



SOCIAL INNOVATION IN SOUTH AFRICA

APPROACHES TO ACCELERATING SOCIAL CHANGE



The global immersion to South Africa exposes participants to the political, cultural, and historical contexts of South Africa.



Five online pre-immersion sessions between January and February followed by a 10-day global immersion program in Cape Town, South Africa.



A post-immersion session which requires students to participate in a debriefing session and showcase of their innovation project.



Visit organizations and townships addressing social issues. Tours of historic and cultural sites such as Robben Island, Table Mountain, District Six Museum, and the Cape of Good Hope.



Meetings with professors, students, leaders of NGOs, community organizers and entrepreneurs to learn about their approaches to social innovation and community engagement.



Using a human-centered design perspective, participants will learn about the role this approach plays in solving social issues by understanding the needs of the people and developing insights to solve those needs.



An opportunity to design an innovative solution to advance the work of a local organization and showcase ideas.

Who can participate?

The program accepts a limited number of graduate-level social work students on a competitive, rolling admissions basis. Students must have a minimum 3.0 GPA and have completed all foundation/generalist practice requirements. Preference will be given to students in the last year of their studies, but first year students are still encouraged to apply.

Will I get credit for the program?

If you are enrolled in the USC Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work, you will receive 3-unit credits for completing the program.

What if I am taking 15 units of credit during the spring semester?

If you are a student in the USC Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work and are enrolled in 15 units during the spring semester, you will not need to pay additional tuition for the required 3-elective unit course.

Will this program help my chances of finding a job?

The global immersion to South Africa provides an opportunity for experiential learning. This learning experience prepares you to be a transformational leader that knows how to turn knowledge into action when addressing critical social and environmental challenges. Students participating in

this immersion will not only gain an understanding of how innovative solutions are developed and applied, but how they can potentially be adopted to create new ideas, services, and practices that positively impact individuals, communities, institutions, and societies.

Is financial aid available?

If you are receiving or are eligible for financial aid, you may be able to apply it toward this program. For details, contact the School's Scholarship Programs Office.

Where will we stay?

USC will arrange housing at a hotel in Cape Town.

How much will the program cost?

Program costs include daily breakfasts, weekday lunches, local transportation in Cape Town during program hours and field excursions. In addition, costs include a program administrative fee. Other fees are additional, including tuition for a required 3-unit course and a health insurance policy if you are not enrolled in the mandatory USC student health or other insurance plan. All participants will be responsible for their own travel to/from Cape Town, South Africa including air travel to other cities and sightseeing. In addition, students will also be responsible for dinners, non-program-related transportation, and other incidentals. Students will also be required to have a valid passport for travel to South Africa.

For additional information, please contact:

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“ Poverty is not an accident. Like slavery and apartheid, it is man-made and can be removed by the actions of human beings.

NELSON MANDELA



“ A steady flow of successful social innovations can profoundly change the structure and dynamics of any social system while accelerating the practice of social good.

RENÉE SMITH-MADDOX, PH.D.



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