Duration: 27-31 May 2019 in Almaty, Kazakhstan

Activities:
1) Lectures at Al-Farabi Kazakh National University (KazNU)
2) Academic field trips and group visits at different locations in Almaty

The International Summer School 2019 at al-Farabi Kazakh National University in Almaty, Kazakhstan enables students and professionals in social work and related human service fields to explore the meanings, practices and implications of social work from a diversity and social justice perspective. A multinational cohort of students and faculty creates an enriching environment for expanding and deepening understanding of social issues and integrating young researchers into the interdisciplinary professional community.

The International Summer School is aimed to contribute to the formation of knowledge and competencies related to engaging diversity and difference in social work practice, advancing human rights and social and economic justice and promoting ethics of peace and non-violence in the society.

«International Summer School 2019: Diversity, Social Justice in Social Work Research, Practice and Education» is a week-long program for students (under-graduate or graduate). Each university member of the USRN sends one student representative.

The USRN member university provides travel expenses of the student representative between Almaty, Kazakhstan and the home country. Al-Farabi KazNU provides participants with meals and accommodation in a university dormitory. It is an international student facility with standard rooms (single or double). The bus stops nearby offer easy and safe access to the rest of the city.

The one-week program includes a variety of activities. Participants will be engaged in lectures, small group discussions, multiple visits to agencies and organizations, cultural tours and informal interactions. They will learn about issues and challenges faced by social workers and the innovative responses to tackle them. Speakers are professors of social work, professional social workers and researchers. Participants have opportunities to learn about Kazakhstani social services. Meeting social workers in their own environment is an important part of the program as well as discovering some innovating projects.

Students should be working on a successful (ongoing) project that is related to the implementation of diversity and social justice. Students will be asked to give a 5-minute PowerPoint presentation of no more than 10 slides on their project during the summer program.

All activities will be conducted in English. Good English communication and writing skills required.

Each student must submit a resume, letter of interest, and a completed application form by 3 April 2019 at https://www.sfu.ca/wil/usr-network.html

Questions?
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