

Application – IPDS Zambia - 2018

SUNY Buffalo State School of Education

The School of Education at SUNY Buffalo State believes that education students engaged in global outreach and travel – whether locally, nationally, or internationally – are better prepared to become teachers who meet the needs of *all* children in today’s classrooms. Students who study, teach, and observe abroad enhance their academic proficiency, develop confidence and leadership skills, build credentials noticed by future employers, and bring an inclusive approach to their teaching.

Program Description

The IPDS Zambia program is a travel and service learning experience that includes:

- enrollment in 3-credit course the spring semester prior to travel
- travel for 2 ½ weeks to Lusaka, Zambia in May/June
- collaboration with students and faculty at the University of Zambia
- study of Zambian teaching models and practices for science, math and social studies at Libala Basic School
- field experiences at Chikumbuso Womens and Orphans Project and with teachers and children at local schools
- cultural experiences in and around Lusaka

Application Details

Eligibility	Open to all undergraduate and graduate students Priority given to education majors
Requirements	Must be a current Buffalo State student (including those graduating in May of the year of travel) Must maintain good academic standing
To Apply	Submit materials by deadline to Tamara Horstman-Riphahn, School of Education Office, Bacon 306: - completed Application Form - completed Academic Reference Form - typed Statement of Intent (in response to provided prompts) - copy of transcript (unofficial is acceptable), Degree Works printout, or Banner printout
To Participate	Eligible applicants will be invited to an interview for final selection. Those selected to participate will be required to submit all final payments by the deadlines specified. Participants are required to obtain a passport that is valid for at least 3 months after travel return date, complete all necessary paperwork and meet program deadlines, purchase travel insurance through Buffalo State, and participate in the pre-travel course in the spring semester.

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Application Submission & Process

Mail, email, fax or drop off completed forms and attachments to:

Tamara Horstman-Riphahn ♦ School of Education
1300 Elmwood Avenue ♦ Bacon 306 ♦ Buffalo, NY 14222
Phone (716) 878-3008 ♦ Fax (716) 878-5301
Email horstmath@buffalostate.edu

APPLICATION DEADLINE: November 17, 2017

INTERVIEWING QUALIFIED APPLICANTS: Nov/Dec 2017

NOTIFYING ACCEPTED APPLICANTS: Dec 2017

DEPOSIT DUE: TBD

Supplemental Materials

TRANSCRIPT – Attach a copy of your most recent transcript (unofficial is acceptable), Degree Works printout, or Banner printout. The material you submit must show you are a registered Buffalo State student and indicate your GPA.

ACADEMIC REFERENCE – You must submit one academic reference. Ask a recent university instructor or academic advisor to complete the “Academic Reference Form.” The form can be returned to you to submit with your application materials or it can be submitted directly to the School of Education office.

STATEMENT OF INTENT – Submit a word-processed response to the following prompts. Be sure to respond thoroughly so reviewers can get a clear picture of your interest and intent in regards to the IPDS Zambia program.

- 1) What do you hope to gain from this program professionally? Specifically, how do you plan to integrate your experiences into your teaching?
- 2) What do you hope to gain from this program personally?
- 3) While abroad, how will you serve as an ambassador of our college and our country?
- 4) What characteristics and experiences do you have that will help you be successful within this program?
- 5) What do you hope to bring to the program (to our hosts, to children you work with in the schools, to the travel group)?

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RCVD:

DCSN:

Applicant Checklist

- Completed Application Form (2 pages)
- Completed Academic Reference Form (1 page)
- Statement of Intent (in response to prompts at left)
- Transcript, Degree Works or Banner printout
- I am currently a Buffalo State student
- I am currently in good academic standing

Personal Information

Name _____
last

first

middle

Date of Birth _____ Gender _____
mm/dd/yyyy

Mailing Address _____
street

city

state

zip

Email 1 _____
Primary / Year-Round

Email 2 _____
Secondary / School

Phone – Home _____

Phone – Mobile _____

Country(ies) of Citizenship _____

Racial/Ethnic Group (optional) _____

Education Information

- Graduate Student
- Undergraduate Student

Banner ID # _____

Department _____

Major _____

Academic Advisor _____

Expected Graduation Date _____

Cumulative GPA _____ Major GPA _____

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Names of Reference

Name _____

Institution _____

Title _____

Passport Information

**If you do not yet have a passport, leave this section blank.*

Legal Name _____

EXACTLY as it appears on your passport, including middle names and suffixes (e.g. Jr.)

Passport # _____

Expiration Date _____

Country of Citizenship _____

General Information for Travel

Languages spoken (other than English) _____

Particular dietary practices or needs _____

Allergies _____

Chronic Ailments or Health Concerns _____

Emergency Contact - Primary

Name _____
last

_____ first

Relationship to You _____

Email _____

Phone 1 _____
home/cell/work (circle one)

Phone 2 _____
home/cell/work (circle one)

Emergency Contact - Secondary

Name _____
last

_____ first

Relationship to You _____

Email _____

Phone 1 _____
home/cell/work (circle one)

Phone 2 _____
home/cell/work (circle one)

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Academic Reference Form

Learn about the IPDS Zambia Program at <http://schoolofeducation.buffalostate.edu/zambia> or by contacting the program leader:
Hibajene Shandomo, shandohm@buffalostate.edu

Return completed reference form to applicant to include with application materials, or mail, email, fax, or drop off completed form to:

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Name _____ Title _____

Institution _____ Department _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Applicant's Name _____

How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant? _____

In comparison with other students you have known, please rate (circle one) the applicant on the following characteristics. In a separate letter, please elaborate on any of the characteristics, describe the student's strengths related to studying abroad, explain any of the student's weakness related to studying abroad, and/or provide additional comments regarding the applicant's potential for this program.

Motivation/Initiative	Excellent	Good	Average	Poor	Unknown
Integrity (commitment to high ethical standards)	Excellent	Good	Average	Poor	Unknown
Problem Solving Skills	Excellent	Good	Average	Poor	Unknown
Common Sense and Good Judgment	Excellent	Good	Average	Poor	Unknown
Interpersonal Skills (ability to work well with others)	Excellent	Good	Average	Poor	Unknown
Coping Skills (ability to deal with stress, ambiguity, unusual situations)	Excellent	Good	Average	Poor	Unknown
Writing Skills	Excellent	Good	Average	Poor	Unknown
Verbal Communication Skills	Excellent	Good	Average	Poor	Unknown
Self-Concept (extent of self-esteem, positive self regard)	Excellent	Good	Average	Poor	Unknown

I would would not expect the student to be appropriate and considerate as a homestay participant

I would would not expect the student to be a positive addition to a travel group

Additional Comments _____