

Operation Walk (Upcoming trip: Havana, Cuba, block 7)

Application Materials

The Operation Walk application consists of the following materials:

- *Resume and References*
 - Make sure your resume is updated and error free. Include the names of two Cornell references (contact information for faculty and/or professional staff members).
 - Your references will not be required to write a formal letter of recommendation. However, a member of the Operation Walk selection committee will phone your references for their assessments of you. Be certain to obtain permission before citing someone as a reference.
- *Personal Statement*
 - Your personal statement should include information that your resume does not – your reasons for applying, your career goals, the skills you would bring to the Operation Walk team, what you hope to achieve if selected, and how this experience will benefit your future academic and career goals. The essay should be roughly 500-800 words in length, and free of grammatical and spelling errors. Poorly written essays will disqualify applicants.
- *Unofficial copy of your Cornell transcript*
 - When viewing your transcript, choose to print it as a pdf (or save as pdf); this ensures a consistent, clean document displaying your academic record.
- *Statement of Language Skills*
 - Include a short statement (a few sentences) regarding language or communication skills you may have beyond English. Any language commonly spoken in the Operation Walk destination country is especially relevant.
- *Passport Copy*
 - Provide a scanned copy of your current passport (photograph page). This allows us to verify you have a non-expired passport.

Application materials must be submitted electronically to the Associate Director of Dimensions by **8:00PM on the application deadline**. Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted.

If you are selected for the second round of the application process, the following will occur:

- *Interview*
 - Following a review of these application materials, top candidates will be invited to interview with members of the Dimensions Operations Committee.
- *Passport Verification*
 - Bring your physical current passport to the Dimensions office to verify with the Associate Director. If you are ultimately chosen to participate, you must also submit a photocopy of your passport to the Office of Off-Campus Studies.

