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RE: **Program Leader for Summer 2027 UW Global Gateway Program in Estonia**

International Academic Programs (IAP), a unit in the International Division, is accepting applications from faculty who wish to serve as the Program Leader for the **UW Global Gateway Program in Estonia** in Summer 2027. Please circulate this announcement among your faculty colleagues and encourage those interested to apply.

Applications are due March 6, 2026

International Academic Programs (IAP), in partnership with the UW-Madison Office of Student Financial Aid and The Office of Experiential Learning, is delighted to offer an exciting academic opportunity for UW-Madison undergraduates called the **UW Global Gateway Initiative**. UW Global Gateway Programs are short-term, faculty-led programs designed to introduce UW-Madison students to global issues and prepare students for success in an increasingly interconnected world. These programs are open to first- and second-year UW-Madison undergraduates from all backgrounds and disciplines. IAP provides each program participant with a Global Gateway Scholarship covering all billed program costs and airfare.

Past Program Leaders of Global Gateway Summer Programs describe their experiences as transformative, impactful, engaging, motivating, and rewarding. **Read more from Faculty Voices**.

Location
The Estonia Global Gateway program is administered in cooperation with CIEE, a nonprofit study abroad and intercultural exchange organization established in 1947. CIEE staff will help support the Program Leader (PL) with the on-site administration of the program. The Tallinn CIEE center is located on the Tallinn University campus. Widely hailed as the "Silicon Valley" of Europe, Tallinn is home to the largest number of startup unicorns and billionaire founders per capita than any country in the world.

Duration & Content
The 3-week program (beginning in Estonia after May 19 with travel departing 1-2 days prior) will consist of one 3-credit course connecting topics to the history, culture, and society of Estonia to ground students' learning in the local context, with broader comparative themes relevant to today's most pressing international issues. The course should be accessible to first- and second-year students from diverse majors. Potential themes for courses can be tied to examining IT and AI startups, AI and digital literacy, trustworthy AI, AI and public sector applications and information ethics and policy cybersecurity, peace and conflict resolution, politics, regional studies, and international relations.

Courses that support student exploration of the themes of career development and technology integration are both encouraged, as is linking program themes to larger university goals and the RISE initiatives and encouraging student engagement in those areas upon return to campus.

Course suggestions should seek to support **Global Gateway Learning Objectives.**
Academic
- Learn about, with, and from the communities in which they live and study
- Ask culturally relevant questions
- Make connections between academic content learned on campus and ideas generated on program
- Engage with the course content and explore connections to their major

Professional
- Explore career interests or goals for future planning
- Develop and strengthen adaptability and flexibility
- Expand worldview to engage in a globalized, interconnected world
- Articulate how the soft skills they developed on their program experience help shape future goals

Personal
- Cultivate empathy and cultural humility
- Understand and navigate cultural and geographical differences
- Reflect on personal values and assumptions
- Build community with others

Program Leader Responsibilities
- Create and Teach one 3 credit course relevant to the location
- Address academic and non-academic issues on program
- Identify and lead out-of-class activities and excursions that complement coursework suggested from previous Program Leaders and with guidance from CIEE
- Support student health and safety
- Assist IAP with recruitment efforts and the student selection process
- Participate in three pre-departure orientation activities in Spring 2027
- Travel with students to and from the program on a group flight
- Submit a written report summarizing the program and making suggestions for future years

Compensation
For the Program Leader, IAP will provide the following:
- Summer salary calculated on a basis of 1/9th of your base salary to a maximum of $9,500, plus summer fringe benefits, to be disbursed during Summer 2027;
- Per diem only while in travel status to and from the program site for initial arrival and final departure dates;
- One round-trip, economy-class airfare on the group flight with students and associated ground transportation between your home and airports at the program site;
- Housing for the duration of the program in the same hotel as the participants; and
- International health insurance coverage for the duration of the appointment.

Application
Applications are welcome from all disciplines and academic departments at UW-Madison. Preference will be given to tenured faculty and faculty with direct academic experience in the program location and region. Applications from faculty who have not previously led study abroad/away programs are encouraged.

Interested faculty should submit electronically a brief letter of interest, curriculum vitae, and a course proposal (one or two short paragraphs will suffice).

Submit all application materials to Alex George (ajgeorge@wisc.edu), IAP Office Manager, who can also respond to any questions about the position.