



# AFS-USA Domestic Exchange Programs

## New Perspectives. No Passport Required.

AFS-USA's Innovation Team invites you to join us as we explore U.S.-based pilot programs that align with our mission and purpose, meet the challenges of a polarized country, and inspire us to create opportunities that connect individuals and communities across the U.S. Through curated, immersive, and theme-based activities – as well as experiences and hands-on workshops – participants will come together in dialogue and collaboration.

## Pathfinder: NextGen Careers Pilot Program

**June 22-28**

Program Target Age: **15-17**

Location: **Miami University of Ohio, Oxford, Ohio**

Accommodations: **Dormitory**

Program Cost: **\$3,590**



### About NextGen Careers

Pathfinder: NextGen Careers is a one-week discovery program for U.S. youth. This unique program unveils new advances in thought, technology, and practice in emerging career fields such as quantum physics, AI, technology, business, and entrepreneurship. The program engages participants in real-world, hands-on activities that connect career interests with invaluable technical skills for related fields. NextGen Careers includes daily workshops focused on applied learning, personal reflection, and skills development for an increasingly interconnected world– all of which are essential for active global citizens in modern work environments.

### What's Included:

- 7-night dormitory stay (double occupancy)
- Ground transportation (arrival/departure and excursions)
- Daily classes and activities on emerging technologies
- AFS-USA cultural agility and power skills workshops
- 3-daily campus meals
- Entrance fees for excursions and events

### Eligibility:

- Strong interest in emerging technology careers, curiosity for innovative career fields
- Desire to strengthen power skills
- Willingness to provide post-program feedback

### Program Objectives

- Increase power skills including collaboration, communication, adaptability, and problem solving
- Gain hands-on experience in emerging technology and science careers
- Advance understanding and application of cutting-edge technologies
- Explore pathways for academic and career development
- Gather feedback from participants for future program iterations



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### Sample Program Itinerary

(Activities are subject to change.)

#### Monday

- Arrival - Cincinnati Airport [CVG]
- Ground transportation to Miami University of Ohio [MU]
- Campus Check-In with AFS-USA Program Staff
- Settle into dorm rooms
- Arrival Orientation
- Welcome Dinner
- Evening Icebreaker Activity

#### Tuesday

- Campus Orientation - MU Program Staff
- Program Expectations - AFS-USA and MU Staff
- Campus Tour
- AFS-USA Workshop
- Off-campus Excursion

#### Wednesday through Friday

- AFS-USA Workshops
- MU Session: Cutting Edge Science and Tech: Quantum/AI
- Career Clusters and Global Career Development
- MU Session: Applications of Science and Tech: Robotics, Analytics, Communication, or Cybersecurity
- MU Applied Learning Sessions: Hands-on Lab
- Evening Off-Campus Excursions

#### Saturday

- Resume Building and Interview Modeling
- AFS-Closing Workshop
- Closing Banquet

#### Sunday

- Ground Transportation for Departures [CVG]

### Sample Daily MU Activities

#### Learn about creative entertainment technologies

Discover Hollywood-level capabilities in project mapping and real-time virtual productions. Explore the use of cameras, lights, and an interactive XR Stage.

#### Explore the Rapid Prototyping Laboratory

Engage with engineering geometric features and nontraditional manufacturing processes, use actual working models, and design and program prototype components.

#### Discover the Center for Assistive Technology

Learn about student-led and designed technological solutions that improve the quality of life, including the Specialized Modular Adaptive Relief Tracking [SMART] Wheelchair and SafeStep, a wearable navigation device for visually impaired individuals.



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