

WELCOME TO THE GLOBAL BUSINESS ACADEMY!



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Summer
Academy

BELIZE: JUNE 6-13
GREECE: JUNE 13-20
PANAMA: JUNE 20-27
GREECE: JUNE 27-JULY 4
BELIZE: JULY 4-11



Real Business Experience. Real World Impact.

Global Brigades has worked with more than 100 universities over the past 20+ years, and partners with The World Bank, UNDP, Kiva and some of the world's biggest finance and consulting agencies.

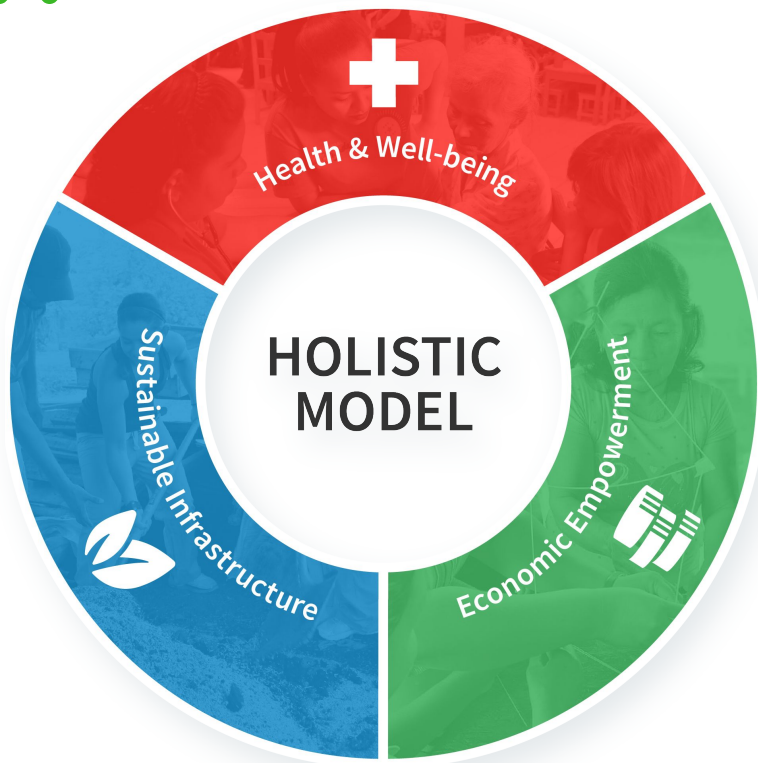
Empowered Business Consulting is the Student-Led
Division of the 501c3 non-profit international
development organization



Recognized by and partnered with:



Global Brigades is a renowned Goldstar-rated 501c3 non-profit bringing **two decades of international economic development experience and a network of hundreds of partner communities to your home or class!**



Global Brigades delivers integrated health and economic programs to meet a community's development goals.



Health & Well-being

We partner with communities to expand access to medical, dental, and preventative care while fostering long-term wellness, education, and psycho social support.



Economic Empowerment

We create pathways out of poverty by promoting inclusive finance, entrepreneurship, and affordable housing — building stability that communities can sustain for generations.



Sustainable Infrastructure

We co-create the physical foundations every community needs — clean water, sanitation, housing, renewable energy, and resilient public spaces.



The Empowered



The **Empowered 1M** is our commitment to empower 1 million community members around the world to **permanently rise out of global poverty** through our **Holistic Model** focused on **key core components of the UN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS: Healthcare (#3), WASH (#6), Economic Development (#8), and Education (#4).**

