

# International Christian Youthworks

USA

## Training and Study Guide



## A note from Colin and Melissa Piper

Thanks for your interest in our US training and study programs. You can find out more about the ICY family generally, training opportunities in other countries and the full course curricula in other PDF downloads. However to give you a quick heads up, for the last few years we've been running a program in Europe which trains missionally and Biblically minded youth workers at a college level without taking them away from practical youth ministry and at a price they can afford. Our prayer has been to equip these leaders for fruitfulness both in their present ministry and in a lifetime of ministry. What's more, because this program is focused on regular conferences, we have been able to bring together like-minded students from across the continent who will inspire one another and build friendships and a shared vision for the whole of Europe.



We've got Americans with us here in Europe and we'd love to explore that option with you too if you're interested. We are also though piloting two other opportunities for Americans. The first is in partnership with Trek X in Nashville Tennessee. The second is to explore how we can link youth ministers based at their home churches across North America with our European training programs at either Bachelors or Masters level.

We hope this Guide answers most of your questions, but given the pioneering nature of all we're talking about here, there will be more. So please feel free to get back to us with any further questions you may have, and we'll begin a dialogue.

Every blessing,

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## 1. The Opportunities

You have a number of options to choose from.

First you need to decide **what** you want to do. There are three programs: a short term cross cultural missional training program, (which by definition you need to come to Europe for!), a Bachelors and a Masters program. You can find out about each of these in other PDF downloads.

[The One Year UK based Missional Program](#)

[The Bachelors Program](#)

[The Masters Program](#)

Then you need to work out just **where** you want to do the program you've chosen. Again there are three options

1. **Join the European learning community from the UK.** In the UK you can join the team of Reign Ministries either just for a year as part of a cross cultural missional training program or else you can stay on for three years and do the Bachelors program. To find out more visit: <http://www.reignministries.co.uk/icy-uk-students/> .
2. **Join the Trek X program run out of Nashville.** You will join the four year Trek X program and as part of this, do our Bachelors or Masters program. To find out more about Trek X visit: <http://www.trek-x.com/trek-x/intro.html>
3. **Join the European Bachelors or Masters program but from your home church in the US or Canada.** Not quite as mad as it sounds! We actually are piloting a learning community in the bush of Uganda. Basically you can stay at your own church and do the program by extension. We will offer you as much personal support as possible. However the more you can visit Europe the better in order to interact with a diverse and dynamic learning community and feel a part of a global team. There is a great deal of flexibility over how often you do this, but once you've got to know guys, these times will probably become a lifeline for you!

If you are based in Nashville you will participate fully in the Trek X program but your study program will be with us, and instead of just studying by correspondence you will study as part of a learning community by extension. We will provide you and those on the program with you in Nashville an experienced local mentor who will meet with you regularly. You will also receive at least one visit from the International Directors of ICY.

We will also invite those in Nashville and those studying from their home churches to join us and the ICY Europe team on two five day residential conferences per year in the UK. Here you will meet as a very dynamic and inspirational learning community on modules you're all studying together. You will quickly build friendships and a unique global perspective on mission which will set you up for a lifetime of ministry. You will also get to see a bit of London and even perhaps hang out and get involved in wider European and African youth ministry.

The positives of the programs are that they are missional, Biblical and globally recognized. They are also less disruptive and far more practical and flexible than traditional education. On the other hand being a part of a learning community means they are more achievable than a correspondence course, and the fact this is a global learning community adds an unrivaled cross cultural element to your learning experience. You will be rubbing shoulders with others applying what you're learning together across three continents!

The negatives are that the program still requires a lot self motivation and flexibility. It also isn't your cheapest option by the time you've factored in one, two or three trips to Europe each year for two or three years.

## 2. Practicalities

The Bachelors course lasts three years, rather than four because as is the case with international undergraduate degrees, you don't need to take minor courses to graduate with your major. This doesn't though affect the value of your degree at the end of the program. It is merely more focused in scope. You can, if you choose, add a fourth year at Cincinnati Christian University and add their accreditation to that of the Sydney College of Divinity.

