



Business Academy's Summer Programs in **PANAMA**



Global Business Academy's Summer Programs invite individual high school students and faculty-led chapters to join a cohort from across the country for an immersive, hands-on experience in international business. Students act as consultants alongside local business professionals to deliver business solutions to small-scale entrepreneurs in rural, under-resourced communities in Panama.

Days 1: Arrival and Program Orientation

Students are welcomed at the airport by Business Academy staff and transported to their hotel. The evening includes dinner, introductions to fellow participants and staff, a program orientation, and an overview of the week's consulting experience, expectations, and safety procedures.



Day 2: Consulting Foundations & First Client Meeting

Students begin the program with an introduction to international business consulting and an overview of the local business environment. After learning the fundamentals of the consulting process, teams travel to meet their business client for the first time, beginning to understand the client's goals, challenges, and opportunities while laying the foundation for the week's project.



Days 3-5: Business Analysis, Professional Development & Client Consulting

Working directly with local entrepreneurs, students conduct business assessments, inventory analysis, SWOT evaluations, and financial reviews to identify opportunities for growth. Alongside client meetings, participants take part in interactive workshops covering financial literacy, marketing, pricing strategies, accounting, inventory management, and business planning. Faculty and business mentors provide ongoing coaching as students apply these concepts to develop practical, data-driven recommendations. By the end of the consulting experience, each team prepares a professional set of deliverables designed to strengthen their client's business and create lasting impact.

**20
27**
SESSIONS

**June
20-27**

Days 6–7: Final Presentations, Cultural Exchange & Panama Exploration

Students present their final recommendations to their clients, showcasing the knowledge and consulting skills they've developed throughout the week. They also participate in a community bank promotion and cultural exchange, gaining a deeper understanding of entrepreneurship and community development in Panama. The program concludes with opportunities to explore the country's natural beauty and history, including a visit to Monkey Island, a transit through the world-famous Panama Canal, and a celebratory farewell dinner where students reflect on their accomplishments, personal growth, and the relationships they've built throughout the experience.

Day 8: Panama Departure & Return Home

Students are transported to the airport for their return flight home, bringing back hands-on international consulting experience, enhanced business skills, cross-cultural understanding, and memories that will last a lifetime.



PROGRAM DETAILS

Program Funding Amount:

\$2,900 (inclusive of airfare up to \$1000, all in-country expenses, and clinic support)

Registration & Funding Dates:

- **Registration & \$300 deposit by December 30th** (\$50 scholarship*)
- **1st Installment \$1200 by February 10th** (\$50 scholarship*)
- **Final Balance funded by May 20th**

*Early Registration, Deposit & 1st Installment funding dates & scholarship above, late funding dates 21 days later (no scholarship awarded).

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FOOD & ACCOMMODATIONS

Private, secure home-base lodging facilities (hotels, eco-resorts, and guest houses) with controlled food preparation and accommodations for dietary preferences and allergies. At the home base, students enjoy shared meals and common areas, and are accommodated in private, same-sex rooms with 3–6 students per room and private bathrooms. Faculty are housed in private rooms.

STAFFING & TRANSPORTATION

Fully supervised programs supported by an experienced team of expertly trained coordinators, cooks, security personnel, drivers, paramedics, doctors, and translators who remain with the group 24/7. Private transportation is provided by professionally trained and insured drivers.

SAFETY & INSURANCE

Established and trusted organization in Panama and the communities we serve, registered with the U.S. Embassy. Programs operate under clearly defined safety and behavioral protocols, with travel medical and full insurance coverage provided for all participants.

TERMS & EXPECTATIONS

The program fee includes airfare and all in-country expenses, including meals, lodging, transportation, scheduled activities, staffing, travel medical insurance, and a clinic contribution toward staffing, medications, and supplies. Airfare is secured by our travel team to ensure competitive rates and seamless coordination. [Refund and Cancellation Policy information.](#)

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