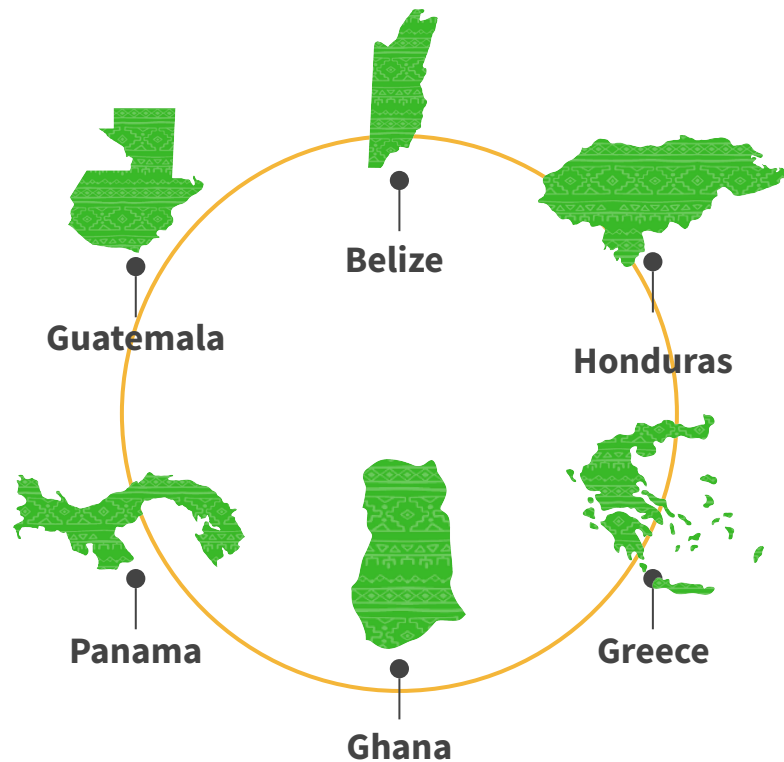




In-Country Business Professional & Support Teams



WHERE WE WORK



Consult Businesses Abroad

The Business Academy connects high school students to partner businesses so that you can practice your consulting skills while improving the lives of real people.

On a Business Academy program, you will:

1

Work alongside entrepreneurs and business professionals.

2

Develop and implement business and marketing strategies.

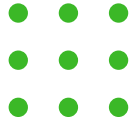
3

Help clients grow their businesses and bring essential income to their families.

4

Get immersed in the local culture and economy





EMPOWERED BUSINESS CONSULTING



Types of Deliverables

- Financial analysis: basic profit and loss, cash flow analysis and financial projections.
- Marketing analysis
- Return on investment analysis for loans
- Basic business plan using Canvas Business Model
- Loan recommendation to Community Bank based on payment capacity
- Marketing tools: brochures, business cards, poster designs, etc.
- Business Action plan



Make a Sustainable Community Impact

As part of your Business Academy, clients will:

- Meet professionals and students that broaden their business perspectives
- Receive pro-bono business consulting services that would otherwise be inaccessible
- Access affordable loans to invest in their businesses through Kiva or a group donation
- Receive several months of follow-up by GB staff as business mentors





OUR LOCAL TEAMS WELCOME YOU!

The program is staffed by our professionally trained in-country team including Coordinators, Paramedics, Translators, Drivers, and Homebase Manager who become your in-country support away from home!



Pablo Garron
Country Director
Panama



Sharon Chan
Country Coordinator
Belize



Kyriakos Halaris
Country Director
Greece



IN-COUNTRY STAFF TEAM



PRIVATE TRANSPORTATION

Getting Around:

- All in-country transportation provided
- Private bus and SAG vehicle with each group throughout
- Professional trained drivers
- Vehicles equipped with seat belts and first aid kits
- Vehicles are inspected daily



PANAMA LODGING

HOME-BASE FEATURES:

The lodging facility will soon be assigned by the in-country team. As soon as assigned, your Program Advisor will be happy to share more details. In the meantime, please note:

- Private, Safe & Comfortable
- Gender Specific Bedroom
- Bathrooms — Gender Specific
- Common Rooms & Dining Area
- Secure entrance with night-watch person on-call 24/7
- Controlled living environment
- Free Wi-Fi and 24/7 Communication w/ Staff



BELIZE LODGING

HOME-BASE FEATURES:

The lodging facility will soon be assigned by the in-country team. As soon as assigned, your Program Advisor will be happy to share more details. In the meantime, please note:

We manage family owned local lodging facilities for our groups. At our private home-base, you'll enjoy authentic local cuisine, connection with our year-round staff, and space to enjoy your downtime. Groups stay in same-sex rooms, accommodating 3-8 per room, 1 student per bed with private bathrooms. Private rooms for teachers and chaperones.
AC & WiFi provided in all facilities.



GREECE LODGING

HOME-BASE FEATURES:

The lodging facility will soon be assigned by the in-country team. As soon as assigned, your Program Advisor will be happy to share more details. In the meantime, please note:

- Private, Safe & Comfortable
- Gender Specific Bedroom
- Bathrooms — Gender Specific
- Common Rooms & Dining Area
- Secure entrance with night-watch person on-call 24/7
- Controlled living environment
- Free Wi-Fi and 24/7 Communication w/ Staff



FOOD & WATER

- Fresh regional cuisine prepared by cooks trained in food safety (Food varies depending on country).
- Ability to accommodate special dietary restrictions or allergies.
- Controlled food prep environment.
- 3 delicious traditional home-cooked meals per day.
- Unlimited, safe drinking water.



CULTURAL ACTIVITIES DAY (included)

ACTIVITIES CAN INCLUDE
(DEPENDING ON COUNTRY):

- Mayan Ruins
- Chocolate Making
- Dance Lessons
- Beach Day
- Art and culture workshops with refugee children
- Cooking Lessons
- Embera Jewelry Making
- Mola Painting Class
- And more!



