



THE PRATHAM YOUTH LEADERS PROGRAM

Pratham invites qualified applicants for a unique two-week youth leadership development program that combines community service and cultural immersion in a safe and enjoyable environment. The program is open to US students between the ages of 17 and 21 (high school juniors/seniors and college freshmen/sophomores).

Our objective is to encourage and enable intellectually curious American students to forge an independent and meaningful connection to Pratham and India through a structured agenda and planned activities at Pratham Arora Centre for Education (PACE) near Aurangabad.

Participants gain a broad understanding of how a particular Pratham program functions while placing it in the larger context of the problems Pratham addresses through its work. In addition, the youth leaders gain valuable experience in a field of interest, new perspectives on contemporary issues in India and an opportunity to make new friendships.

Participants will have an opportunity to support three Pratham's programs: *Vocational*, which offers technical training, certification and job placement to rural youth; *Science*, which aims to stimulate scientific curiosity among middle schoolers; and *PraDigi*, which uses technology to promote self-learning by providing access to tablets with preloaded educational content.

The youth leaders will support and supplement these programs and interact daily with Pratham program participants. In addition, Pratham will supplement the program by incorporating field trips to the world heritage sites of Ajanta and Ellora, language and yoga lessons, movie screenings, hikes/treks, cooking classes and/or market visits.



HOUSING

Participants will be housed at the PACE Hotel, located in Khultabad, Maharashtra, a short distance to Aurangabad with air/rail connections to major cities in India.

DURATION

The program runs for two weeks from Saturday, July 28, 2018 to Friday, August 10, 2018.

ESTIMATED COSTS

\$1,500 includes food and accommodation, costs of cultural immersion activities, and medical assistance. Airfare is not included in the estimate.

VISAS

Applicants are responsible for procuring a visa. Pratham will work with accepted applicants to assist them in completing the necessary paperwork.

HOW TO APPLY

Candidates should submit a resume/curriculum vitae and a 300-word essay on their interest in and motivation to participate in the program to youthleaders@prathamusa.org no later than January 31, 2018. Following an initial review, a small group of applicants will be shortlisted for interviews.

Final selections will be announced on February 28, 2018. Spots will be filled on a first come, first approved basis.



ABOUT PRATHAM

Established in the slums of Mumbai in 1995, Pratham is one of India's largest non-governmental education organizations, having affected the lives of more than 50 million underprivileged children in the past two decades. To achieve our mission of "every child in school and learning well," we develop practical solutions to address gaps in the education system and work in collaboration with India's governments, communities, educators and industry to increase learning outcomes and influence education policy.

Pratham USA is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with a consistent four-star rating from Charity Navigator that seeks to raise awareness and mobilize financial resources for its work in India. For more information or to make a tax-deductible contribution, visit prathamusa.org.

For additional information prior to application, please contact Vineeta Salvi at vsalvi@prathamusa.org or 214.796.7772.