

## Frequently Asked Questions About the MOSTY Learning Community

You've got questions. We've got answers.

**What's the commitment?** Your Learning Community is one-year-long (technically only 11 months of which 3-4 weeks are introduction).

**How much does it cost?** The grand total depends on a lot of factors like how much rent costs, how much food you eat, what kind of wheels you'll use to get around and how you get to Prague.

Once you're accepted into the program, we'll work with you to develop a reasonable budget and a plan for landing financial partners.

**Do I get a free T-shirt?** We haven't done that yet—but it's not a bad idea.

**What if I've never spoken a word of Czech in my life?** No worries. Don't know any Czech? You can start at A1 —the very first level in the European framework for languages.

**Do I have to like pork knuckle and dumplings?** Well, you will be living in Prague. You don't have to like it (we encourage you to try it), but realize that this is part of the culture.

**How do I get around in Prague? And beyond?** Prague has an excellent public transport system, including bus, tram and metro. Long-term tickets allow you to travel anywhere in the city for less than half a dollar. Busses and trains towards the many castles and forests are also affordable. The best way is to make Czech friends and they will be happy to take you on a weekend day-trip.

**What if I already speak Czech?** You will take an entrance exam at the language school to determine your level and begin there. You'll still have the opportunity to study Czech for your first two months.

**Will I eat, sleep and breathe Czech?** Initially, much of your focus will be learning Czech. With three hours a day of class, homework and practicing around town, you'll get a lot of Czech time in!

During the last 9 months of your time in Prague, you won't have class, but we hope that you will still be applying and improving your language skills.

**Where will I live?** We'll do our best to find you an affordable apartment near where you'll serve and go to school.

**Who will I live with?** Most participants live with roommates —sometimes those roommates are Czech, sometimes they are from other countries, sometimes they are fellow Learning Community participants.

**How big is the program?** It depends. The program size can vary from four to seven participants, but we don't have a minimum or maximum number.

What does a typical day look like? Normally, participants are in class until noon, four days a week. Your afternoon and evening schedule will depend upon where you live and where you serve. Typical afternoon activities include serving, studying and connecting with teammates. On your free evenings and weekends, we hope you'll participate in community life, get to know the city, get involved in a local church and build relationships.

You will also participate in Relational Ministry location which is one time a week, it could be a pilates class, soccer club, painting class - whatever your interest is - this is to help you engage in the culture and meet new people, build relationships, and share in life outside of the Learning Community.

What is training like? Ideally, you will train with the rest of the Learning Community, both in the US/EU (via Skype) and in Prague. While you're here, you'll have track days and monthly coaching sessions. You will also have training geared specifically to your service opportunity. We see the entire year as a time for both service and learning—so that you are ready for whatever leadership your future holds.

I've never lived in another country or a city as large as Prague. Can I hack it? Life in Prague will be different than life in the city or town you are from – that's for sure. Even though living in a sprawling city in another country is challenging, most participants find they enjoy it (eventually).

We also do what we can to give you resources and skills while you're here. Eventually, you may even become a resource to new Learning Community participants as they arrive.

Do I have to like beer? SEE: "Do I have to like pork knuckle and dumplings?"

I haven't finished college yet. Is that a problem? Nope. It's an advantage to have a degree and area of training or expertise but not required. You do need to be at least 21 years of age.

What if my parents don't approve? Deciding to move to another country for a year is a big decision – we recommend talking it over with your family. It is also wise to take time to meet with your mentor in your church community.

Can I have visitors? Family and friends can come after you've had time to settle in (usually after five or six months). But don't forget that you're not here to be their tour guide!

Can I make any trips home? Generally, participants don't make any trips home during their time here. Obviously, life happens, and if you need to get home for a family emergency or über important event, we'll work with you to get you where you need to be.

So when do I start? Participants begin their year in August. The application process needs to be completed about 6 months before arrival, to allow time for you to attain the necessary training and funds.

Take the next step. If you're interested in joining us, tell us more about yourself. (\*\*Link to an application page here.) We'll be in touch!