Sample Itinerary (Will vary by country)

Day 1

ARRIVAL DAY

Airport Pick up &
Transport to Lodging
Facility

6:00 PM | DINNER

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM |
Coordinator:
Introductions,
Homebase Rules &
Security Debrief

Day 2

7:00 AM | BREAKFAST

8:00 AM - 11:00 AM |
Business Programme
Introduction/ Goals
for the Week

Strategies for
consultations on the
Week

12:00 NN | LUNCH

1:00 PM | Transport to
Community

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM |
Community and
Client Visit

5:00 PM | Networking

6:00 PM | DINNER

7:00 PM | Reflection

8:00 PM - 9:00 PM |
Review Business
Profiles & Financial
Literacy Workshop
Preparation

Day 3

7:00 AM | BREAKFAST

8:00 AM - 10:00 AM |
Business Profile Analysis
& Inventory Assessment

11:00 AM | Transport to
Community

12:00 NN | LUNCH

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM |
Client Consultation

4:00 PM | Transport to
Lodging Facility

5:00 PM | Networking

6:00 PM | DINNER

7:00 PM | Financial
Literacy Preparation

8:00 PM - 9:00 PM |
Bonfire, Storytelling &
Smoes Night

Day 4

7:00 AM | BREAKFAST

8:00 AM | Transport to
Community

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM |
Client Consultation

12:00 NN | LUNCH

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM |
Business Loan Capacity
(Financial Statements)

4:00 PM | Transport to
Lodging Facility

5:00 PM | Deliverables
Prep

6:00 PM | DINNER

7:00 PM | Deliverables
Prep

8:00 PM - 9:00 PM |
Karaoke Night

Day 5

7:00 AM | BREAKFAST

8:00 AM | Transport to
Community

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM |
Education workshop
implementation

12:00 NN | LUNCH

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM |
Client Consultation

4:00 PM | Transport to
Lodging Facility

5:00 PM | Final
Deliverables
Preparation

6:00 PM | DINNER

7:00 PM | Final
Deliverables
Preparation

8:00 PM - 9:00 PM |
"Completion of
Business Analysis,
Business Plan and
Deliverables

Day 6

7:00 AM | BREAKFAST

8:00 AM | Transport to
Community

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM |
Final Business
Deliverables &
Business Presentation

12:00 NN | LUNCH

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM |
Cultural Exchange

4:00 PM | Transport to
Lodging Facility

5:00 PM | Downtime

6:00 PM | DINNER

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM |
Downtime

Day 7

7:00 AM | BREAKFAST

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM |
Transport to
Enrichment Activity

12:00 NN | LUNCH

1:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Beach Visit

6:00 PM -
Celebratory Dinner

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Final Reflections

Day 8

DEPARTURE DAY

Lights out in all common areas. Quiet time starts at 10:00 pm. Lights out at 11:00 pm.

Note: this is a sample itinerary, your Program Advisor will share the final itinerary 1 month before your program start date and it's subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances.

HEALTH AND SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS

- **Private in-country transportation** w/ trained drivers, vehicles equipped with seat belts, first aid kits, vehicles inspected daily, no driving after dark.
- Registered NGO w/ US Embassy and a **well-known and trusted NGO organization in communities we serve.**
- **Private and secure accommodations**, controlled food preparation, dietary preferences & restrictions
- **Safety protocols and behavioral guidelines** clearly defined and strictly enforced
- **Core Travel/Medical Insurance Plan** included for all participants w/ 50K Medical, Emergency Evacuation, Emergency Reunion, Covid Interruption, and more.
- **24/7 In-Country Support Team**



AIRFARE ARRANGEMENTS

Flights are included in your Program Funding Goal (up to \$1,000 for Central America and \$2,000 for Greece) and our GB in-house travel agent will work with you to book the best flights possible for participants to travel and arrive together.

We have an 'adult chaperoned' flight from a major US hub for each Academy program. Students connect in the hub city and fly to the country together.

Our in-country team will meet you in the international airport and connect you with your Global Business Academy program!



Passports, Immunizations & Insurance

A valid US passport (for at least 6 months past the dates of travel) is required. For any non-US passport holder it is the responsibility of each participant to secure any additional visas or travel documentation, if required, to enter and depart to their destination country.

No immunizations are required to travel. However, we do recommend you follow the **CDC and Prevention Guidelines** for each country including routine vaccinations such as Hep A, Tetanus, and Typhoid.

Core Travel/Medical Insurance is provided for all participants.



