



GLOBAL THOUGHT EXPERIENCE

Global Thought Experience (GTE) is an experiential learning initiative sponsored by the **Committee on Global Thought at Columbia University**. This program enables Columbia undergraduate students to apply knowledge and skills learned in the classroom to pressing global issues affecting our local community.

Program Goal: Students contribute meaningfully to the work of participating organizations and become globally-minded problem solvers by engaging with the community beyond the classroom.

Program Schedule: Student placements for the upcoming fall semester (September-December 2017) will be made by late September.

The Committee on Global Thought at Columbia University consists of faculty drawn from across campus dedicated to developing cross-disciplinary and transnational approaches in their research and teaching in order to address the challenges and opportunities of the 21st century world.

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For Organizations:

Volunteers Who are Both Skilled and Passionate

- GTE participants are Columbia University students who are dedicated, compassionate, and ready to apply their particular intellectual and practical skills in service to the organization's mission.
- Most students are members of the Undergraduate Committee on Global Thought, bringing a global outlook, foreign language capability, and skills in research, computers, and social media management.

Flexibility

- Most students commit between 4-6 hours per week; hours are negotiable with organization.
- Students commit to one semester of service, but in some cases choose to continue for a second.

Limited Administrative Requirements

- As a non-credit-bearing experience, reporting requirements are minimal.
- The Committee on Global Thought manages the application process with option of organizations' involvement.

For Students:

Experience Beyond the Classroom

- The opportunity to assist organizations that work with NYC's immigrant communities provides insight into the texture of global interactions in a way that studying issues and ideas in the classroom cannot.

Networking

- Students participating in GTE meet regularly on campus to discuss their experiences. An end-of-year symposium provides them the opportunity to share their experiences with the larger Columbia University community.

benefits of participation

“Not only was I given a chance to bring my classroom knowledge to work with professionals on global issues, the program has also tremendously informed my future research by exposing me to real-life experience and practice.”

— Hung Le Quoc Nguyen,
GTE Spring 2017 Student Participant