



SERVICE LEARNING PROGRAMME IN *Uganda*

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

14:00, 14 JAN 2025

INTERVIEW:

14-22 FEB 2025

ANNOUNCEMENT OF RESULT:

25 FEB 2025

FROM 28 MAY TO 11 JUN 2025



APPLICATION



GLOBE-ORIENTED ACTIVE
LEARNING (GOAL) PROGRAMME

1 NO
POVERTY



4 QUALITY
EDUCATION



5 GENDER
EQUALITY



*Serve to Learn
Learn to Serve*

THE TRIP INCLUDES:



Visiting Watoto Village And Talking To Its Graduates

It's the most direct way to learn how orphans learn, live and live out their dreams with a loving family environment in the Watoto village!



Visiting Watoto Neighborhood And Slums

Women are often the most disadvantaged group in Africa. You will visit them in the slums and understand the difficulties they encounter and the difference Watoto has made for them.



Baby Watoto Experience And Building A Toy Library

You can help take care for abandoned babies at the Baby Watoto and learn about the problem in Uganda and how Watoto can help. Besides, you will help to build a toy library.



Teaching At A Community School In Slum Area / Outreach For Keep A Girl In School Programme

Teaching at a community school in a slum area gives participants special opportunities. You can share our culture with the students and teach them about having a positive attitude.



Seeing African Wildlife

You will join a trip to explore various African wildlife on an endless grassland such as giraffes, elephants, hippos and so on.



Tentative Itinerary

28 May 2025

Wednesday

Gather at Hong Kong Airport on the evening and board a flight to Entebbe Airport in Uganda

29 May 2025

Thursday

Arrive at Entebbe Airport in Uganda, check in at the accommodation in Kampala

Meal included: Dinner

Meal at your own expense: Breakfast & Lunch

30 May 2025

Friday

Welcome & introduction, visit Watoto Neighborhood, attend African handicraft workshop and care for women in slums

Meal included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

31 May 2025

Saturday

Visit Watoto Suubi Village Tour, enjoy traditional Uganda lunch and visit Goat Farm

Meal included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

1 June 2025

Sunday

Visit Downtown Church Sunday Service, have Baby Watoto Experience and attend cultural performance

Meal included: Breakfast Lunch and Dinner

2 June 2025

Monday

Head to Gulu, visit Watoto Bobi Agribusiness Institute and interact with students & experience at the farm

Meal included: Breakfast and Dinner

Meal at your own expense: Lunch

3 June 2025

Tuesday

Visit Gulu Neighbourhood Centre Keep a Girl in School Orientation, Outreach at a community school in the slum area and gulu Baby Watoto Experience

Meal included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

4 June 2025

Wednesday

Build Toy Library at Laminadera Children Village

Meal included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

5 June 2025

Thursday

Build Toy Library at Laminadera Children Village

Meal included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

6 June 2025

Friday

Build Toy Library at Laminadera Children Village

Meal included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

7 June 2025

Saturday

Travel to Murchison Falls National Park - Evening safari game drive

Meal included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

8 June 2025

Sunday

Early morning game drive and the natural beauty of the White Nile

Meal included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

9 June 2025

Monday

Visit Top of the Fall and return to Kampala.

Meal included: Breakfast and Dinner

Meal at your own expense: Lunch

10 June 2025

Tuesday

Head to Neighbourhood Gift Shop / Local Craft Market, then head to Entebbe Airport

Meal included: Breakfast

Meal at your own expense: Lunch and Dinner

11 June 2025

Wednesday

Arrive in Hong Kong

Testimonial



LEE Sum Laam
English Studies and English
Language Education

The service allows me to understand the value of our volunteering and the possible impact we can bring, which motivates me to continue reaching out to other countries in the future.



CHAN Ka Lok
M.B., CH.B.

This experience reminded me that true fulfilment and joy can be found in the smallest of moments and human connections, rather than in the pursuit of status or success alone.



