



INTERNATIONAL BLOCK 2022-2023



DEAR STUDENT,

Are you interested in living and learning in another country in a different and powerful way? Then International Block may be for you.

Embarking on an International Block trip provides once-in-a-lifetime experiences. They will be challenging experiences – but those are often the most rewarding. International Block is an incredible opportunity to engage in a new learning environment, experience a new culture, build deep relationships, and even learn some Spanish. If you are selected, International Block will stretch you socially, spiritually, physically, and culturally. Above all, you will come away knowing more about yourself, your beliefs, society, and the world.

Consider the information about International Block carefully. If you can, connect with people who have gone on the trip before – both fellow students and teachers/chaperones. Show this application to your parents or guardians. Talk to them, pray about it. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact one of your school’s program leaders, or EduDeo directly at schools@edudeo.com.

If you are interested in being considered for International Block 2022, please complete the application and return it to schools@edudeo.com by May 27, 2022

Please remember that this is a capped team, which means there are a limited number of spots available. Submitting the application doesn’t guarantee your spot, but we will do our best to select those who are most suited for the experience. If you are selected for an interview, you will be notified by June 1, 2022, and interviews will take place June 2-3, 2022.

We look forward to hearing from you!

In Christ,

The EduDeo Ministries Team

Who?

Students will be in Grades 11 or 12 in the 2022-2023 school year and must be patient, driven, and flexible. They should be able to work independently, willing to take risks, and work as part of a team for the whole semester. They must be willing to be stretched physically, emotionally, and spiritually. *Please note: students must be 16 years old or older at the time of the trip.*

What?

The International Block counts for high school credits. For details on which courses you will study and how many / what type of credits you will receive, please talk to your specific school's program leader. EduDeo cannot provide you with information about courses/credits – this is your school's responsibility.

No matter the credits you will receive through this program, the school time before the trip will be used to prepare. You will learn some Spanish, research cultural norms and customs, compare social institutions in Canadian society to those in Central America, prepare for an attitude of service, and develop group cohesion and teamwork skills. Class time after the trip will be used to debrief, complete International Block course work, and work on summative assignments or projects.

When?

April 3 - May 15, 2023. *Please note: these dates are tentative and subject to change.*

Where?

Students will work and serve in one of EduDeo's partner countries in Central America or the Caribbean. Our objective is to ensure students have a safe and varied service experience working in schools, volunteering at an orphanage, and contributing to construction tasks among other things.

Costs?

The cost is approximately \$6,000 per student, above regular tuition. *Please note that a \$500 cheque deposit made out to your school must be submitted with your application.*

The cost covers the trip and all travel and accommodations. Expenses not covered include: personal toiletries, spending money, vaccinations, passport fees, and travel medical insurance.

We don't want the cost of the trip to be an immediate barrier, so please talk to your school's program leader if your family is concerned about finances.

In-Country Leaders:

Henry Lammers (teacher at London Christian High) and Yvonne Lammers (social worker) will be your primary leaders and will be with you the entire trip. Further leaders who will make 1-2 week visits will be decided closer to the trip.

While in country, you'll also be hosted by EduDeo Ministries' partner leaders.

Next Steps:

#1 Students must submit their complete application to EduDeo Ministries at schools@edudeo.com **no later than May 27, 2022.**

*A \$500 cheque deposit (made out to your school) must be submitted to your school. Any other documents besides the application (like course selection documents) must be submitted to your school and **not** EduDeo.*

#2 EduDeo will review all applications with the program leaders from each school. Based on the application contents, teachers' input, students' abilities to work in and out of class, and overall school behaviour, students will be invited to an interview from June 2-3, 2022.

You will be contacted whether or not you have been selected for an interview. If you do not receive an email by May 30, please reach out to EduDeo at schools@edudeo.com.

#3 Those who have been invited for an interview have the opportunity to either accept or reject the offer. You are not committing to the trip by accepting an interview.

“A tourist is forever an outsider – at best a fleeting presence in the lives of local people. To feel the heartbeat of a people and truly understand who they are one needs to be among them. When one shares in the life of the family and works alongside the citizens in the cultural and economic development of their community one experiences the peoples’ struggles and their successes.”

- David Peacock

Complete the application and submit to EduDeo Ministries at schools@edudeo.com **no later than May 27, 2022.**

- I am interested in applying for International Block 2022-2023 and have completed the following application, including question #10 (1-2 page written explanation).
- I have sent any supplementary documents and a deposit cheque directly to my school, not to EduDeo

School:

Student Name:

Signature:

Parent / Guardian Name:

Signature:

Questionnaire:

#1 In ONE sentence, how would you describe International Block to another high school student who has never heard of it.

#2 List three personal qualities or characteristics and how each one of them will help you be a good candidate for International Block.

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#3 State two courses, teams, or activities that you have taken or been involved at your high school (or your previous high school) that have taught you something that will help you be a positive contributor to the International Block team. State specifically what you learned that will be significant.

#4 Name two teachers who you believe would support your application to International Block. State why you believe they will support you. It would be wise to talk to them that you are using their names.

#5 Rate yourself in each of the following areas (remember, honesty is important):

1: Strongly Disagree 2: Disagree 3: Neither Agree nor Disagree 4: Agree 5: Strongly Agree

I enjoy writing about my experiences; I am a good writer.	1	2	3	4	5
Nothing feels better than finishing a task. I can't rest until I do.	1	2	3	4	5
I like to try new things even if I don't think I will be good at them.	1	2	3	4	5
I prefer being in charge of peers rather than following one of them.	1	2	3	4	5
If I know I have to do something, nobody has to remind me. I just do it.	1	2	3	4	5
I like working with my hands—much more than pen and paper work.	1	2	3	4	5
It is easy for me to do things that I don't like to do, even if they are boring.	1	2	3	4	5

#6 On a scale of 0 to 10 indicate your level of interest for each:

10 is the most interest; 0 is no interest.

shop-type work	singing in public	keeping things organized
talking 1-to-1	meeting someone new	being an examples for others
teaching children	playing board games	listening to music
walking	sharing my beliefs/faith	spending time alone
making crafts	playing sports	working so hard that I sweat

#7 Tell us any special talents or abilities that you have in any area of your life. (You don't have to try to tie it in to International Block, just tell us. If you can't think of something, ask a parent, relative, friend or teacher.)

#8 What are the three most appealing things about International Block for you, and why?

#9 What subjects or programs, if any, are more important to you than International Block? Why?

#10 Write 1-2 pages (can be typed and attached separately) detailing why you want to go on International Block, what you think you will learn, and what you would offer the rest of the class.