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Labcitoyen Program Summer 2013



Today, **France**, like the other members of **the European Union**, is recognized as one of the states that lead the fight against the death penalty. Laurent Fabius, French minister of Foreign Affairs, decided to make this cause one of his priorities, engaging the French diplomacy all around the world in a campaign for the abolition of death penalty. The French Embassies, Consulates and cultural institutes, especially in countries where death penalty is still applied, are committed to pursue its abolition.

The Institut Français, the institution in charge of French cultural programs abroad, has created a program called Labcitoyen. This program will be devoted to enriching the debate on death penalty in 2013 as it is the 30th anniversary of the abolition of death penalty in Europe.

The cultural services of the French Embassy in the United States invite you to apply to the Labcitoyen program which will offer a unique opportunity for American students, including **one in Florida**, to represent his/her university in Paris. Over a ten day period, the program will engage students in conferences and debates on the death penalty issue with professionals and representatives of public affairs.

The cultural services located at the Consulate General of France in Miami are in charge of this program for Florida.

Program requirements

This program is particularly tailored for students in Floridian universities who are majoring in fields such as international relations, political science, law, sociology, criminal justice.

Students who wish to apply for the Labcitoyen program must have an upper intermediate level in French and be able to debate on Human rights and Fundamental freedoms, particularly on the death penalty issue. They must be between 18 and 25 years old at the time of entry in France.

The candidates must be American citizens or permanent residents. Citizens from a French speaking country or with dual citizenship (France or French speaking country) are not eligible.

Selection process

The selection of the student will be based on an essay in French (between 600 and 800 words) in which the student will expose his/her motivation and his/her capability to debate on Human Rights issues including the death penalty, and on interview at the cultural services of the Consulate General of France in Miami. Only preselected students will be contacted for this interview. Candidates need a reference letter from one of his/her professors (from the French department or from the department of his/her major). The selected student must have a passport valid until January 2014.

Cost

The French Embassy in the United States and the Institut Français in Paris cover airfare to and from France, and program expenses including housing, meals, transportation, activities and insurance while in France.

Dates

From Saturday July 6th to Tuesday July 16th 2013. The application deadline is Friday April 5th 2013

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