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**for the Study of Private Enterprise**

Martindale Student Associates Honors Program

2020-21 – Argentina

**APPLICATION**

**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

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| **FIRST NAME:** |  |
| **MIDDLE NAME:** |  |
| **LAST NAME:** |  |

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| **LEHIGH ID# (LIN):** |  | **CAMPUS BOX #:** |  |
| **EMAIL ADDRESS:** |  | **CELL PHONE #:** |  |

**ACADEMIC INFORMATION**

**College/Program:**  Arts &  Business  Engineering  IBE  CSB IDEAS

(Check box) Sciences

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| **MAJOR:** |  | **MINOR:** |  | **Cumulative GPA:** (through fall 2019) |  |

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| **Estimated graduation date:** |  |

**List one or more professors familiar with your academic record or extracurricular activities:**

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**I will be available,** on campus at Lehigh for the spring 2020, fall 2020, and spring 2021 semesters.

Yes No IF you answered no to this question, do not proceed.

You **MUST** be on campus and available for all the Martindale Program meetings, events and travel.

IF you are planning to Study Abroad, you are NOT eligible for this program due to your availability.

**COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING ESSAY QUESTIONS:**

*The quality of your written samples will weigh heavily in the selection process.  The Martindale Student Associates Honors Program is unique among undergraduate research opportunities in that participants devote considerable time and effort to writing professional-quality articles for publication in the journal Perspectives on Business and Economics (circulated to universities, libraries, embassies, and international business leaders.)*

**QUESTION #1**

Select one of the proposed study topics (examples on last page), or a topic of your choice focusing on Argentina, and present a well-supported argument explaining why you believe it is a worthy topic for you to research.  (No more than 500 words double-spaced).

**QUESTION #2**

Social media is under fire for vulnerabilities to disinformation campaigns and risks to democratic processes around the world.  Using evidence, discuss what government policy actions, if any, are in order and why. (No more than 250 words, double-spaced).

**QUESTION #3**

What do you hope to gain from the experience and the interaction of the Martindale Student Associates Program, and what do you believe you can contribute?  (No more than 250 words, double-spaced)

**EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES, HONORS, AND AWARDS**

*Please list your extracurricular activities and your level of participation in those activities, any international experience you may have, and any honors or awards you have received.  Include upcoming summer awards, such as Tauck, Iacocca and Strohl programs.*

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**SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS:**

* Please assure that you have completed this form.
* Make 6 copies each of
  + (a) this form *(you do not need to include the Topic List)*
  + (b) your responses to the 3 essay questions
  + (c) your up-to-date transcripts *(copies are fine)*
* Email 1 copy of (a) this application form, (b) your responses to the 3 essay questions and (c) your up-to-date transcripts to: mmg314@lehigh.edu
* Collate and staple into 6 separate, identical packets *(transcripts at the back)* and rubber band OR binder clip the 6 packets together *(no portfolios or ring-binders, please).* Bands and binder clips are available at the Martindale office for your convenience.
* Deliver to Trisha Alexy, Program Manager the Martindale Center, Rauch Business Center, Room 350 (3rd floor) **by 1:00 p.m. on Monday, February 3, 2020.**

Late submissions will not be considered.

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| **Economic Policy Issues** | |
| Inflation rising/peso declining/household income declining | Foreign Direct Investment |
| Public spending and investment | Central bank’s role in economic policy/Seigniorage |
| The role of politics in economic policy | Banking regulations/Capital controls |
| Default crisis | Causes of Argentina’s financial crisis |
| If it is not capitalism and it is not socialism, what is it? - Corporatism |  |
| **Business Issues** | |
| Business regulatory framework | Agribusiness |
| Environment for entrepreneurship | Agriculture and fisheries – land rights issues |
| Labor market/unions | Energy sectors (Oil / Gas / Electricity / Renewables). Ownership Private vs. Public |
| Banking and financial services sectors | Major industries: Chemicals, petrochemicals, steel industry, food processing, tobacco products, clothing/leather, paper productions, construction materials and domestic appliances, automotive |
| **Social and Cultural Issues** | |
| Poverty and Unemployment | Indigenous rights/lack thereof |
| Human Rights | Women’s movement, violence and gender issues |
| Crime/Corruption & the Legal/Justice/Penal Systems | Low graduation rates |
| Police Abuse | Childcare |
| Role of Religion – church and state | Sex tourism/human trafficking |
| Disabled not served well in society | How music, futball, food, cinema, art and dance shape Argentine culture |
| **Domestic and Public Policy Issues** | |
| Taxation; pensions; social security | Education & training/low graduation rates |
| Functioning of government/political system | Infrastructure and transportation |
| Health care in crisis | Housing Crisis |
| Public service sectors | Judicial and penal systems |
| Social welfare benefits & support services | Banking and lending system |
| **International Issues** | |
| International and regional trade agreements – EU/Mercosur | International relations |
| European and South American relationships, China new player? | IMF lending |
| **Environmental Issues** | |
| Climate change – loss of glaciers, Air Pollution, Unclean drinking water | Loss of agricultural lands, drought, erosion, salinization, deforestation |