March 16, 2020

Dear Ms/Mr. SURNAME,

**Congratulations!** On behalf of Global Citizens Initiative (GCI), we are pleased to offer you admission to the GCI Fellowship 2020. **You have also been awarded a full $5,900 scholarship to cover the Fellowship tuition and a (partial) travel grant (see details below)!**

The Admissions Committee was impressed by your application, including your leadership potential and academic achievements. Your interest in cross-cultural exchange, your deep sense of responsibility to your community and the respect and admiration you command from peers and teachers are all outstanding. Your enthusiasm, optimism, work ethic and generosity of spirit truly inspire us!

The Fellowship is a unique 10-month program designed to equip you with the mindset, skills and resources necessary to be an effective and ethical leader. You will join 27 other Fellows from around the world at the GCI Summit at the University of St Andrews, where you will learn how to implement a project that addresses a global issue in your local community. After the Summit, you will work with an individual Mentor on this issue for the remaining 9 months of the Fellowship. Your project is an integral part of the Fellowship and by committing to becoming a Fellow, you commit to developing and launching a project.

**PLEASE NOTE:** GCI is still planning to hold both the Summit and the Seminar for Educators this July. We are **carefully monitoring reports on COVID-19 (the coronavirus) and will prioritize the health and safety of those participating in our programs** when making any decisions. Due to the current situation, GCI is also mandating that all participants purchase Medical/Evacuation and Travel Insurance through GCI for an additional US$100. In the event that GCI has to cancel the programs, we will offer you a full refund. We encourage you to reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

**Next Steps**

* **Attached is the Fellow-Parent Handbook for you and your parents to read,** which includes the Fellowship overview, as well as academic guidelines, travel logistics, lodging, dress code and packing list, and more. Throughout the months leading up to the Summit we will send you reminders on the deadlines listed under Summit Preparation Checklist, as well as specific Summit tips.
* **To officially enroll in the Fellowship** **and confirm your place as a Fellow** or to decline the offer**,** [please click here to log in to the Admissions Portal](https://gci.smapply.io/acc/l/)where you submitted your application and complete the following items:

**By Monday, March 23, 2020**

* Submit the Commitment to Enroll form
* Complete your Fellow Profile form
* Visa: As a citizen of China; Colombia; Cuba; Ethiopia; India; Jamaica; Jordan; Kenya; Morocco; Nepal; Nigeria; Peru; the Philippines; Tanzania; Tunisia; Turkey; Vietnam you will be required to obtain a tourist visa to travel to the United Kingdom. As part of your Commitment to Enroll, you must complete the Visa Appointment Information form and make an appointment to secure your tourist visa. Many countries will only issue a visa within a certain timeframe, we encourage you to make your appointment for the earliest possible date
* Travel: We strongly suggest that Fellows and Parents consider booking the Fellow’s flights through TripActions, GCI’s preferred online travel provider, as they offer discounted flights and GCI staff will be able to monitor the Fellow’s flight(s) while they are en route. You will need to indicate your interest in using TripActions in the Commitment to Enroll form. When making your travel arrangements please note

// **Congratulations! You have been awarded a travel grant!** You will need to answer yes in the Travel Plans question on the Commitment to Enroll form and book your flight through TripActions once prompted by email. When making your travel arrangements please note

// **Congratulations! You have been awarded a partial travel grant!** You will need to answer yes in the Travel Plans question on the Commitment to Enroll form and book your flight through TripActions once prompted by email. As part of your application, you indicated that you and your family would be able to cover $XXX; we will be in contact to arrange for you to reimburse GCI for the flights at a later date. When making your travel arrangements please note

* Arrival/Check-In Time: Thursday, July 23, 2020 before 3:00pm BST (GMT+1)
* Departure/Check-Out Time: Friday, July 31, 2020 at 12:00pm BST (GMT+1)
* Early or late arrivals must be approved by the GCI team prior to confirming your travel plans

**By Wednesday, April 8, 2020 (after completion of the Commitment to Enroll):**

* Complete the Mandatory Enrollment Forms, with your parent(s)/legal guardian(s) to officially enroll in the GCI Fellowship 2020
* Make the first payment of US$2900, to officially enroll in the GCI Fellowship 2020. GCI typically requires tuition to be paid in full, in one payment. Due to the current uncertainty caused by the coronavirus, we instead ask that you make an initial deposit of US$2900 (approximately 50%) on April 8 and pay the balance on May 11.
  + - * Payment options: via wire transfer, check or PayPal (see details in the Admissions Portal)
* Enrollment Cancellation Policy: If you cancel before May 11, you will receive a full refund.

**By Monday, May 11, 2020 (after completion of the Mandatory Enrollment Forms):**

* Complete the Mandatory Medical and Travel Forms, with your parent(s)/legal guardian(s) to complete your enrollment in the GCI Fellowship
  + - * One of these forms will require a signature from your physician, so we encourage you to make an appointment as soon as possible
* Make the second payment of US$3100, to complete your enrollment in the GCI Fellowship and pay the additional, required US$100 for Medical/Evacuation and Travel Insurance
  + - * Payment options: via wire transfer, check or PayPal (see details in the Admissions Portal)
      * Enrollment Cancellation Policy: If GCI cancels, we will offer you a full refund. If you cancel, you will receive a refund minus a US$500 administrative fee. Your actual refund will be determined on a case by case basis.

**Congratulations again on your admission!** We look forward to meeting you and supporting you on your journey as a global citizen. If you have any questions, please contact the GCI Team by email at [support@globalci.org](mailto:support@globalci.org) or phone at +1 (203) 542-7002.

Sincerely,





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