UK)
Claremont McKenna College (USA)	University of Exeter (UK)	University of Cincinnati (USA)
Coventry University (UK)	University of Nottingham (UK)	University of Colorado at Boulder (USA)
Curtin University of Technology (Australia)	University of Sydney (Australia)	University of Essex (UK)
Eastern Mediterranean University (Cyprus)	Michigan State University (USA)	University of Kansas (USA)
Flinders University (Australia)	National University of Singapore (Singapore)	University of Melbourne (Australia)
Griffith University (Australia)	Ngee Ann Polytechnic (Singapore)	University of Newcastle upon Tyne (UK)
Hofstra University (USA)	Pacific University (USA)	University of Reading (UK)
Hokkaido University (Japan)	Parahyangan Catholic University (Indonesia)	University of Southern California (USA)
Linton Global College (South Korea)	Rhodes University (South Africa)	University of Wales, Swansea (UK)
London Metropolitan University (UK)	Richmond University - AIU in London (UK)	University of Warwick (UK)
London School of Economics and Political Science (UK)	Roosevelt Academy (The Netherlands)	University of Waterloo (Canada)
Manhattanville College (USA)	SEEVIC College (UK)	University of Western Sydney (Australia)
Maricopa Community Colleges (USA)	Seton Hall University (USA)	University of Witwatersrand (South Africa)
Marquette University (USA)	St Lawrence University (USA)	University of Wollongong (Australia)
Massey University (New Zealand)	Stellenbosch University (South Africa)	Victoria University (Australia)
McGill University (Canada)	Taylor's University College (Malaysia)	West Virginia University (USA)
Carnegie Mellon University in Qatar (Qatar)	Tecnológico de Monterrey (Mexico)	Xavier Institute of Management (India)
InterAmerican University of Puerto Rico (USA)	Texas A&M University in Qatar (Qatar)	
KIMEP (Kazakhstan)	The Citadel - The Military College of South Carolina (USA)	
Macquarie University (Australia)	University College Cork (Ireland)	

Observers Programme

The IYLC Observers Programme intends to acquaint professors and other university staff with the International Youth Leadership Conference and offers an opportunity to validate its academic and cultural aspects through gaining first-hand experiences and insights during the IYLC week. We will extend this opportunity to a group of 8-12 observers, who will have a chance to observe all simulations, site visits and panel discussions in the course of the conference week.

Apprehend

Guided by an experienced facilitator, the Observers will learn more about the “content and process” of each simulation, methods and techniques used in planning and development sessions with the students, administrative and logistical aspects of the conference and other details instrumental in shaping the IYLC.

Reach Out & Connect

The Observers will be working in close contact with the diverse group of conference participants from over 30 countries and 60 universities, who represent a wide spectrum of interests and viewpoints and engage in challenging discussions on issues of global importance. Interaction with these young leaders will offer valuable insights on the state of education, and especially leadership education, around the world, as well as perspectives and ideas about global youth-led development. In addition, Observers will be given an opportunity to schedule mentoring sessions and presentations with participants (both on individual basis and with the whole group).

Observe

The Observers will have an opportunity to explore the IYLC and attend all conference activities, including student simulations, site visits, panel discussions, presentations and other group events. With this all-encompassing first-hand experience, the Observers will be able to ascertain the academic and cultural components of the conference and determine its suitability for their current and future initiatives.

Network

Throughout the Programme, the Observers will have an opportunity to network and exchange ideas with a group of fellow professionals that represent other universities and organisations worldwide, discovering possibilities for establishing international partnerships and enriching intercultural programming at their institutions. Additionally, the Programme will feature networking events and meetings with local academic communities and experts in related fields.

Promote Your Programme & Recruit

The IYLC is an engaging forum for the Observers to promote their schools, organisations and programmes in a pre-selected group of prominent young leaders. The Conference reaches out to the leading universities around the world and works with their most promising students. Owing to its competitive application process, the IYLC welcomes a group of outstanding students, who demonstrate exceptional leadership potential, as well as academic and professional excellence.

Build a Partnership

As part of the Programme, the Observers will have an opportunity to meet the conference executives to discuss partnership opportunities, as well as licensing possibilities for implementing the conference elsewhere.

