



OECD Student Ambassador Program 2015-2016 Academic year

Win a trip to Paris!

An on-campus, year-long ambassadorship for the OECD

The Student Ambassadors engage with the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, and plan on-campus activities to raise awareness of the Organization and its work. Based on their performance, two Student Ambassadors will be selected to visit OECD headquarters in Paris, France in June 2016.

Program Requirements

The time commitment will include: a mandatory training day May 30, 2015 in Washington, DC. During the school year, the program will require approximately 40 hours per semester. Expenses for the training weekend, the trip to OECD headquarters and a budget for expenses related to promotional activities on campus, will be paid for by the OECD.

Each Ambassador will organize at least two on-campus OECD events or programs per semester. Events could include: hosting an OECD speaker on campus, arranging a videoconference, a recruiting event, training on OECD data and publications, etc. Students may implement other promotional initiatives such as use of social networking sites, blogging, articles in the student newspaper, and interviews with OECD officials working on specific projects. Ambassadors should be creative and coordinate with faculty and other student groups.

Application will comprise a letter describing your motivation to participate in the program along with some additional questions, a resumé and two letters of recommendation. The ideal candidate is a sophomore or junior at the time of application who has completed significant coursework in economics and has an interest in international relations. Please note that we will not accept students who plan to study abroad during the 2015-2016 academic year. Participation in the training May 30 2015 is also a requirement. Please do not submit an application if you will be unavailable to attend.

Timeline

March 31, 2015 Deadline for applications. Please email application materials to Kathleen DeBoer at washington.contact@oecd.org. Students may send any questions in advance to the same email.

May 1, 2015 Students will be notified. Once they confirm their participation, the OECD will assist with travel planning and reservations.

May 30 2015 Student Ambassadors visit the OECD Washington Center for a full day of training.

Mid-August 2015 Student Ambassadors have submitted their initial plans to the Washington Center and scheduling of on-campus activities begins.

April 2016 Student Ambassadors submit reports summarizing their on-campus activities, results, and lessons learned.

May 2016 Two Student Ambassadors are selected to visit OECD headquarters in Paris. All other SAs who have successfully completed the program will receive a certificate of participation and a letter of recommendation.

Please note a few legal points. Selection as a Student Ambassador is an honor and a recognition of your past achievements and future potential in the fields of economics, international relations, and public affairs. While functioning as a Student Ambassador, your role will be to learn about the work of the OECD and to bring it to the attention of members of your campus community. It should be clearly understood that you are not an official of the OECD and nothing that you say will in any way bind the OECD; the OECD reserves the right to terminate your status at any time in the event of inappropriate conduct. Finally, selection as a Student Ambassador does not guarantee or imply any right to future internship or employment at the OECD.

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Please address the following questions in your letter of application which should be **no longer than 500 words**.

- 1) What is your motivation for applying to this on-campus ambassadorship?
- 2) How would you describe your personality and work style?
- 3) What previous experience have you had that will be valuable in this position?
- 4) What other activities and/or employment do you plan to participate in during the next academic year?
- 5) Do you plan to apply to graduate school or study abroad?
- 6) Have a look at www.oecd.org/topics
 - a. Which areas of the OECD's work are most of interest to you?
 - b. Have you used OECD data or publications in your academic work?
- 7) An OECD official will be visiting your campus. How would you go about planning an event for him/her?
- 8) Will you be available to come to Washington, D.C. on May 30, 2015?

In order to successfully complete the requirements of the program and receive your certificate signed by the Secretary General of the OECD and a letter of recommendation, you must be available to commit at least 40 hours per semester. Unlike many other campus activities, there is a great deal of flexibility in terms of when you do the work. There is not a regular time commitment every week; however there is a limited window each semester during which you can successfully host events, usually September 15 - November 15 and February 1 - April 20th.