Cornell Club of London

Summer School Scholarship 2015

The Cornell Club of London, comprising alumni of Cornell University residing in the U.K., is planning to award one scholarship to enable a U.K. undergraduate student to attend the six week 2015 summer session at Cornell University.

These notes, which accompany the application form, provide background information about Cornell University and the scholarship. Details about the application procedure and timetable are also included.

Cornell University, one of the United States' prestigious "Ivy League" universities, occupies a 745 acre campus overlooking Ithaca in upstate New York. There are regular plane (flight time less than one hour) and bus connections between Ithaca and New York City. The university has a student body of around 18,000 undergraduates and postgraduates and 1600 faculty members. With sixteen libraries, extensive laboratory and computing facilities, sports fields, a performing arts centre and an art museum on campus, Cornell is an ideal place to sample the best of the U.S. academic system. Its location, bordered by woodlands, gorges and waterfalls and nestled above Cayuga Lake, is particularly attractive during the summer.

Cornell's summer session attracts students of all ages and from all over the world. Cornell-registered students choose summer school to make up extra courses; high school and adult students come for the special programmes arranged for them. And international students - of whom the Cornell Club of London Scholarship holder will be one - choose Cornell to gain some understanding of the U.S. university system, joining in the regular courses offered for credit to U.S. students.

The six-week summer session includes an exam period at the end of the session. The Scholarship winner will be invited to choose two courses (up to six credits) from any discipline, except special programs and physical education courses; the latter may be taken on a noncredit basis and paid for by the Scholarship winner. The Summer Session catalogue will be issued in early March, and advice will be available to assist the Scholarship winner to select appropriate courses and process the summer school application.

The winner of the Cornell Club of London Scholarship will be expected to complete all class assignments and sit examinations at the end of the courses as prescribed by Cornell University. A written report of approximately 1,000 words should be submitted to the Club's Scholarship Committee within two months of returning to the U.K. and the winner should be willing to assist with the future publicity or fundraising activities associated with the Scholarship Fund, involving a very minimal time commitment.

The Scholarship will cover

- tuition costs for two courses (up to six credits)
- housing costs for six weeks
- meal costs up to \$15.00 a day
- visa application cost

The Scholarship winner should have resources to pay for the transatlantic and local travel, books and stationery, insurance, extra meal or entertainment costs, and any additional courses selected.

A list of courses offered during the 2015 Summer Session will be available at www.summer.cornell.edu in March.

To be eligible for the Scholarship, students must be

- studying full-time in the UK
- registered in a full undergraduate degree course of a U.K. university (any subject, providing at least one year of the course will have been completed satisfactorily by summer 2015).
- willing and able to contribute to the Club's scholarship promotion activities upon return.

The application details and timetable are as follows:

- completed applications and letters of reference must be received by 14 February 2015 at the address on the form.
- short-listed candidates will be invited to London for an interview during the week beginning 9 March 2015 and the results will be notified shortly thereafter.
- the Summer Session 2015 catalogue will be available in March 2015, when the Scholarship winner may make a choice of courses.
- Summer Session applications must be sent to Cornell University at the beginning of April 2015 so that the appropriate documentation for international students may be completed.

Full information and advice on course selection, travel, insurance and any other matters will be available from the Cornell Club of London and the Cornell University U.K. Centre to facilitate this schedule.

In case of queries, please contact: <u>cornellsummerscholarshipuk@gmail.com</u>