We prefer it if you start in September and if possible join us in Europe for our first conference of the academic year. This way you quickly feel a part of the family and learning community. It is possible though to join in at any time of the year. It is also possible to take a break if things get a bit manic.

The Masters Course lasts two years, once more officially starting in September with other entry points through the year.

The cost of the Bachelors program varies depending upon where you do it. If you come to Europe, the cost is set out in the European manual download above.

If you do the Bachelors program from Trek X or your own church in North America, the basic costs each year are approximately:

Module and accreditation fees	\$3600
ICY admin fees	\$900
Conference fees	\$200 per each conference you choose to attend

You will of course need to cover your flight costs to the European conferences, but we'll make sure someone is at the airport to get you and look after you from there. If you're doing Trek X you will also need to pay the Trek X costs.

If you choose the Masters program you pay a one off registration fee to ICY of \$1000. This covers all our administrative and personal support for you however long you take to do the course. Then basically you pay for each module and conference you attend.

The unit cost for each module is \$750

The unit cost for each conference is \$200

If you want to know more, probably the best thing to do is have a chat to Dre or Colin personally. For instance you can skype Colin through his SKYPE address: colindpiper. You can then prepare all your questions and work out if this really is for you.

If it is, you'll need to submit an application form, and helpfully you'll find one of those attached below!



# ICY USA Application Form

Surname  
First name  
Address

Title  
Marital status

Nationality

Zip/Postcode  
Country  
Telephone

SKYPE  
Email  
Age

What program do you want to do and where!

If its your home church/youth ministry you want to study from, tell us a bit about it:

How did you hear about ICY?

Why are you interested in the program?

Tell us about your previous experience of youth work or other relevant Christian work, and what do you consider your particular gifting and passions?

Tell us a bit about yourself, your family, your interests....

Explain briefly how and when you became a Christian.

How has your faith developed in the past year?

What major factors have helped you most in your spiritual life?

Name and address of Church currently attending

Name and email of Church Leader

What was your Church Leaders reaction to your application?

What was your family's or dependent's reaction to your application?

Educational Establishments attended from High School onwards

Dates :                      Establishment :                      Subjects and grades :

Other Qualifications / courses attended (including IELTS English Test if already taken)

Dates                      Course                      Grade if applicable

List your most recent jobs.

Dates                      Employer, Job Title and Description

Do you have any plans or ideas of what you will be doing in the future?

Have you ever been convicted or cautioned with respect to a criminal offence?

If the answer was Yes please give full details

If you have any questions or would like to tell us anything else please include here

### References

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Please give 3 referees one whom must be your church leader and the rest should have known you for at least 2 years.

Name and Title :

Address and email address:

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**Finally ICY has adopted the Evangelical Alliance Statement of Faith, and we ask that all workers agree with their statement of faith, as set out below. Please indicate whether you agree with this, and if you don't use the box above for further comments to detail what you disagree with and why.**

**WE BELIEVE** that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**WE BELIEVE** in the deity and perfect humanity of our Lord Jesus Christ; in His virgin birth; in His sinless life; in His miracles; in His atoning death through His outpoured blood; in His bodily resurrection; in His ascension to the right hand of the Father and His personal return to power and glory.

**WE BELIEVE** in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit, by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life.

**WE BELIEVE** the Bible to be inspired in its entirety by God's Holy Spirit through human authors revealing God's truth to humanity. It is without error in all that it affirms. Christians must therefore submit to its supreme authority.

**WE BELIEVE** in the personal and visible return in glory of the Lord Jesus Christ to raise the dead and bring salvation and judgment in final completion.

**WE BELIEVE** in the spiritual unity of believers in Christ.

Yes/No

This post requires a Criminal Records check. Disclosure will be requested at enhanced level.

CRB encourage all applicants called for interview to provide details of their criminal record at an early stage in the application process. This is not mandatory but will avoid later delays in the process. The information should be sent under confidential cover to the counter signatory in the first instance. Further information about Disclosure is available on request from the person who is responsible for this appointment

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