



**March 1, 2006**

Dear Applicant,

This application is your opportunity to secure a spot at Student Global Ambassador (SGA): **Think Again! Media and Journalism Uganda Immersion** that will take place this **August 2006 in Kampala, Uganda**. This program will seek to take a deeper look into the challenges and successes of Africa in an interdependent world. We aim to investigate the way the continent is changing, and challenge Western media perceptions of Africa as a failed continent. We will actively document these changes through several forms of media.

GYPA understands that in today's global climate, the problems that exist in one country affect those who live in another. It is imperative that young people learn about other countries and cultures and respect the nuances of their values and goals. When committed, respectful young people form coalitions and communicate effectively, the world can be changed. This is the first effort of its kind, and it will lead to a greater, stronger relationship for the future.

In August, 15 communications, media, and journalism undergraduate and graduate students from the United States will spend time in Uganda:

- Discuss and analyze the way Africa is portrayed in the Western media
- Meet with key Ugandan media industry leaders from the press, public relations, television and radio
- Be paired up with Ugandan students who are interested in journalism and/or are working in the media
- Explore the role of media in Ugandan society
- Interview/talk with key decision makers in the government, NGO's/CBO's and businesses about the challenges and successes facing Uganda
- Meet with youth people in Uganda who have used technology and media to connect with their counterparts in the United States
- Work on creative projects using multimedia, internet and other forms of media Team up with
- Uganda young people to create work based on your interactions and experiences in Uganda

The application deadline is **April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2006**. We look forward to receiving your application. Stay tuned for more details about the immersion at [www.gypafrica.org](http://www.gypafrica.org)

Sincerely,

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**Student Global Ambassadors (SGA):  
THINK AGAIN! MEDIA AND JOURNALISM Uganda Immersion**

**Dates:** August 3 – August 20, 2006

**Location:** Kampala, Uganda

**Website:** [www.gypafrica.org](http://www.gypafrica.org)

### **OBJECTIVE**

To encourage young leaders (aged 18-25) from the United States to address the misconceptions about Africa displayed in the Western media. The Immersion will facilitate discussion; promote the exchange of ideas and solutions; and interact with key decision makers in Uganda about the challenges and creative solutions facing Uganda.

### **GOAL**

THINK AGAIN! aims to encourage journalists to build relationships with their counterparts in Uganda in order to work together to challenge the misconceptions about Africa in the media.

### **ABOUT THE ORGANIZER**

Global Youth Partnership for Africa (GYPA) is a non-partisan educational organization working to cultivate youth as partners in development and advocacy for Africa. Based in Washington, DC with staff in Kampala, Uganda, GYPA is a community-based, sustainable development and humanitarian aid organization. GYPA is under the umbrella of the Human Relief Organization, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. For more information, visit [www.gypafrica.org](http://www.gypafrica.org)

### **HOST CITY**

Kampala, the capital of and largest city in Uganda, has a population of 1,208,544 (2002). The city is located near Lake Victoria. Local industry includes manufacturing of furniture and machine parts. Agricultural exports include coffee, cotton, tea, and sugar. There is an international airport at Entebbe, 22 miles/35 km away, and a port at Port Bell, 7 miles/10 km away, on the shore of Lake Victoria.

Kampala grew around a fort constructed by the British East Africa Company in 1890. In 1962, Kampala replaced Entebbe as the national capital. Much of the city was destroyed after the 1979 overthrow of Idi Amin's dictatorship and the subsequent civil war. With the emergence of the new, democratic leadership of President Museveni in 1986, Kampala has enjoyed stability, while foreign investment has provided funding for the rehabilitation of the city's infrastructure and the restoration of services. Kampala is also the seat of the East African Development Bank.



## SUMMIT DETAILS

Dates: August 3 - August 20, 2006

### **THINK AGAIN Fee: \$2200**

Includes roundtrip airfare to Uganda, all transportation in Uganda, all accommodations in Uganda, 2 meals a day, entrance to all THINK AGAIN! Immersion programming, reading list and preparatory packet, post immersion recreational activities, assistance coordinating personal academic research, and other THINK AGAIN related administrative fees.

### **Transportation:**

Americans will be departing from an airport in the Washington DC area on August 3<sup>rd</sup> and returning August 20<sup>th</sup>. The airline charges approximately \$200 for any changes in itinerary on your departure or return date.

### **Spending Money/Misc.:**

A minimum of \$250 will be needed for American students traveling to Uganda

### **Participants:**

There are 15 spaces available for the immersion, and the application process is competitive. Please note that applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis, and you will receive a decision one week after submission.

Application (including resume) is due **NO LATER THAN SATURDAY, April 15th, 2006**

To: Josh Goldstein

Associate Director

[josh@gypafrica.org](mailto:josh@gypafrica.org) and/or at the address listed below.

### **Accepted Applicants:**

Accepted applicants will be notified by **April 20<sup>th</sup>**. If accepted, participants from the US must send the \$2200 registration fee by **May 1st**. You will receive a detailed schedule and acceptance payment in May. A photocopy of passport and vaccination record (including Yellow Fever vaccinations as required by the US Government) by **May 1st, 2006** to:

Global Youth Partnership for Africa  
THINK AGAIN! Steering Committee  
1101 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Suite 6601  
Washington, DC 20004

**\*You will be unable to attend the Youth Summit if these items are not received.**



## **REFUND/CANCELLATION POLICY (read carefully)**

- Once you have reserved your space with \$2200 fee for the THINK AGAIN! Immersion this money is NOT REFUNDABLE. GYPA leaves room for discussion in severe cases and circumstances (i.e. illness or death) regarding refund. However, in the case of extreme circumstances, a \$300 processing and administrative fee will be incurred. Therefore, in those severe cases you will receive a \$1900 refund, not \$2200.
- Students are responsible for transportation to the departing airport. However, DO NOT purchase your tickets until GYPA has officially confirmed with you that your ticket to Uganda has been purchased. We will not reimburse for flights purchased to the departing airport in the event of cancellation/postponement of the THINK AGAIN! Immersion.
- GYPA will NOT refund for vaccination/inauguration fees, passport fees, and postage fees in the case that a cancellation occurs with the THINK AGAIN! Immersion and/or in the case that under severe circumstances you are unable to participate.

Any further questions regarding refund/cancellation policies should be directed to:

Josh Goldstein  
[josh@gypafrica.org](mailto:josh@gypafrica.org)  
301-221-2789





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What skills set do you bring to this immersion? And why do you feel that an improved perspective of Africa in the media is necessary?

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How do you feel about working in a group setting? Give one example of a situation where you worked in a team environment.

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Have you traveled internationally? If so, please list the other countries to which you have traveled, and amount of time spent in each.

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Why do you find the issues of Africa and specifically Uganda to be an important issue?



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Use the remaining space to tell us more about yourself: your interests/hobbies, etc.

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Please list any dietary restrictions.

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Please list any allergies.

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Please list any recurring health problems.

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Please state if you have a problem staying with a roommate.

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