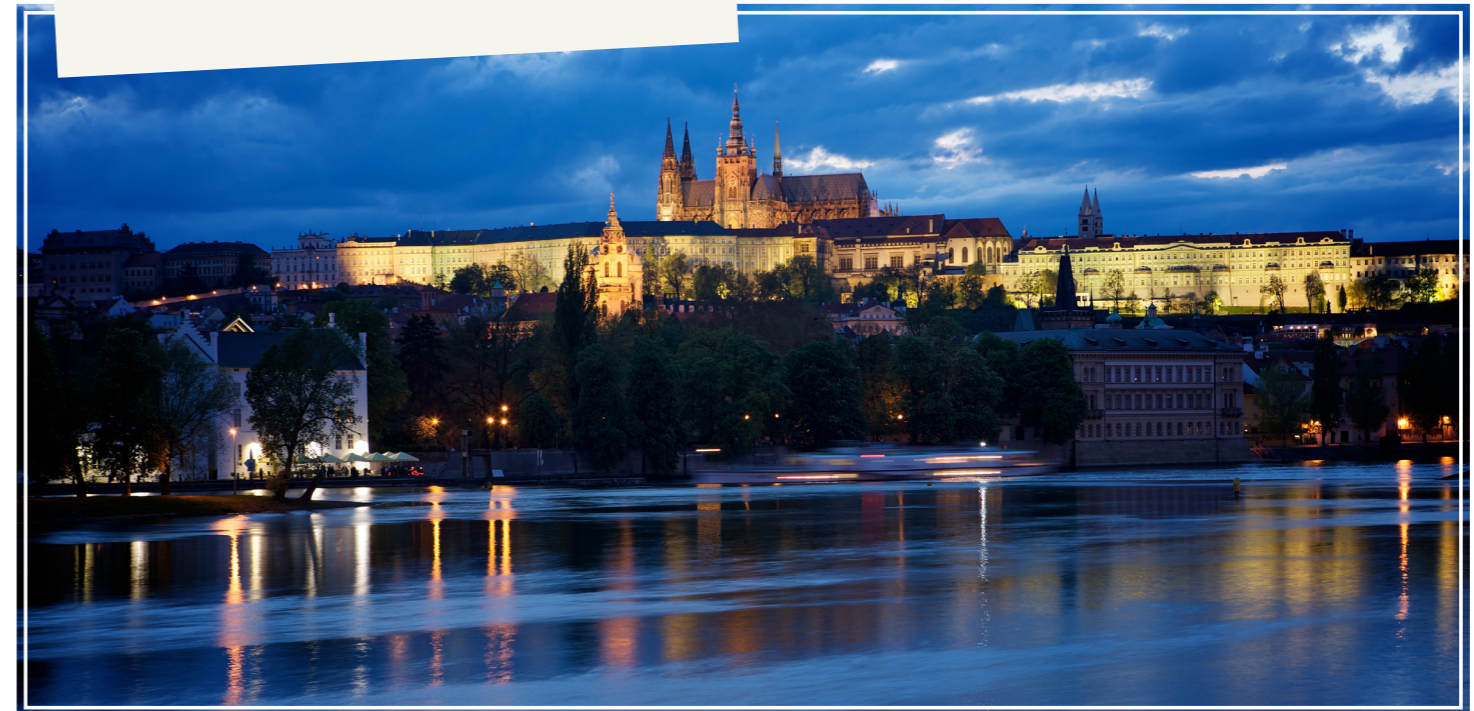
Explore Prague

The Programme is designed in a form of a retreat, whereas this sabbatical can be easily combined with some relaxing sightseeing experiences: explore centuries of Prague’s history, visit medieval castles and cathedrals, walk in the tranquil streets of Mala Strana, enjoy Czech cuisine at the Old Town Square, follow the footsteps of Kafka, cross the Charles Bridge—discover all the treasures of this great city.

Registration

If you are interested in the Observers Programme, please contact us at info@czechleadership.com enclosing your CV and describing the nature of your interest in the International Youth Leadership Conference.

The cost of the Observers Program is 980 Euro. This includes: transfer to and from the Prague airport, single-room accommodation, all meals and transportation during the conference, copies of all conference and reading materials, and accompaniment by a facilitator.



“I was very impressed with this program. It was very well organized and planned, and the activities were topical, interesting and stimulating. I am sure every single student would have found it a terrifically enjoyable experience, which broadened their horizons, their knowledge and their personal and cultural development.”

Prof. Douglas Yorke, Curtin University (Australia)

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