THE TALLOIRES NETWORK LEADERS CONFERENCE IN CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA,
DECEMBER 2-4, 2014

Background and goals

The Talloires Network will pay for the travel and accommodation costs, and conference fees of student representatives who attend the 2014 Talloires Network Leaders Conference (TNLC 2014). By including a group of student representatives at the conference, we aim to achieve a number of goals:

- Strengthen conference dialogue by adding student voice and perspective
- Reinforce the work and impacts of student leaders
- Build working ties among student representatives and between student representatives and university senior administrators
- Advance Talloires Network programs that directly involve students
- Explore how future Talloires Network programming can support student leadership

Student qualifications

- Demonstrated leadership skills
- Status as either an undergraduate or graduate student
- Extensive experience in community service and social change work
- Capacity for inter-cultural communication and exchange
- Potential to use the Cape Town conference experience to strengthen the community engagement and social responsibility work of the institutions where they are studying. Planning another year of study prior to completing his/her degree program -- so that the individuals can share their experience at their host institutions after the conference (this is a preference, not a requirement).
- Geographic diversity. We want to build a student contingent with the same broad global representation as that of the institutions members of the Talloires Network.
- Gender balance
- Strong English language skills

Student roles and responsibilities

Prior to the conference
- Post a personal profile on the conference website
- Participate in online dialogue and exchange with other student representatives

During the conference
- Participate in the full range of conference sessions and contribute student perspectives to the dialogue
- Participate in two students-only sessions to prepare for a concluding panel on student perspectives and to frame post-conference activities

After the conference
- Use what they have gained and learned at the conference to strengthen the community engagement work of their institutions
- Prepare two blogs for the Talloires Network website
A subset of student representatives will be selected to serve for a year as Talloires Network Student Ambassadors – to communicate about university community engagement activities and possibilities, and to advise on TN programs

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| Themes | Perspectives from the Global South – highlighting knowledge and successful strategies developed by universities in the Global South; we will foster South-North, North-South and South-South dialogue Youth Employment – elevating the role of universities in addressing the world-wide youth employment crisis Economic Development – discussing how higher education institutions contribute to economic development in all geographic contexts |