



AMERICAN COUNCIL ON GERMANY

Call for Applications Sustainable Urban Development Study Tour

Building on the American Council on Germany's history of best practice exchanges among urban affairs experts, the ACG is conducting a two-part immersive program on sustainable urban development. This initiative is designed to focus on the growing importance of cities in promoting strong transatlantic relations. The ACG will bring together American and German practitioners working in urban affairs and sustainability in Germany in late Fall of 2019 and in the United States in the Spring 2020.

Participants will have the opportunity to learn how their counterparts on the other side of the Atlantic are tackling sustainability challenges, including but not limited to urban mobility, affordable housing, renewable energies, and resource scarcity. The **Sustainable Urban Development Study Tour** allows groups of urban professionals to receive an in-depth look at urban planning and city management as they improve the lives of their citizens and plan for the future.

The ACG will select eight to 10 Americans and eight to 10 Germans to take part in the two-part study tour. During each segment, the ACG will arrange a series of meetings with city officials, nongovernmental organizations, and think tanks to discuss local challenges and how to tackle them. Participants travel as a group to two cities in each country, to gain different perspectives on the concerns that cities are facing today. The ACG will cover international and domestic travel expenses (economy class), as well as accommodations and meals. There is a €500 participation fee to take part in this program.

Participants will be expected to continue the dialogue and engage with one another between the two trips through an online platform. Upon completing the study tours, participants are required to submit an analytical report on their findings. The reports will be published by the American Council on Germany.

Candidates must be local government officials, employees of a non-governmental organization that works closely with a local government, or journalists reporting on urban issues. **Participants must commit to take part in both portions of the program in order to be selected.** The group will travel to Germany December 8 to 14, 2019, and to the two U.S. cities in the spring of 2020, tentatively in March.

Application deadline: Friday, August 23, 2019

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Applicants must submit the following information via the online application form:

- A current resume;
- Two letters of recommendation;
- Answers to the following short-essay questions:
 1. Why are you interested in participating in this initiative?
 2. What are the personal and professional objectives you wish to accomplish by participating?
 3. What will you contribute to this program?
 4. How do you plan to disseminate your findings from this program in your community and to your networks?

Eligibility

Candidates for the Sustainable Urban Development Study Tour must:

- Be a U.S. citizen residing in the United States or a German citizen residing in Germany;
- Be in relatively early stages of their careers;
- Have a minimum of five years of relevant full-time work experience;
- Hold a bachelor's degree (or equivalent);
- Demonstrate a track record of outstanding professional performance; and
- Have a sincere commitment to furthering the transatlantic relationship.

Questions regarding this program can be directed to Robin Cammarota, Program Director, rcammarota@acgusa.org.