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Southern Methodist University Joins as a Member of the 2014 Clinton Global Initiative University Network

Dallas, Texas — Southern Methodist University has renewed their membership to the Clinton Global Initiative University (CGI U) Network, a growing consortium of colleges and universities that support, mentor, and provide seed funding to student leaders, innovators and entrepreneurs who are developing solutions to some of the world's most pressing challenges. Southern Methodist University is one of more than 35 colleges and universities worldwide who have joined the CGI University Network.

Southern Methodist University provides \$10,000 in funding to be divided among SMU students who are selected to pursue their Commitments to Action at CGI U 2014. Commitments to Action, a unique feature of the CGI U model, are new, specific, and measurable initiatives that address global challenges across CGI U's five focus areas: Education, Environment and Climate Change, Peace and Human Rights, Poverty Alleviation, and Public Health.

Director of Engaged Learning, Susan Kress, mentors student commitment-makers.

"Six of the 1,200 students from 80 countries who attended the CGI U 2013 meeting were SMU students. They were able to network with their global peers and hear from thought leaders, politicians, academics and other experts in the fields of their projects. Today their projects continue on campus, in Dallas and in Bangladesh. Engaged Learning is proud to manage this initiative for SMU," says Kress.

Since its inaugural meeting in 2008, CGI U has brought together more than 5,500 student leaders from 135 countries and more than 800 schools. Past speakers include Madeleine Albright, Jack Dorsey, Muhammad Yunus, Hawa Abdi Diblawa, and Jon Stewart. For more information about the meeting, visit www.cgiu.org.

The early decision and travel assistance deadline to apply for CGI U 2014 is November 22, 2013 and the final deadline is January 17, 2014. Students can apply online at <http://www.cgiu.org/apply/>.

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About CGI U

The Clinton Global Initiative University (CGI U) brings together college students to address global challenges with practical, innovative solutions. CGI U participants do more than simply discuss problems – they take concrete steps to solve them by creating action plans, building relationships, participating in hands-on workshops, and following up with CGI U as they complete their projects. Previous CGI U meetings have taken place at Tulane University, the University of Texas at Austin, the University of Miami, the University of California at San Diego, the George Washington University, and Washington University in St. Louis, and have convened more than 5,500 students from over 800 schools and 135 countries. To learn more, visit [cgiu.org](http://www.cgiu.org).