

AFS Global Prep USA at University of California, San Diego (UCSD)

Program Dates: July 12-August 8, 2020

This 4-week program brings international and U.S. students together at the University of California, San Diego (UCSD) to explore global issues and culture. Participants can expect to gain global competency and interpersonal leadership skills, as well as increase language confidence and fluency as they develop friendships with others from different ethnic, religious, and national groups.

Quick Facts:

- Students will be overseen by onsite AFS staff that include AFS Alumni*
- Participants stay in residence hall dorm rooms at UCSD
- Weekly themes about contemporary issues -environment, immigration, social inequality and justice
- Morning classes --interactive, conversational, theme-based curriculum
- Afternoons deep dives into curriculum topics
- Evenings & Weekends --socialize, play games, relax, and visit local sites

Changemaker Project

Through workshops and group work, participants build their teams to develop a proposal for a sustainable solution to a social issue. The culmination of the project is a presentation delivered to a panel of judges who determine which project will be awarded Top Changemaker.

Past Participants Include:

Argentina Italy
Austria Japan
Belgium Latvia
Canada New Zealand
Chile Sweden
China Turkey
Domican Republic Uruguay

Germany United States of America

Hong Kong



A sample day in San Diego

O7:00h - Good morning

07:30h - Breakfast

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12:00h - Lunch

13:30h - Cultural or Thematic workshop/activity/excursion

18:00h - Dinner

19:00h - Evening Activities

23:00h - Good Night!

Sample Activities

- Volunteer at a sustainable urban farm, a food bank, and a coastal clean-up organization;
- Visit the U.S./Mexico border and U.S. Federal Court;
- Weekend time to enjoy downtown, local beaches, and a 2day trip to Disney and Los Angeles, as well as local cultural activities like the outdoor symphony, a major league baseball game, the San Diego Zoo, and park preserves.



"I will never forget what I learned on this program, and I will use all of these experiences in the future to be a leader in my country."

-San Diego Global Prep participant