Trip Overview:
This service-learning trip will allow students to experience the sourcing of tea and the lifecycle of tea from farm to cup. Our goal is to take seven students to Teatulia Tea Garden, Bangladesh. The students will hear and see the amazing origin story of Teatulia Teas. They will work directly with local farmers to learn the organic farming process, how the land is prepared, planting, procured, and shipped. The students will be introduced to Teatulia’s biopesticide & vermi compost making plant and they will participate in different types of tea tasting followed by a debriefing on international certifications. They will also have the opportunity to engage in service activities by creating meals with the involvement of school children using the round balanced nutrition within that region. Students would also have an opportunity to become familiar with:
- Socio-cultural differences.
- Current approaches to poverty alleviation, community transformation, impact measurement, traceability and environmental impact mitigation.

Participant Expectations:
While no previous alternative break experience is necessary to serve as a participant, we ask that the following expectations are met in order to ensure a high quality experience for all those involved before and during the trip.

- Attend Orientation & Expectation Meeting and 3 Pre-Departure Meetings.
- Be mentally and physically prepared for the travel time of 2 day travel there and 2 day travel back.
- Participate in all service and reflection experiences during the trip, while remaining open minded throughout all experiences and accommodations.
- Be a positive representative of The Ohio State University community before, during and after the trip experience.
- Adhere to all policies, procedures and deadlines related to financial obligations for the trip.
- All students must understand that they will be asked not to use any substance during this trip.
- All students will be responsible for purchasing supplemental health insurance and providing documentation prior to departure.
- All students will be strongly encouraged to have a travel medical consultation at Wilce Student Center or at the Rardin Family Clinic as early as January 2019.

Selection Criteria: Following criteria will be used when selecting the candidates for this trip. Total of 7 students will be selected.

Required Qualifications:

- Student must agree not to consume any alcoholic beverage or other substance during the trip.
- Student must have knowledge or ability on one of the following areas:
  - Environmental sustainability
  - Process and production improvement knowledge (Sig Sigma/LEAN etc.)
- Students must know how to perform and teach first aid.
- Due to visa registrations time limits for this trip, all students must have a valid passport in order to be interview.

Desired Qualifications:

- Previous international travel experience.
- Completed 1 year of college.

Learning Outcomes:
Full participation in every aspect of the trip is essential to achieve the learning outcomes below:

- Participants will have an opportunity to identify and reflect on the educational access opportunities available in other parts of the world while situating learning in their experience to better understand the needs for access in our society.
- Participants will have an opportunity to engage in community service and explore the importance of service within their experience.
- Participants will have an opportunity to identify inconsistencies or connections between educational access and privileges within various societies.
- Participants will have an opportunity to develop mission statements which reflect their ideals on topics of service and education.

Trip Cost: $3200
(Cost includes airfare, airport fees, visa fees, travel insurance, and meals.)

Please note: A valid passport is required at time of application for this INTERNATIONAL trip. Passports must have expiration date of at least 6 months after the return date of the trip of March 2019.

Timeline & Deadlines
If selected as a participant, the following deadlines must be met:

- Application due date: Jan. 14, 2019, BUT applicants may be reviewed/interviewed as received, so participants may be confirmed prior to that final application deadline.
- $200.00 Deposit and valid passport information due by January 21, 2019

To apply to serve as a participant for the Teatulia Bangladesh experience, please complete the form below.

Please return forms electronically to Kathy Grant, grant.228@osu.edu
Please include ‘Bangladesh’ in the subject line.
Participant Application

Teatulia Bangladesh experience

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CONTACT INFORMATION

NAME: ____________________________________________
Class Rank: ____________________________________________
OSU ID #: ____________________________________________
T-Shirt Size: _______ OSU EMAIL: __________________________
CELL PHONE #: ____________________________________________
CAMPUS ADDRESS: ____________________________________________

Essay Questions:

Complete the essay questions on a separate page. Please limit your responses to 500 words or less per question.

1. Why do you think you would be a beneficial asset to our team that is traveling to Bangladesh?

2. If you could give one million dollars to a service organization or cause of your choice, what would it be and why?

3. Please include your resume or list your involvement and achievements. Please include any significant leadership positions held.