**Simmons World Challenge *Language, Power, and Violence in Society***

**2019-2020 APPLICATION**

Thank you for your interest in Simmons World Challenge! Simmons World Challenge (SWC) is an exciting program designed to empower sophomore students with the knowledge and skill set necessary to tackle pressing social problems facing local, national and international communities. The course is interdisciplinary, experiential, and student-led. Students work in teams of 3-5 to conduct research, create an actionable solution to address a social problem, and present their results and ideas to the Simmons community. Faculty and graduate students will be available as resources. Use of the library, internet and the community will be integral parts of the experience. Students will travel abroad to Uganda in Spring 2020 to work on this problem in an international context.

Students accepted into the program will receive on-campus room and board during the January intersession (January 2 (move in)-12) at no cost, and will receive a $1,000 stipend; students will register (in their spring semester 18-credit course load) for the 2020 Simmons World Challenge Course, which includes the Faculty Led Travel portion during May – June. Round trip airfare, visas, some in country transportation, shared accommodation and all academic and cultural pre-planned experiences are paid for by Simmons for students accepted into the short-term travel course. Students are responsible for Simmons Spring tuition (and overload if applicable), some food, international cell phone data, passport fees, personal spending money, laundry, excess luggage fees and trips not considered part of the course. Other items may arise throughout the semester, depending upon course structure – these items will be communicated to students in advance. Students will be expected to attend meetings during the fall semester, participate fully during the January intersession, attend meetings in spring semester, and attend the spring session in Uganda and present their team results to the Simmons Community as requested.

Students selected by a Simmons World Challenge Committee, and in consultation with the Simmons Dean of Students. Students must have a 3.0 GPA to be considered.

APPLICATIONS ARE DUE BY midnight ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 7th TO SWC COORDINATOR Prof. Kristina Pechulis. Electronic applications are preferred: pechulis@simmons.edu. PLEASE INCLUDE:

* This completed application form
* Your typed responses to the essay questions below
* Your transcript (available on AARC; screenshot is fine)

Please direct any questions to the SWC Coordinator, Prof Kristina Pechulis at pechulis@simmons.edu.

 **Applicant Information**

Name: Click here to enter text. Email: Click here to enter text. Phone: Click here to enter text.

Major(s): Click here to enter text. Minor(s): Click here to enter text.

Current GPA: Click here to enter text. Anticipated Graduation Date: Click here to enter text.

Please give the name and contact information of someone on campus who can speak about you. For example, this can be a member of the faculty, staff, student life, residential life, athletic program, etc.:

Name: Click here to enter text. Title: Click here to enter text.

Email: Click here to enter text. Phone: Click here to enter text.

How do you know this person? Click here to enter text.

**Required Meetings**

Please note: By indicating your interest and applying for this program, you are committing to be available for all required meetings.

***Required Meetings for Simmons World Challenge***

Thursday, October 24th, 6:00 - 8:30 pm Simmons World Challenge Student Orientation

Wednesday, November 6th, 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM Instructional Session I

Saturday, December 7, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM Instructional Session II

January 3rd to January 12th (full days) Intersession Course, required daily activities

Wednesday, January 29, 2010 Student Presentations to Simmons Community and Partners
May 17-31, 2020 Travel Abroad course to Uganda

**Short Essay Questions**

PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS IN NO MORE THAN 200 WORDS PER QUESTION.

1. What do you find interesting about the topic of the Simmons World Challenge course, “Language, Power and Violence in Society” and why are you applying? See course description for more detail on this year’s course.

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1. What social justice issue sparks your passion (whether related to the course topic or not)? What actions have you taken on this issue and what would you like to do next?

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1. SWC challenges you to create a project together with a team of students. What kinds of team or group work have you been a part of in the past, and what did the experience(s) teach you about your strengths and weaknesses as a team member?

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1. Describe a specific situation that you have faced when you came into conflict with another person or group of persons. How did it affect you and how did you resolve the conflict?

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