



COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY GLOBAL SCHOLARS PROGRAM IN RWANDA

JUNE 22 - JULY 17, 2020



The program will bring together undergraduate Columbia students with University of Rwanda students in the summer term. Over the course of the program, students will:

- Explore climate change impacts, both current and projected
- Evaluate various approaches to climate adaptation, and consider regional dimensions of the challenge in Sub-Saharan Africa
- Examine theories around sustainable development policy and their critiques
- Understand and witness challenges of climate change in the developing world
- Meet with representatives from the Rwandan government, local non-profit organizations, UR faculty, and business leaders who are engaged in sustainable development in country
- Take group excursions to field and cultural sites
- Perform hands-on research while working on team-based group projects

Academic Details:

This course will include both Columbia University and University of Rwanda students creating powerful opportunities for students to gain a new perspective from their peers. The course will be based on the University of Rwanda's campus in Kigali hosted by the Center for Excellence in Biodiversity and Natural Resource Management. Content will include an overview of sustainable development policy, the particular challenges of climate change adaptation to the developing world, and details about the Rwandan case. Guest speakers from the Rwandan government, local non-profit organizations, University of Rwanda faculty, and business leaders will provide important insights. Excursions to cultural sites will deepen students' understanding of Rwandan society, recent history, and possible future trajectory. Toward the end of the course, students will work in small mixed groups with a local partner institutions. Students will travel to rural areas to collect data on specific research projects. Upon returning to Kigali, each research team will share their findings with the larger group. This project-based learning approach will enhance student understanding through real-world opportunities to contribute to research needs in Rwanda, and provide students with invaluable time to work with their international peers to solve problems on the ground.



Students will receive a certificate for program completion.

Housing, Meals & Activities:

- Columbia and UR students will be housed together in private homes or hostels near campus. Students will share a room with 1-2 roommates and have access to a kitchen.
- Breakfast and lunch will be provided during the weekdays; students will be responsible for most of their own dinners and are encouraged to shop at the local markets to prepare dinners at home
- Course trips will be covered by the program; optional trips have costs that participating students will pay.

Eligibility:

- Must be a 3rd or 4th year undergraduate at the University of Rwanda
- Fluent in English
- In good academic standing
- All majors are welcome to apply, but policy experience preferred

Application:

APPLICATION DEADLINE:
NOVEMBER 1, 2019

- Complete google form found here: <https://forms.gle/TJY3WX1irFwncni27>
- Email resume/CV & University of Rwanda transcript in ONE email to SusDevRwanda@gmail.com
- A letter of recommendation should come directly from a professor and emailed to SusDevRwanda@gmail.com



Financial Considerations:

- Tuition is free for accepted students
- Housing, transportation, and most meals will be provided
- Program Fee: 10,000 RwFr due upon acceptance to the program

