Across the globe, universities and research institutions are increasingly seeking private donations to complement the funding they receive from public authorities. In their efforts to broaden and diversify their sources of funding, they might draw inspiration from their colleagues in the United States.

To stimulate this learning experience, the King Baudouin Foundation United States (KBFUS) and its strategic partner Give2Asia are organizing an invitation-only study visit to New York City. This intensive, four-day program, entitled ‘The Art & Science of Fundraising’, will take place from Sunday April 28 to Wednesday May 1, 2024. It is designed to introduce a select group of 60 executives of universities and research institutions from around the world to the factors that have helped their American counterparts achieve continued success in fundraising.

The study visit will provide participants with a unique opportunity to meet with the ‘best of the best’ of New York City’s fundraising world. The program consists of a series of highly interactive discussions, covering key topics such as strategic planning, prospect identification, membership and alumni giving, donor cultivation, capital campaigns, corporate partnerships, planned giving and trustee involvement. In addition, maximum interaction among the participants is encouraged through various social events.

Similar initiatives, successfully organized since 2007, drew highly positive comments from all participants. Marcel Crochet, Honorary Rector of the Université Catholique de Louvain, said it was “A great introduction to the American art of fundraising.” Nimi D. Briggs, Former Vice-Chancellor of the University of Port Harcourt (Nigeria), added “A very useful program! It simplified the complexities of fundraising with insightful topics and engaging speakers.”
**Target audience:**

Senior executives and development / fundraising officers of universities and research institutions.

**Practical Information:**

**Dates:**
From Sunday April 28 through Wednesday May 1, 2024

**Registration:**

As places are limited, we encourage you to register early. To register, please contact:

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**Cost:**

There is no registration fee for participation in the program, since it is by invitation only. Participants will pay for their own travel and accommodation expenses. KBFUS and Give2Asia will cover the costs for meals, social events and local transportation in New York.

**Visas, Travel & Accommodation:**

- **Visas:** Participants are responsible for visas required for entry to the United States.
- **Travel to and from New York:** Participants are responsible for their own travel arrangements.
- **Accommodation:** We have arranged for a discounted group rate at The Iroquois New York (49 West 44th Street), conveniently located close to the program’s activities in midtown Manhattan. We will provide you with further details upon your registration. Note that there is no obligation to choose this hotel, so if you prefer to stay somewhere else, that is fully fine with us.

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