GLOBAL BUSINESS ACADEMY

Individual Program Funding: \$2,900 per student* for Belize and Panama
 \$3,900 per student* for Greece

PROGRAM FUNDING AND DUE DATES

- Apply for the program and when confirmed:
 - **Register with \$300 deposit by December 30, 2026** through MyBrigades.
- 1st Installment (\$1,200 for Belize/Panama, \$2,000 for Greece) **due February 10, 2027**
- Final Balance **due May 20, 2027**

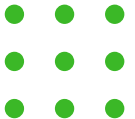
**As a 501c3 non-profit all program fees are eligible for a tax deduction. Deposits are refundable up to 135 days prior and non-refundable thereafter as we commit those funds to our community partners. Please see our [Refund and Cancellation Policy](#) for full details.*

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- International Flights (up to \$1,000 for Panama/Belize and \$2,000 for Greece)
- 1 Free Faculty/Advisor per 5+ students (recommended but not required)
- Pre-departure trainings
- Online fundraising platforms
- Business mentors and professional team
- All in-country transportation
- Cultural learning and enrichment activities
- Food and lodging at Homebase and clean drinking water
- Travel Medical Insurance/Emergency Evacuation Insurance
- Contribution to business client

STEP 1 - STUDENTS APPLY FOR THE PROGRAM

APPLICATION FORM
LINK HERE



STEP 2- REGISTRATION & \$300 DEPOSIT FOR YOUR PROGRAM ON MYBRIGADES!

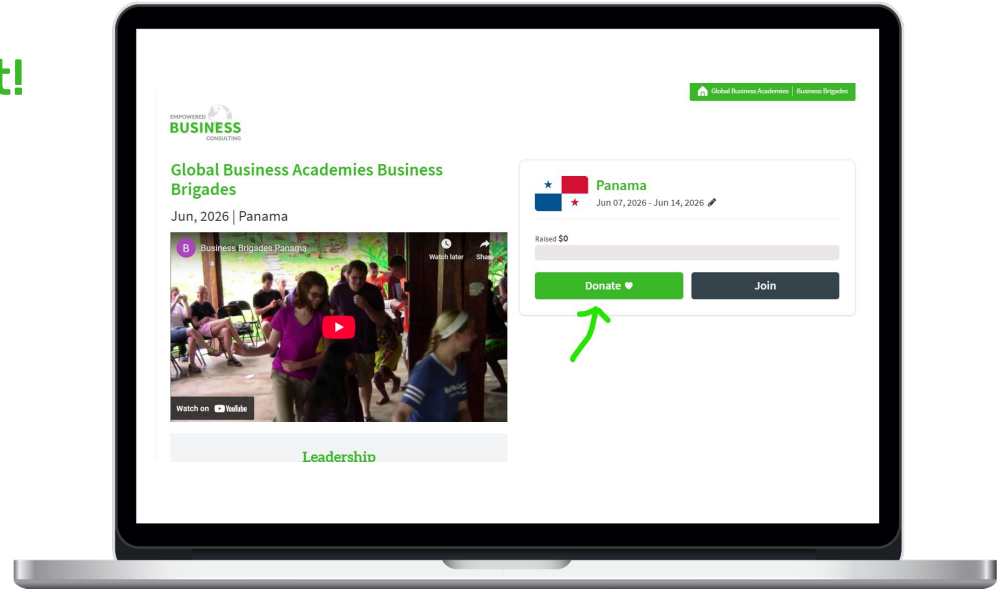
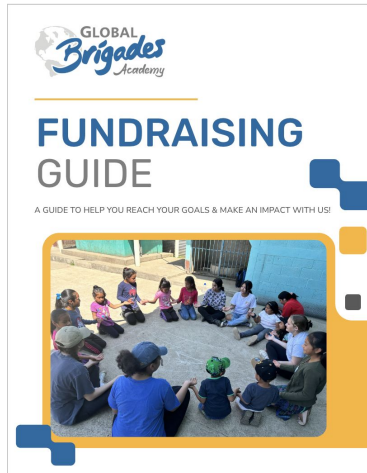
The screenshot shows the MyBrigades website interface. On the left is a sidebar with icons for Medical, Dental, Business, Public Health, Water, Engineering, Legal, and Empowerment. The main content area is titled 'Global Business Academies Business Brigades' and features a video player with the text 'Welcome to Empowered Business Consulting' and 'EMPOWERED BUSINESS CONSULTING'. To the right of the video is a section for the 'Belize' program, showing the dates 'Jun 21, 2026 - Jun 28, 2026', a 'Raised \$0' status, and two buttons: 'Donate' and 'Join'. A green arrow points to the 'Join' button.

MyBrigades Registration Links

<u>BELIZE:</u>	<u>JUNE 6-13</u>
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STEP 3 - ONCE REGISTERED YOU'LL BE INSTRUCTED ON HOW TO SET UP YOUR ENROLLMENT & FUNDRAISING PAGE

Fundraising Guide Fundraising Ideas & Support!



QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?





**Thank You for Your
Interest in Serving
International
Business Clients!**



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