

SLU 301

FUNDRAISING

PLAN



JULY 19-27, 2026



WE WANT TO SEE YOU AT SLU 301

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LONDON | OXFORD | NORMANDY | PARIS

STEPS FOR SUCCESS

- 1** **Think and pray** about this trip.
- 2** Fill out *Fundraising Planner* and **show plan** to parent, pastor, educator or group leader.
- 3** **Register** online and develop a plan of action.
- 4** **Schedule monthly check-ups** on money raised vs. funds still needed via *Fundraising Calendar*. Meet all payment deadlines.
- 5** **Share with @SLULEAD** your **fundraising ideas** that helped you in the next step of the journey and **pack your bags** to prepare for a trip of a lifetime!

**ONLY \$18 A DAY,
\$127 PER WEEK
\$525 PER MONTH
UNTIL MARCH 27TH
(AT AVERAGE OF \$4,200*)**

**Prices vary depending on when you register and upon flight availability.*

**Assuming you begin fundraising September 1, 2025.*



FUNDRAISING CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 2025

9.1 | **LET'S GO: Start Fundraising!!**

Registration opened August 21st

TOTAL RAISED: _____

OCTOBER 2025

10.05 | Start investing in your [SLU 301 Leader Library](#) to prepare for this experience.

10.19 | Consider registering this month as the trip fills quickly! *You don't want to miss this!*
\$500 deposit due at time of registration to hold your spot.

TOTAL RAISED: _____

NOVEMBER 2025

11.01 | Check out our store to see if there are any books or resources that will help you prepare for this trip!

TOTAL RAISED: _____

DECEMBER 2025

12.12 | **Early Bird Registration Deadline**

**As long as space is still available.*

TOTAL RAISED: _____

JANUARY 2026

1.02 | Consider entering **SLU 301 Essay Contest!** Deadline is July 9, 2026.

TOTAL RAISED: _____

FEBRUARY 2026

2.20 | **Second Payment Deadline: \$1000 Due**

TOTAL RAISED: _____

MARCH 2026

3.20 | **Passport information due to SLU**

TOTAL RAISED: _____

APRIL 2026

4.20 | **90 Days Out From Departure Final Payment Due**

4.30 | Have you checked out the SLU Podcast, *Chasing Elephants*, yet?

TOTAL RAISED: _____

MAY 2026

5.8 | **Victory in Europe Day:** Watch a movie or read a book about WWII History (You'll be going to Omaha Beach and Pointe Du Hoc soon)

5.17 | Send **Thank You Letters** to those who have given toward your trip.

JUNE 2026

6.01 | Begin preparing your heart and mind for this leadership experience

JULY 2026

7.09 | Essay Contest Deadline

7.19 | **Fly to LONDON!**

7.28 | Write a **Follow-Up Letter** explaining the impact of your trip to sponsors!

**While registration is open until March, SLU 301 has typically gone to a waiting list by December (if not earlier) each year so we encourage you to register early.*

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FUNDRAISING TIPS + RESOURCES

1. BE CREATIVE.

We have heard stories of different fundraisers including car washes, GoFundMe/[Givebutter pages](#), Mothers' Day flower sales, bake sales, chicken pot pie sales, part-time jobs, etc. that have gotten our past students to SLU 301. Be creative, and don't limit what you can do!

2. WRITE A LETTER + BLOG TO SPONSORS.

Write well-crafted sponsor letters, highlighting the 20-year head-start in leadership which is gained through this program and how the first levels, SLU 101 and 201, have already impacted your life. Start brainstorming by reading the SLU Resource: "[How to Write a Powerful Sponsor Letter.](#)"

3. DESIGN CUSTOM ITEMS TO SELL.

Anything from custom t-shirts, art prints, stickers, journals, water-bottles, etc. that fits your community's needs are great options.

4. HOST A SPONSOR DINNER AT YOUR CHURCH OR SCHOOL.

A couple of ideas to get the mind turning...Partnering with youth pastor or teacher to plan and host a Surf and Turf Date Night, Valentines' Day Banquet, Church-Wide Luau, Golf Tournament, or Fall Festival. If your church has a cafe, volunteer and see if a portion of Sunday morning cafe sales can go to both mission trips and SLU.

5. WRITE YOUR OWN IDEA.

SET **S.M.A.R.T. GOALS**, AND FILL OUT PROGRESS ON FUNDRAISING CALENDAR.

FUND RAISING IDEAS



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FUNDRAISING PLANNER

AMOUNT RAISED **BEFORE REGISTRATION OPENED:** _____

SEPTEMBER 2025

FUNDRAISING INITIATIVE FOR THE MONTH:

GOAL \$: _____

OCTOBER 2025

FUNDRAISING INITIATIVE FOR THE MONTH:

GOAL \$: _____

NOVEMBER 2025

FUNDRAISING INITIATIVE FOR THE MONTH:

GOAL \$: _____

DECEMBER 2025

FUNDRAISING INITIATIVE FOR THE MONTH:

GOAL \$: _____



“Five years from now, you will be the same person you are today...except for the **people you meet**, the **places you go**, the **books you read**, and the **Scripture you memorize.**”

JANUARY 2026

FUNDRAISING INITIATIVE FOR THE MONTH:

GOAL \$: _____

FEBRUARY 2026

FUNDRAISING INITIATIVE FOR THE MONTH:

GOAL \$: _____

MARCH 2026

FUNDRAISING INITIATIVE FOR THE MONTH:

GOAL \$: _____

APRIL 2026

FUNDRAISING INITIATIVE FOR THE MONTH:

GOAL \$: _____

YOU DID IT. LET'S GO TO SLU 301!