



Greetings!

We're looking for a few good women and men to represent the University of Virginia at this year's Universitas 21 (U21) Summer School in Birmingham, England. Universitas 21 is a consortium of 21 universities around the world facilitating collaborative learning and research -- UVA is the only member from the United States.

Each summer the consortium sponsors a student conference on particular theme of global importance. This year's theme is "Embracing Diversity through Creativity, Culture and Innovation." It should appeal to students wishing to exercise their creativity and communications skills in a cross-cultural, collaborative learning environment. (Specific information is available at <http://www.u21.bham.ac.uk/Summer-School.htm>).

This is a terrific opportunity for the right individuals. You'll have the chance to engage with students from the other U21 universities in a two-week program filled with lectures on various aspects of creativity, culture and innovation in many different disciplines, interesting field trips to prominent British landmarks, and team-oriented projects associated with the conference's overall theme. Some of the issues in which you'll address creativity/culture/innovation implications include economic and urban development, social justice, environment, conflict/peace studies and the fine and performing arts.*

We're looking to send five undergraduate students from various disciplines to participate in this conference, which will be held 30 June - 12 July 2008. The University will cover almost all expenses (tuition, housing in University residence halls, many meals and \$1000 travel allowance). In addition, successful participants will earn three course credits in COM 380, "Business, Government and Society."

If you are a rising second, third- or fourth-year student with an interest in creativity, culture and innovation, enjoy meeting bright and interesting people from other countries, and/or just want to spend two weeks living and learning in Britain while improving your personal skill set, this might be the opportunity you've been looking for! (Certainly the price is right!) Application forms are available at <http://www.virginia.edu/universitas21/>. Please submit your application to Lavinia Johns at Lavinia@virginia.edu no later than **5:00 PM Friday, April 11th** (early applications encouraged!) Applications will be evaluated by a committee and final decisions will be announced by Wednesday, April 16th.

Interested? Have more questions? Contact Lavinia Johns (lavinia@virginia.edu) or Prof. Mark White (mwhite@virginia.edu) for further information.

Hope to have you with us!

*In addition to the formal program, each attendee will participate in a two-day "crash course" on one of several topics designed to unleash and expand your creative juices (Digital Media, Short Story Writing, Newspaper Journalism, Dance, Music or Photography). They're aimed at beginners, so why not take the opportunity to try something new!

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