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Benjamin Franklin Transatlantic Fellows Summer Institutes

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The overarching theme of this Benjamin Franklin Transatlantic Fellows (BFTF) Summer Institute will be global issues, with a transatlantic focus. Through this lens, the participants will explore democratic practices, civic engagement, community service, conflict resolution, critical thinking and analysis, respect for diversity, and youth leadership. Activities will include case studies, group discussions, role-plays and simulations, workshops, leadership and media training, collaborative project development, community service, and educational travel to Indianapolis, Chicago, Philadelphia, and Washington, DC. All participants will live in homestays with American families for a portion of the program, and will spend most of the rest of their time on campus at Purdue.

The program will consist of five modules, each representing a component of Benjamin Franklin's legacy:

- A. *International Relations & Diplomacy Module*
- B. *Media & Communication Module*
- C. *Civic Education & Democratic Citizenship Module*
- D. *Science Module*
- E. *Service & Volunteerism Module*

One of two 2014 Benjamin Franklin Transatlantic Fellows Summer Institutes is offered at **Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, North Carolina**, for 45 students, ages 16-18. The Institute will host 35 students from Europe along with 10 competitively-selected teens from across the United States. The four-week Institute will take place June 28-July 26, 2014.

The American statesman and diplomat Benjamin Franklin is the inspiration for this program. He was a man that prized religious tolerance over intolerance and social mobility over class privilege, and was a firm believer in free speech. Mr. Franklin practiced what he preached by establishing, editing, and writing newspapers expounding on this principle. Wake Forest University will provide participants training in leadership development through activities that advance the goals established and followed by Mr. Franklin in his lifetime.

The cultural orientation will include visiting multiple cultural sites and events in North Carolina and during the study trip to Philadelphia and Washington, DC. The greater Winston-Salem community is rich with cultural experiences.

Educational Activities

The classes and other educational activities will focus on social entrepreneurship, public advocacy, and new media skills. The Institute will teach Fellows ways to incorporate new communication technologies in developing and promoting social entrepreneurial efforts to address problems in their home communities.