



Mississippi



Tennessee

Got what it takes to study another culture?

Rotary International invites you to apply!

Join a select group of young business professionals, travel to the States of Tennessee and Mississippi USA, see how they do your type of work - and have fun too!

It's called Group Study Exchange (GSE), & is one of the most successful programmes in Rotary International. Most costs are paid by Rotary. Rotary District 1050 invites you to apply NOW to join a GSE visit from **Mid April to Mid May 2013**.

States of Tennessee and Mississippi - USA

During this month-long trip based out of thriving Memphis, you will meet with several people in occupations like yours. You will learn about their education systems, see how business is done in their part of the world, and discuss how they meet challenges. As an ambassador of your country and your vocation, you will also teach them about your workplace. You may even find yourself helping them creatively solve problems!

The new perspectives you gather during this intensive experience will serve both you and your employer well - consider it a strategic learning opportunity! Many team members call it "a most wonderful experience", or "life-changing".

Airfare, internal transport and most meals will be covered by Rotary and Rotarians in the host district although you will need a little money to cover incidentals. You will stay as a guest in the homes of American Rotarians. They and their families will share their culture and daily lives. They will show you places tourists don't get to see. And they will do it all with a smile and the great hospitality for which American families are famous in the 'Deep South'. You may come away with lifelong friendships.

Of course, you will experience much more: bustling commercial centres, fabulous scenery, some of the national parks, local cuisine, and fascinating arts and culture. Everything will be arranged by the host Rotarians of District 6800 - all you have to do is look, listen, learn, share and **Enjoy!**

However, this is not a vacation. It is hard work - as well as being enjoyable. Now, more than ever, the world needs programmes like Rotary's GSE to build bridges between cultures, strengthen international relationships, and contribute to world peace. People at work today need to share "best practices" around the world. Your days and many evenings during the exchange will be very busy. Your team will study hard and develop presentations about your lifestyle, family and work, and the history, culture, demographics and geography of the area covered by your home District. Whilst in the USA you will make presentations to several Rotary clubs and will also be present at their District Conference. In addition to finding out how your job is conducted in Tennessee and Mississippi you will also study its people, learning their history, politics, geography, economy, culture, spirituality and much more. On your return, you will be required to make presentations to Rotary clubs in our area about your experiences during the exchange.

For over 50 years Rotarians have led teams of young business and professional people to foreign destinations under the GSE programme. It is part of Rotary's mission to build goodwill, bridges of understanding and better friendships around the world.

So ... would you like to travel to a foreign country with a different culture?

- Are you between 25 and 40 years of age and in good health?
- Do you have good vocational skills? Are you ready to share enthusiastically?
- Are you willing to learn new methods and skills applicable to your work?
- Are you ready to work as part of a team with a demanding schedule?

If you've got what it takes, we invite you to ***apply now!***

For more information on GSE (160-EN) and to download the Team Member Application Form (161-EN) please go to:

http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/160en.pdf

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Completed Team Member Application Forms (including the Essay of Intent) should be sent to:

Rotarian Ian Johnson 19 Kettlethulme Way, Poynton, Cheshire SK121TB

The closing date for applications is 30th April 2012

If you want to talk about GSE with a member of our District Team then please either contact Ian Johnson by phone - Tel - 01625 871089 or Mob- 07734 750075 or e-mail him on:

iandjohnson48@hotmail.co.uk or you may call Mike Payne Tel: 0161 7730595 or send e mail to: foundation@district1050.org

GSE Team Members must live or work within the boundaries of District 1050 (City of Manchester; Stockport; Tameside; Trafford; Cheshire; High Peak; Staffordshire Moorlands. You must be employed (minimum 2 years) full-time in a recognised job or profession. You will need the permission of your employer and the full support of your spouse, children or family. Employees of Rotarians or their companies are eligible; but you are not eligible if you are: the spouse of another team member, a Rotarian or Honorary Rotarian, a spouse or lineal descendant of a Rotarian, an employee of Rotary.