



Clinton Global Initiative University (CGI U)

Fall 2013 Information Session

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“Today’s generation of young people holds more power than any generation before it to make a positive impact on the world” –President Bill Clinton



What is CGI U?

- Started in 2007 by President Bill Clinton
- Modeled after the Clinton Global Initiative
- Main Goal: To equip student leaders all over the world.
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“CGI U is ...a growing community of young leaders who don't just discuss global challenges - they take real, concrete steps toward solving them” (CGI U).

- **Commitments to Action:** projects that create solutions to a problem in at least one of the following focus areas.
 - Environment and Climate Change
 - Peace and Human Rights
 - Education
 - Poverty Alleviation
 - Public Health



Commitment Requirements (cont.)

- **Must be:**

- NEW

- Must be new to the individual or group.
 - If the Commitment is not new (ex: a Engaged Learning project) the individual or group must choose a new geographic location, partner, or focus.

- SPECIFIC

- Must be address a specific solution and give details of the project.
 - What is the goal? What activities do you plan to do? How long will it be to complete the commitment?

- MEASURABLE

- Results from the commitment's impact that can be reported to CGI U.

- SOLUTION

- Solves a problem on a college campus, in a community or in a place in another country.

Types of Commitments

- Individual
 - One person or the leader of a group.
- Group
 - A small group or an existing student group/organization
 - **A maximum of four people from a group will be able to attend the annual meeting.**





Commitment Basics

Commitment Ideas

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Featured Commitments

At each CGI U meeting, select student commitment-makers are recognized onstage for their innovative plans of action to address some of the world's most pressing challenges. These announcements, made by President Clinton, Chelsea Clinton, and others, highlight exceptional CGI U Commitments to Action. Browse previously recognized commitments below, and watch several of the corresponding announcements on [CGI's YouTube channel](#).

School:

All

Focus Area:

All

Geographic Scope:

All

Year:

All

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3-D Modeling of a Primary Health Care Clinic in Ho, Ghana: Applications for Global Health (CGI U 2010)

Commitment By: Lalith Polepeddi

School: Northwestern University

Focus Area: Public Health

Geographic Scope: Ghana

In 2010, Lalith Polepeddi committed to develop and implement 3-D representations of health clinics in Ghana, in partnership with GlobeMed and its chapters at 19 universities. 3-D models enhance the workflow, learning capacity, and participation of health clinics, as potential donors can easily view and digitally select equipment

Funding

- SMU is a member of the CGI University network
 - Promises to provide at least \$10,000 in funding to student commitments.
 - SMU will also help with transportation and lodging for the annual meeting.

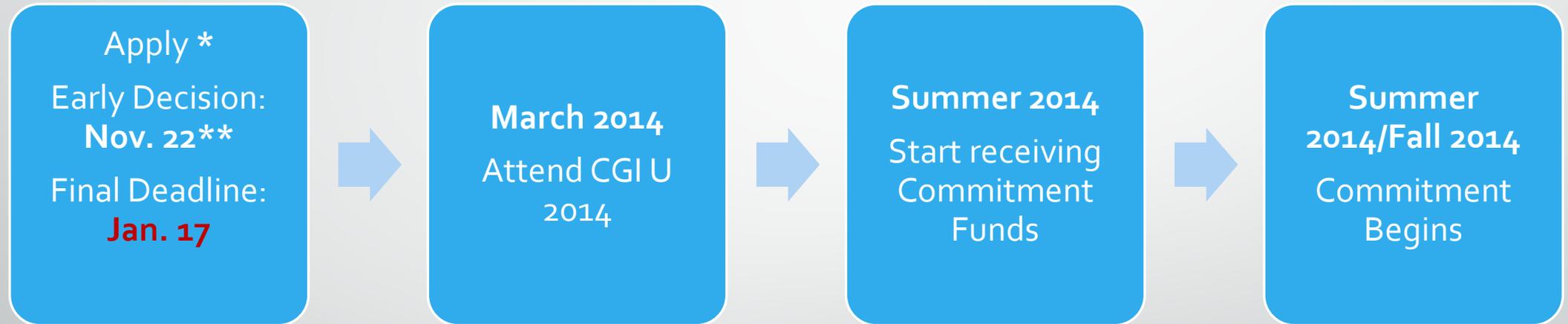




CGI U 2014 Annual Meeting

- **March 21-23, 2014 at Arizona State University in Phoenix, Arizona.**
 - Led by President Clinton and Chelsea Clinton
 - Students will participate in plenary sessions, working sessions, and other events that give students the opportunity to network with each other and gain advice on their Commitments.
 - Students will also have the opportunity to hear about important global issues from topic experts, NGO and business leaders, and celebrities.
 - Past speakers include: Jon Stewart, Stephen Colbert, Madeleine Albright, Usher, Kenneth Cole, Jack Dorsey (Twitter co-founder) and Zainab Salbi (founder of Women For Women Int.).

CGI U Timeline



***Before applying you must speak with Susan Kress or Meleah Chriss!**

**** If you apply by the Early Decision deadline, you will be entered into the Teen Vogue Magazine contest. The winner will receive an all-expenses-paid trip to and from CGI U 2014, the opportunity to meet Chelsea Clinton, and a feature in the April issue of Teen Vogue.**

Important Links and Contact Info

- **For more information**

- www.smu.edu/engagedlearning/cgiu
- www.cgiu.org

- **To Apply**

- www.cgiu.org/apply

- **CGI U Campus Representatives**

- Josh Bakarich: jbakarich@smu.edu
- Lauren Castle: lcastle@smu.edu

- **CGI U Campus Liaisons**

- Meleah Chriss: mchriss@smu.edu
- Susan Kress: skress@smu.edu

FAQS

- **Who is allowed to participate in CGI U?**
 - Any full-time undergrad or graduate student at SMU.
- **What if I graduate in May 2014?**
 - You can still apply **IF** you plan to do your Commitment after graduation.
- **Is it required to have an Engaged Learning project before applying to CGI U?**
 - **No**, you do not have to participate in Engaged Learning in order to apply to CGI U?
- **I did a research project/internship for Engaged Learning, can I do the same for CGI U?**
 - **No**, CGI U Commitments to Action can **NOT** be research projects or internships.
- **Does my Commitment have to connect with something I learned about in class?**
 - **No**, unlike Engaged Learning commitments do not have to deal with what you learned in the classroom.
- **Do I need to talk to the Campus Liaisons before I submit my application?**
 - **Yes**, Meleah Chriss and Susan Kress will make sure your Commitment to Action is in excellent shape before you submit your application. CGI U will notify them every time a SMU student submits an application.
- **Who can a contact if I have questions, concerns, or need assistance with CGI U at any time?**
 - You can contact the Campus Representatives: Lauren and Josh. Also, they will help you prepare for the annual meeting.