

# Special Olympics World Winter Games Student Delegation Information



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Special Olympics is pleased to invite you to apply to attend the 2013 Special Olympics World Winter Games being held in PyeongChang, Korea this winter as a member of our Global Student Delegation!

Special Olympics will pay for airfare and lodging for all members of the Student Delegation. **Applications must be received by October 12, 2012.**

Since its inception, the Research and Evaluation department of Special Olympics (SO) has aimed to engage the next generation of researchers. Through its student grants program and through international student delegations to major Games and SO-hosted conferences, Special Olympics has supported student development, influenced attitudes of young professionals about intellectual disability (ID), and raised awareness about the role of SO as a potential research partner. Special Olympics Global Student Delegations to the 2006 USA National Games in Ames, Iowa, the 2007 World Summer Games in Shanghai, China, the 2009 World Winter Games in Boise, Idaho, the 2010 USA National Games in Lincoln, Nebraska, and the 2011 World Summer Games in Athens, Greece were exposed to the power of the Games, challenged by research and policy discussions, and informed and inspired to heighten their engagement with people with ID and with Special Olympics. In keeping with this tradition, an international student delegation will again be convened at the 2013 World Winter Games in PyeongChang, Korea.

## Goals of the Student Delegation:

- Expose students to the World Games experience and the full range of SO programming, including research and evaluation activities and funding opportunities;
- Engage students in Special Olympics after they return home;
- Gather input from students from around the world about what they feel is needed to draw in and maintain new scholars to the field and to engage them in research with SO;
- Create a global network of students who are becoming involved with the field (enabling them to build ties with one another).

## Description of Role:

Student delegates will be in PyeongChang, Korea from January 27, 2013 through February 2, 2013.

During this time, they will engage in a variety of types of activities:

- *Didactic Learning:* Training sessions providing background information on SO programming, as well as on the SO research agenda and on research opportunities for students. Learning will also take place through attendance at educational sessions taking place at the Games for youth, family members, and policy makers.
- *Experiential Learning:* Opportunities to witness the wide range of programming of SO by attending events, such as Healthy Athletes, Young Athletes, Families activities, and sports competitions;

- *Collective Learning and Networking:* Sessions focused on building relationships among members of the Global Student Delegation and learning from delegates about how SO can support the next generation of scholars. Sessions will allow student delegates to take part in discussions related to new areas of ID research as part of a larger group of scholars from around the world;
- *Post Games Learning:* Students Delegation members will agree to engage in a small SO-related project upon returning home. Some examples include: providing ongoing consultation to Special Olympics around programs to engage early career professionals in the field, analyzing Healthy Athletes data, or engaging in future global development work. Individual projects will be customized to the student's area of expertise and developed by the student with support from SO.

#### **Application Requirements:**

- Current graduate student focusing on human rights and disability issues (e.g. Law, Public Policy, International Development)
- Available to be in PyeongChang, Korea from January 27, 2013 through February 2, 2013
- Valid passport (or ability to obtain a valid passport prior to January 2013)
- Background/research focus in intellectual/developmental disabilities
- Proficiency in English and ability to complete a short presentation in English
- Able to complete a post-Games project (~20 hours) with Special Olympics after the Games

#### **How to Apply:**

- Visit [http://www.specialolympics.org/research\\_studies.aspx](http://www.specialolympics.org/research_studies.aspx) to download application
- Submit completed application form, resume/CV, and other supporting materials to Rachel Moscato at [rmoscato@specialolympics.org](mailto:rmoscato@specialolympics.org)
- **All materials are due October 12, 2012 – please apply early!**

#### **For more Information:**

- Visit [http://www.specialolympics.org/research\\_studies.aspx](http://www.specialolympics.org/research_studies.aspx) to download an overview of Special Olympics and the 2013 Special Olympics World Winter Games.
- 2013 Special Olympics World Winter Games website: <http://www.2013sopoc.org/hb/en>