

KEITH SHERIN GLOBAL LEADERS PROGRAM “Spanish Language and Culture in Salamanca”

***An Accredited Study Tour in Spain for TRIO College Students
June 1 to June 30, 2018***

Administered by the Council for Opportunity in Education with Travel & Education

APPLICATION DEADLINE: January 15, 2018



TRIO students in Segovia, Spain

In June 2018, a group of 25 current or former TRIO participants will have an exciting learning opportunity. You will have a chance to explore Salamanca, one of Spain's most spectacular cities, as you immerse yourself in an intensive, month-long study of Spanish language and culture. You'll study with Spanish students at the University of Salamanca and have the option to live with a Spanish family or with other international students in a residence hall.

The Program

Your courses will include language classes tailored to your proficiency level in Spanish. Beginners will have special language lab and vocabulary building sessions. You'll also choose among classes that focus on Spanish history, culture, and art, as well as Arab culture in Spain, the role of women in Spanish history, and Spanish and Latin American film. Outside of class, you'll take part in group excursions to Segovia, a UNESCO World Heritage site because of its Roman aqueduct, medieval walls, and Romanesque cathedrals; and La Alberca and Pena de Francia, a local village which was declared a national historical treasure and monastery on a mountain peak. The program is administered by COE and Travel & Education, a program provider that partners with three universities in the regions of Castile and Leon, Spain.

The Application Process

You must be nominated by your TRIO program director to apply to this program. Eligible students are TRIO Student Support Services or McNair participants and former alumni of Educational Opportunity Center or any Upward Bound program who are currently enrolled, in good academic and social standing with their institutions, have at least sophomore status, and have demonstrated leadership ability and potential. Priority will be given to students who have had at least one semester of Spanish or the equivalent and who have not previously studied or travelled overseas. **Your college or university must be an institutional member of COE for you to participate in this program.**

Each application must be submitted with a transcript (unofficial is acceptable), personal essay, and \$500 deposit to COE by January 15, 2018. The deposit is refundable if you are not admitted to the program. Applicants will be notified of their acceptance status by early February. Once accepted, participants must submit all payments and required forms to COE by the indicated deadlines.

Please create one PDF document containing your application, recommendation, and unofficial transcript, and send it to holly.hexter@coenet.org to speed the review process.

Program Cost and Keith Sherin Global Leaders Scholarships

Thanks to generous corporate support, COE will award **Keith Sherin Global Leaders Scholarships** to the 25 students selected for the 2018 Keith Sherin Global Leaders Program so that **the net cost to students is \$2,500**. The scholarships are named in honor of Keith Sherin, senior vice president and chief financial officer of General Electric Co., who is committed to helping disadvantaged students attain leadership experiences. A number of regional and state TRIO associations may also be awarding scholarships. Each TRIO Program nominating a student for participation is asked to contact the appropriate regional and state associations for information about association-sponsored scholarship opportunities. Students may also be eligible for federal student assistance under U.S. Department of Education regulations. The sponsoring TRIO program staff is encouraged to work with the campus financial aid director to secure appropriate funding from this source and to ensure that credits obtained will be transferable. Other campus offices—such as the president's or dean's office—might also be encouraged to provide partial funding.

Students are encouraged to apply to the federal Benjamin Gilman Scholarship Program, which provides study abroad scholarships for students receiving Pell Grants. More information about the Gilman program and its application deadlines can be found at <https://www.gilmanscholarship.org/>.

The program fee for the COE 2018 Keith Sherin Global Leaders Program includes: roundtrip air travel between the U.S. departure site and Madrid; pre-departure and onsite orientation; air and ground transportation in Spain, including airport transfers; tuition and fees for the course of language and cultural classes (transcripts to be issued by the University of Salamanca); emergency medical insurance; some group excursions; accommodations; and meals. The program fee does not include: roundtrip travel from the student's home to the East Coast departure site; student passports, passport photos (and visas, if necessary); immunizations; luggage handling; beverages not included with

meals; optional group excursions offered by T&E; independent sightseeing expenses; personal items; telephone calls; excess airline baggage charges; gifts or souvenirs; optional insurance for baggage and/or trip cancellation; and reimbursement for lost or stolen personal items or currency.

Pre-Departure Preparation

Students accepted into the program take part in at least one conference call with COE and Travel & Education staff to discuss the academic requirements and practical issues related to the short-term study abroad program. You will receive several e-mailings containing articles and useful information. A one-day orientation on the day of departure from the U.S. will introduce you to your travel mates, including the group leaders, and will provide additional guidance on the host country, political and cultural topics, and health and safety issues.

Academic Credit

Academic transcripts for the program are issued by the University of Salamanca, which awards the equivalent of four (4) to six (6) credit hours for the language and cultural immersion provided. Students are encouraged to consult with their registrar's office and their academic adviser about obtaining credit for the program prior to leaving the U.S.

Program Changes and Cancellation

Please note that at any time, COE and Travel & Education retain the right to amend the itinerary as needed. COE and the sponsor also reserve the right to cancel the tour. In the event of cancellation, student payments will be refunded.

Withdrawal

Students wishing to withdraw from the Keith Sherin Global Leaders Program after acceptance must inform COE in writing. The uncommitted portion of the program fee (recoverable transportation, travel agency, housing, or class activity fees) will be refunded, minus a \$250 handling fee. No refunds will be granted after May 1, 2018.

For more information and to receive an application, contact Holly Hexter at 202-347-7430, extension 337 or by e-mail at **holly.hexter@coenet.org**. Applications will be available on the COE website in mid-November 2017.