



## GLOBAL IMPACT ACADEMY

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### Can you tell me more about what I would be doing if I joined the Global Impact Academy?

Students and faculty in the Global Impact Academy travel to either Belize, Panama, Guatemala or Greece to participate in 9-day service trips to remote communities to partner with a local school to work on WASH, Health and Education projects. This can include providing health screenings, building infrastructure or conducting workshops for the local school and community. We also set aside time each evening for students to participate in cultural activities—an opportunity to learn about local traditions and practices. For a detailed breakdown of the GIA schedule, check out our 9-day itinerary [here](#).

#### Who is in charge of managing the daily activities?

The Global Impact Academy is led by a Squads Abroad Coordinator. The Coordinator is responsible for ensuring that all activities flow smoothly, from the moment you arrive at the airport until you are safely settled on the plane back to the U.S. They coordinate with our logistics team to ensure timely arrivals to the communities, make sure that dietary restrictions are met, and help students if an issue arises.

#### Is this safe?

The safety of students is Squads Abroad's number one priority and is the single most important consideration when entering a community or choosing a project. Each country that Squads Abroad partners with has implemented safety protocols and policies to decrease any risk of danger and to ensure that any emergency can be properly handled in a prompt and professional manner. For more information on safety precautions, emergency procedures and insurance information, please visit the [Safety and Security](#) page on our website.

#### How are the flights booked?

Squads Abroad has an in-house travel agent that provides flight booking services. If you choose to book a flight through our travel agent, the cost of the flight will be confirmed with you and included in the total cost of the program. In addition, we offer an adult chaperoned group flight option from a US hub city, should students choose to have added assistance on the journey. Otherwise, students have the option to independently purchase their own flights that are scheduled to arrive anytime on the start date and depart anytime on the end date of the program.



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### Where will I be staying?

Squads Abroad partners with private accommodation facilities to provide students with a safe home base to unwind after a day in of work. Students stay in gender specific rooms that accommodate up to 4 students each and have a private bathroom. Here, trained kitchen staff prepare delicious local dishes, keeping in mind student dietary restrictions. For more information on our facilities, visit our country pages: [Panama](#), [Belize](#), [Greece](#), [Guatemala](#).

### How do I register?

Once you decide which country and dates, you can register by filling out the [Global Impact Academy Chapter Registration Form](#).

Once you have filled out this form, we will send your promotional materials and more details about how to book your flights and organize your travel. We have an international team happy to help you throughout the process.

### Where do the funds I raise go?

Global Impact Academy students' program fees support Squads Abroad's Holistic Model. In addition to covering student needs such as ground transportation, food, lodging, and emergency insurance, funding also supports all the necessary costs for program implementation, such as construction materials, tools, local labor, translators, and support staff. The program fees also allow Squads Abroad to provide year-round assistance to the communities that we serve, including follow up visits to ensure the long-term sustainable impact of the work. Visit our parent organization Global Brigades' [financials page](#) to learn about how donor funds are utilized.

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Learn more about the program by clicking [here](#) or scanning the QR code.

