

GHANA GOLD IV WINTER STUDY TOUR

INFORMATION AND FAQs

APPLICANTS:

WHERE CAN I GET AN APPLICATION?

Information and applications can be found on the about Ghana Gold on the website: <http://ase.tufts.edu/anw/ghanaGold.html>

There is an early admissions deadline, which generally takes place in May. If space is still available after May, admissions will take place on a rolling basis, until September.

ASIDE FROM THE APPLICATION, ARE THERE ANY OTHER REQUIREMENTS?

Yes, students are required to participate in a 1 credit spring semester colloquium (ANW 153). The colloquium allows time to process the experience and deepen the related learning. For the colloquium, we have readings, and guest speakers. In addition, the students also produce a 15 minute digital movie as a group project, as well as individual electronic portfolios.

You must have a valid U.S. Passport and apply for a Visa, in order to visit Ghana. (See page two for more on Visa Applications).

HOW MUCH DOES THE TRIP COST?

The student fee for the Ghana Gold Winter Study Tour 2009 is \$4,000, which covers round-trip airfare, local transportation as we travel around Ghana, good and accommodations. In addition, students pay for their visa and for immunizations.

IS THERE FINANCIAL AID AVAILABLE?

THERE IS SOME FINANCIAL AID AVAILABLE; HOWEVER, IT IS VERY LIMITED.

Below is a list of offices and links you can explore to obtain some additional funding. Do not be afraid to pick up the phone and call the office and ask for information!

1. [The Institute for Global Leadership](#)
2. [The Arts and Sciences Diversity Fund](#)
3. [The Office of Undergraduate Education Research Fund](#)
4. [The President of Tufts University's Office](#)
5. [Tisch College Civic Engagement Fund](#)
6. [Tufts Hillel](#) - Contact Hillel if even if you are not Jewish!

7. The Group of Six (Africana, Asian-American, Latino, Women's, LGBT and International Centers) - Solicit the center that you are affiliated with.

8. Student Organizations that you are part of willing to sponsor your trip to Ghana e.g. Pangea, African Students Organization, Tufts Collaborative on Africa, International Club, Engineers Without Borders etc.

Be prepared with the following before going to any Tufts University office/institution to apply for funding:

1. a one-page detailed resume.
2. An in-depth research proposal.
3. An itinerary of the Ghana Gold Trip highlighting what you will be going to learn whilst in Ghana and when you return in the spring of 2009.
4. A recommendation from your academic Dean or faculty advisor.
5. A way of showing that the Ghana Gold Study Tour is actually tied to your undergraduate academic concentration.

Some questions that may be asked of you:

1. Why Ghana Gold? You are a rising senior aren't you?
2. Is the Ghana Gold Study Tour tied to your Senior Thesis/Honors Senior Thesis or Senior Capstone Project?
3. Are you looking for funds from other sources/offices?

Ensure you are entirely honest and disclose other pools of funding you may be tapping into, if questions arise. You are an Economics Major and I am sure you can come up with a way to make Ghana Gold a capstone senior research project.

WHAT ARE THE TRAVEL DATES?

The 2009 trip is tentatively scheduled to depart from Boston on January 2nd and return to Boston on January 12th.

WHAT IS THE ITINERARY?

The 2009 itinerary has yet to be determined.

I HAVE SOME MORE DETAILED QUESTIONS, WHO SHOULD I CONTACT?

For more details contact one of the Ghana Gold Co-Directors:

[Professor Pearl Robinson](#)

Political Science
Eaton Hall 3rd Floor
Medford Campus
617-627-2035

[Professor Edward Kutsoati](#)

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PARTICIPANTS PRE-TRIP INFORMATION:

VISA APPLICATIONS

All students must complete a "Tourist" Visa, which can be downloaded from the [Ghana Embassy Website](#). **Please follow carefully all of the instructions on the website.**

- You are applying for a "Tourist" Visa
- Please include a \$50.00 money order, cashier's check or certified bank check made payable to the "Embassy of Ghana"
- Use the following as names and addresses of references in Ghana:
 - Dr Kwaku Bilson, University of Ghana, Legon.
 - Dr Beatrix Allah-Mensah, Dept of Political Science, University of Ghana, Legon
- All applications will be sent as together via FedEx by the Ghana Gold program coordinator in mid-October.
- **You MUST have a valid passport, which will be submitted to the Embassy along with your application.**

HEALTH INFORMATION

All students going on the Ghana Gold Program are required to have a medical evaluation done at the Health Service. The Ghana Gold program is physically strenuous, and in a country with many health risks. It is crucial that you be well prepared!

- The health evaluation is a two step process
- First, you must attend the required group travel presentation

- Following this, you need an individual appointment with a clinician to review your particular health needs and to get the necessary immunizations and medications.
- You must have medical approval from Health Service in order to attend this program.

The Required Group Travel Visit for Ghana Gold 2009 will be offered on: Monday October 20 from 12noon to 1p

You must register for this visit by calling Health Service and signing up at 617-627-3350

A group vaccination session will be scheduled at [Tufts Health Services](#). The date has yet to be scheduled, but will most likely take place in early October.

Tufts has a corporate membership in International SOS, for all students, faculty and staff, so you do not need to set up individual accounts for them. Please go to www.internationalsos.com and enter membership # 11BCPS000093. That will take you to the dedicated Tufts portal and from there you can download membership cards, get country info, membership benefits info, etc. Please let me know if you have further questions.

Health related travel information can be found at:

[U.S. Center for Disease Control Website](#)

[International S.OS. travel website](#)

WHAT TO PACK

Attached please find a suggested packing list. Please keep in mind that there is a dress code for some of the more formal events and dinners in which we will participate.

TRAVEL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Some travel related emergencies are covered by the Tufts Travel Assistance Program, providing Tufts sponsored travelers, including students, faculty, staff and Travel-Learn Program participants with international medical, security and travel assistance, managed and administered by [International SOS](#). International SOS is the world's largest medical and security assistance company, with more than 3,000 professionals in 24-hour Alarm Centers, international clinics and remote-site medical facilities across five continents. International SOS is the leader in their field, ready to help you with all of your medical and security needs. **For details on coverage in Ghana, please visit the SOS website. Students should print an SOS travel card from the SOS website [International SOS](#)**

CONTACTS IN GHANA

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WEB SITES:

Ghana Gold Website: <http://ase.tufts.edu/anw/ghanaGold.html>

Tufts E-News Feature Story on Ghana Gold II: <http://www.tufts.edu/home/feature/?p=ghana>

University of Ghana: <http://www.ug.edu.gh/>

Ghana Embassy Washington D.C. Website: <http://www.ghanaembassy.org/indexghana.cfm>

U.S Dept of State – Passport Applications: http://travel.state.gov/passport/forms/forms_847.html

U.S. Embassy Accra Ghana: <http://ghana.usembassy.gov/>

U.S. Center for Disease Control: <http://www.cdc.gov/travel/destinationGhana.aspx>

Tufts Travel Assistance Program: [International SOS](#)