ILR India SVYM Global Service Learning Program  
Summer 2012 Application

(Open to ILR undergraduate students, MILR and Global Health Minors who are returning to campus in the fall.)

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SVYM Program Description

The ILR School has partnered with the Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement (SVYM) in Karnataka state, India to develop the India SVYM Global Service Learning Program. SVYM is a non-profit, non-religious, non-political organization working for the benefit of indigenous and rural people in southern India through effective education, accessible healthcare and sustainable empowerment initiatives. The organization boasts several academic initiatives, including a Master’s degree in Developmental Studies offered through a local university as well as housing a grassroots policy research institute (GRAAM) in collaboration with the Cornell Institute of Public Affairs and the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

Up to ten ILR students and six Global Health Minors (GHMs) will be selected to participate in the 2012 India SVYM GSL Program, which will take place in late May/early June (exact dates to be determined) for 6 weeks for ILR and 8 weeks for GHM students.

The program is split into 2 parts.

Part 1
For the first two-weeks in India, students will participate in 2 weeks of courses at the Vivekananda Institute of Indian Studies (VIIS), (http://www.viis.in/), to prepare for work in their service learning projects.

The courses are:
1) Indian Civilization and Culture
2) Gender in India
3) Indian Labor Economics (for ILR) or Global Health in the Indian Context (specifically for GHMs).

Afternoon elective classes in Kannada (official language of Karnataka) as well as some local outings will be offered. Morning yoga classes will also be offered.

Part 2
After 2 weeks of courses, students will take part in 4 (ILR) or 6 (GH) week service projects at one of SVYM’s field sites in Mysore and Bangalore or in Hyderabad (an opportunity sponsored by the Employment and Disabilities Institute at ILR—see below). The service project sites will be determined during the spring semester, prior to the students’ departure.
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Disabilities-Studies Project Sponsored by the Employment and Disabilities Institute in ILR

ILR students can apply for a disabilities-related project in Hyderabad, a city in the state of Andhra Pradesh (next to Karnataka). Applicants must have personal or academic experience in disability.

Program Costs

ILR students selected to the program would receive a scholarship to cover some program costs including tuition, room & board, and airport transport from Bangalore to Mysore. Students will be responsible for airfare (ILR students will be eligible to apply for an ILR travel grant or conduct fundraising events to cover the airfare cost), visa fees, immunizations, health insurance, MEDEX emergency travel insurance, and personal travel costs not directly related to the program.

For the Global Health students, the cost will be around $4,500-$5,000 this includes visa, airfare, tuition, room & board, and local transportation in India.

Application and Selection Process

Applications are due on November 14 by 5:00pm; late applications will not be accepted.

ILR students: Email it to dmr47@cornell.edu and drop-off 2 hard copies at Ives 117.
GHMs students: Email it to jmm298@cornell.edu and drop-off 2 hard copies in her mailbox in the Savage Hall mail room.

Interviews will be held in late November through early December with team selections made around December 7. Conditionally accepted applicants will be notified by e-mail.

Mandatory Pre-departure Course

All students participating in the India SVYM GSL program are required to complete NS 4620 in the spring 2012, one-credit pass/fail course designed to prepare students for their field experiences. The course is on Wednesdays from 3-4:10pm.

Note that ILR students will not be able to pre-enroll for the course and instead should bring an add/drop form to the first session.

For additional information visit our website http://www.ilr.cornell.edu/international/globalService/

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Part 1- Applicant Information (please submit this page with the rest of your documents)

Please type your application. Deadline is Nov 14, 2011, 5:00 pm. ILR students: Email it to dmr47@cornell.edu and drop-off 2 hard copies at Ives 117; GHMs students: Email it to jmm298@cornell.edu and drop-off 2 hard copies in her mailbox at the Savage Hall mail room.

Name: ___________________________________________________________________________

Email address: ___________________________ CUID# ______________________________________

Phone number: __________________________ Class Year: __________________________________

Passport# ___________________________ Country_________________ Expiration Date ___________

Ithaca Address__________________________________________________________

Permanent Address __________________________________________________________________

Have you ever participated in an international service-learning trip before? No___ Yes___

If yes, provide details on a separate sheet.

Are you interested in applying for a disability related project in Hyderabad? Yes_______

Part 2- Resume

Please submit your current resume with your application. If you need assistance with your resume, please make an appointment with a career office. List two references with contact information (e-mail, relationship to student, telephone number during the day). References may be professors, advisors, or work/volunteer supervisors who know you well and can speak to your abilities to participate in the SVYM Program.

Part 3-Short Answers (maximum 5 pages, double spaced, for all of your answers)

1) Why are you interested in an international activity? (If you have been overseas, please be specific about what interests you while abroad; if you have not been abroad, what do you think will interest you?)

2) Why are you applying to this program?

3) Where have you traveled? Describe meeting a person while traveling who taught you something new or changed your mind about something you believed in.

4) What are your career goals and how will this experience relate to those goals?

5) What skill, quality, or experience would you bring to the Cornell team and to the SVYM placement?

6) What are your 3 goals that you would like to accomplish while in the program, and how do you plan to accomplish them?

7) What GH Minor course(s) have you taken? How do you think these courses will be helpful to you in this GSL program?

8) Do you have any concerns about taking part in this program?