HUI Chun Chi
Geography and Resource
Management

The service learning programme had a significant impact on my personal development, teaching me valuable lessons about people and cultures there, and the importance of always being thankful for what I have.



TAM Kin Chung
Environmental Science

As a future teacher, I believe teaching should always be a two-way process. For example, in the Watoto classroom, I taught the students paper cutting, and they taught me their local language. It was a very unforgettable experience.



LEE Tsz Wing
Natural Sciences

The trip to Uganda was a transformative experience for me. I learned the importance of empathy and compassion, and how small actions can make a big difference in someone's life.



NG Ka Hei
Information Engineering

This experience has undoubtedly left a lasting impact on us, inspiring us to continue seeking out opportunities to make a positive difference in the lives of others, no matter how small.



MORE INFORMATION

FEE

Programme Fee

HK\$37,000 per person*

The fee includes: round-trip flight tickets, fuel surcharges and airport taxes, local accommodation, local transportation, meals mentioned in the itinerary, daily bottled water, relevant administration fees and Travel Industry Council of Hong Kong stamp duty.

The fee does not include: self-paid meals, entry visa fees, vaccinations and related medicines for health protection.



POINTS TO NOTE



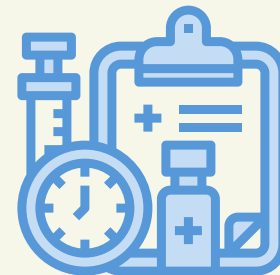
Basic English communication skills are sufficient.



Participants are required to apply for a Ugandan visa online. The visa fee (approximately USD50) is borne by the participant. Documentary proof and itinerary can be provided by the cooperating partner to the participants for visa application. Due to the epidemic, the Ugandan government may change the entry visa policy at any time. Participants must hold valid travel documents and visas, which must be valid for six months or more from the date of departure.



Activity planning is involved so participants are required to attend **a pre-trip briefing and the regular meetings** before departure.



Participants are required to be vaccinated against yellow fever and other vaccinations, and take preventive medicines against malaria. Participants must make an appointment with the Travel Health Center of the Department of Health for relevant vaccinations and purchase of medicines.

ONLY the Travel Health Center of the Department of Health provides service of yellow fever vaccination. The daily consultation quota of the center is limited, please call the Travel Health Center to make an appointment for vaccinations after accepting offers.

If the participant cannot join this trip due to failure to get vaccinated, he/she will be required to pay full programme fee to the College

OBLIGATIONS OF STUDENTS

- Students should be cooperative and take initiative in liaising with the Dean of Students' Office, United College.
- Students are obliged to participate in official functions organised by the Dean of Students' Office and receiving NGO and organisation, eg pre-trip briefing session, preparation meetings, review session and post-trip follow-up activities etc.
- Selected students are required to submit a learning journal & photos **OR** video clip upon the completion of programme for publication/future promotion of the programme.
- Selected students are required to complete both the pre-trip and post-trip questionnaires.
- Updated information will be disseminated via email and applicants should check their **CUHK email address** frequently.



APPLICATION




Fill in the online application form and submit an essay within 500 words in English on "What do you expect to gain in the Service Learning Programme" **by 14:00, 14 Jan 2025**

FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENT

- Participants will be insured under the University's Group Travel Insurance package. He / She may consider taking out additional insurance as deemed appropriate.
- All selected students will shoulder their own direct expenses eg. visa application, vaccination, etc.
- The basic programme fee is **HK\$37,000***. Upon Satisfactory completion of all requirements of the programme, students will be eligible for consideration of the "GOAL Programme Scholarship" supported by the College Endowment Fund. The maximum amount per student is **HK\$18,000**.

REMARKS

 A student will not be granted more than one award per year under the United GOAL Programme series, between 1 September 2024 and 31 August 2025, except those located in Mainland China and Taiwan.

ENQUIRIES



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***Exact programme fees and schedule will be confirmed later.**