



CONFERENCE

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PROGRAM FOR INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION AND SOCIAL CHANGE (PIESC)

Bard College Berlin, Germany

The extreme indignity and ruthlessness that define our times call for a new and resolute generation of citizens who are committed to initiate change. Established in 2015, PIEESC offers scholarships to young, promising, strong-willed individuals from regions of crisis to pursue an interdisciplinary B.A. degree to become much-needed change agents internationally and in their home countries.

AT A GLANCE

Bard College Berlin:

- A liberal arts university accredited at state and federal levels in Germany and the United States
- Offers an interdisciplinary undergraduate education in the humanities and social sciences
- All seminars are taught in English, are small and discussion-based
- The student body of 270 students is highly diverse and international

Scholarship Program:

- PIEESC enables students to earn a B.A. degree in areas of Literature, Art, Philosophy, Politics, Economics
- PIEESC covers tuition, living expenses, health insurance, books for a full four-year B.A. program
- PIEESC is funded by private and institutional philanthropy; Bard College Berlin commits to cover 70% of the tuition balance

PIESC Student Profile:

- Students from regions of crisis or with background of forced migration
- Track record of civic engagement
- Commitment to create a more equitable community and pursue the public good
- Strong academic achievements in high school, commitment for a full-time four-year degree
- Financial need

CORE OBJECTIVES

1. Effective Education:

Enable students to start or continue their education and earn a full bachelor's degree

2. Access:

Reduce obstacles for entering higher education in Germany by offering BA programs in English and needed financial means

3. Change:

Contribute to a new generation of social change agents, much needed in the students' regions of origin as well as today's world at large

ACHIEVEMENTS SO FAR

- 11% of the student body at Bard College Berlin is made up of students from crisis regions

- PIEESC scholarship recipients currently are from Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan, Eritrea, Palestine, Greece, Brazil

- PIEESC students have initiated numerous civic engagement projects in Berlin and internationally, i.e. Baynatna, the first Arabic library

LESSONS LEARNT

1. Individualized admission & options for alternative documents required
2. Academic counselling and administrative guidance needed

3. Psychological support needed
4. New impulses for teaching and learning in the classroom through presence of PIEESC students

5. Fast integration in student body, community and local language through education

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