

## ***Tufts in Talloires General Information for Faculty***

### **General Information**

- Tufts in Talloires is a six-week summer program for undergraduate students that takes place at the European Center in Talloires, FRANCE.
- The Tufts in Talloires program timeframe mirrors Tufts' first summer session.
- The program is open to Tufts students from all class years and all disciplines in Arts and Sciences and Engineering.
- Ten courses will be selected, with representation across the Humanities, Fine Arts, Social Sciences, Engineering, and Natural Sciences; students select and enroll in two of these courses when they register for the program.
- Fluency in French is not a requirement for students or faculty
- Students are most often interested in combining this overseas experience with fulfilling requirements (distribution, major or other).
- Students participating in Tufts in Talloires come from all class years, all majors and are expected to have a minimum GPA of 2.75.
- Selected courses for the *Tufts in Talloires* Program must have at least 8 students enrolled by the program's registration deadline (mid-February) in order to be offered in Talloires.
- There are generally 70-75 students enrolled in the Tufts in Talloires program each year. Students live with host families in the vicinity and come to the European Center each day for their classes.

### **Proposing a course for Tufts in Talloires**

**Course proposals must be approved by the Department Chair by the proposal deadline and meet the following criteria in order to be considered:**

- Proposed course must already exist in the Tufts undergraduate curriculum and must offer approved undergraduate credit;
- Proposed course should provide a rationale for being taught in Talloires in the form of a thematic relation to Talloires, the Haute Savoie region, France, and/or the larger European Community;
- Proposal must be complete and adequately documented.

*Tufts in Talloires* course proposals are evaluated by the Faculty Committee on the European Center at Talloires as well as the Academic Deans and the Director of the European Center.

### **Practical Information**

#### ***Teaching in Talloires:***

- All courses take place at the Tufts European Center in Talloires, France. The European Center itself is an 11<sup>th</sup> century Priory, part of a former Benedictine Monastery, and is classified as a French Historical Monument.
- Each course meets three times a week (two 2.5 hour blocks and one 1.5 hour block per week) for a total of 18 class meetings. Classes are offered on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Wednesdays are reserved for class excursions and group activities. Class meetings do not take place in the same time block each day.
- Class excursions, guest speakers or special class activities are organized by the European Center staff in coordination with each faculty member. Each class has the opportunity for one day-long excursion.
- Faculty are expected to be in residence for the entirety of the program.
- Wi-fi and basic teaching technology (such as projectors) are available at the European Center but specialized technology is not guaranteed.

### *Living in Talloires:*

- Talloires is a very small resort village on the banks of Lake Annecy, in the foothills of the French Alps. The village has a number of hotels and restaurants, one small grocery store, a bakery and an ATM. The closest city is Annecy, (pop 125,000) located about 10 miles away to the north. There is regular public bus service between Talloires and Annecy.
- The TGV (Fast Train) runs regularly between Paris and Annecy. The trip takes 3.5 hours.
- The closest international airport is in Geneva Switzerland, about 40 miles away.
- In addition to a salary, faculty receive a living expense allowance to help offset the cost of their travel and lodging.
- Accommodation for faculty in Talloires can be arranged by the Director of the Tufts European Center based on faculty requests/requirements and apartment availability. Housing costs vary based on the size of the apartment and are deducted from living expense allowance. Faculty are also welcome to organize their own Talloires housing.

### *Questions?*

If you have any questions about proposing a course for the *Tufts in Talloires Program*, including questions about the European Center or about local Talloires resources, please contact: **Gabriella Goldstein**, Director, Tufts European Center at [gabriella.goldstein@tufts.edu](mailto:gabriella.goldstein@tufts.edu).

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