



Cleveland Council on  
**WORLD AFFAIRS**

# CCWA GLOBAL AMBASSADORS

Explore the World and Expand your Global Perspective with CCWA!

**Leadership. Impact. The World.** CCWA's *Global Ambassadors* program for young professionals sparks global connections during an unforgettable global study trip and leadership development program. Be a part of Cleveland's global future and join us for the 2026-2027 program!

## *Global Leadership Grounded in Local Community*

The Global Ambassadors program is a transformative year-long global leadership and professional development program for emerging leaders in Northeast Ohio. The program explores opportunities and challenges for global cities and strengthens the participants' global competencies. The program combines CCWA's interactive global leadership course (LEADS) with an international study tour to Europe to explore business, social, and policy issues that resonate with Northeast Ohio's emerging professional leaders.

## *Imagining Cleveland's Global Future*

Global Ambassadors will participate in CCWA's LEADS global leadership program to strengthen leadership development, cultural competency, and global awareness. Participants will meet weekly during the 8-week course in fall 2026 to explore how they can shape Northeast Ohio through a more global lens.

In winter 2027, Global Ambassadors will participate in a series of orientation session to prepare for travel to Europe in April 2027. The study trip will explore economic development, sustainability, and community building through professional meetings, networking with young professionals in Europe, and cultural experiences. After travel, Global Ambassadors will engage in a series of roundtable discussions with key leaders in Cleveland to reflect on lessons learned and best practices to bring back to Northeast Ohio.

## *Join CCWA and Become a Global Ambassador*

Are you a young professional interested in shaping Northeast Ohio through a more global lens? Are you ready to explore the world and expand your perspective? Do you want to be a leader in today's globalized world? If yes, this program is for you!





### Who is eligible?

CCWA will select participants based on applications. The cohort will reflect Cleveland’s diversity, including diversity of professional backgrounds across sectors. To be considered eligible for the program, applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Must be a resident of Northeast Ohio between the ages of 25-40 years old, with a minimum of 5 years of professional work experience; we will not accept applications from full-time students.
- Must have a valid passport through October 2027. Applicants are responsible for passport and other travel requirements.
- Must be available to travel to Europe during the study trip in April 2027.
- Must participate in eight pre-departure LEADS sessions, on Mondays from 5:30-7:30pm from September 28-November 16, 2026; three pre-departure workshops in Winter 2027; and three roundtable discussions in May 2027 following the international study trip.
- Must commit to active participation in the *Global Ambassadors* alumni group after completion of the program.

### What is the cost?

The program cost is \$10,000. Thanks to foundation support, CCWA is able to offer near-full scholarships for selected Global Ambassadors. Participants from non-profit sector receive priority for scholarships. Scholarship participants must submit a \$750 tuition fee for the program. Participants may also apply to the program by paying the full program fee. Included for all participants are all pre- and post-departure programming in Cleveland (30 hours of instruction). During the study trip, participants’ airfare, accommodations, three meals per day, in-country transportation, and in-country meetings with professional resources are all covered by the program.

### How do I apply?

To apply, complete your application at [ccwa.org](http://ccwa.org) by July 31, 2026. For more information, contact Elizabeth Colvin at [ecolvin@ccwa.org](mailto:ecolvin@ccwa.org).

## Program Requirements:

### LEADS GLOBAL LEADERSHIP COURSE Monday evenings, September 28- November 16, 2026:

- Who Am I as a Leader?
- Forging a Global City - Exploring the History, Culture, and Identity of Cleveland
- Cleveland & The Global Economy
- Cleveland’s Global Footprint - Spotlight on Nonprofits
- How Culture Affects Worldview
- Strategies for a Culturally Diverse World
- Mapping Global Conflicts
- Global Crisis Management

### PRE-DEPARTURE WORKSHOPS Winter 2027 (dates TBD)

- Two sessions focused on culture, history, and opportunities & challenges facing European cities
- Travel logistics session

### INTERNATIONAL STUDY TOUR April 9-17, 2027

- Travel to Europe

### POST-TRAVEL ROUNDTABLES May 2027 (dates TBD)

- A series of three thematic roundtables to discuss economic development, sustainability, and community building issues and lessons learned & best practices to bring back to Cleveland