ISI 2020 Application Short-reflection Responses, approx. 150-200 words each.

1. Why are you interested in experiencing an ISI trip? What motivations do you come with / what are you seeking from this experience?

2. What gifts and strengths will you bring to the ISI experience and to your group? How are you looking to grow or develop?

3. Describe your previous experiences of service and/or social justice commitments, including what you learned from the experience(s) and the impact(s) it had on you. What impact(s) did you notice in others and/or the surrounding community?

4. Explain your understanding of service and social justice. How are they connected? In what ways are they different? How do you see these values relating to your Jesuit-based education at Loyola University, and to your own values, faith, or religious tradition?

5. ISI participants come from a diversity of religious and non-religious backgrounds. While we do not assume a faith perspective from participants, we do ask that participants be open to individual and group reflection, as well as to some sense of spirituality/meaning-making. Reflective and contemplative elements are a central component of the ISI experience. Please describe your spirituality at this point in your life. How might this be connected to your desire to serve, engage social issues, and/or share communal experiences with others?

6. What is your experience of engaging with others across difference, particularly with those from a cultural, ethnic, racial, socio-economic, or other social category that is different than your own? Please describe at least one of these experiences and how it both shaped and challenged you.

7. An important part of the ISI experience is an immersion into the daily life conditions of those in a particular community. This means that accommodations can be quite modest: no air conditioning, simple meals, sparse Wi-Fi, cell, or internet connection (if even available), variable hot water. It can also mean sharing close quarters with group members and/or families during home-stays, as well as navigating systems like unreliable local public transportation or difficult models of communication. What parts of ISI might make you most uncomfortable? What might this ask of you? How might you navigate situations that test your limits and comfort zone, whether they be physical, intellectual, emotional, or spiritual?

8. Is there anything else we should know about your ability to participate in ISI that would be helpful for us as we review your application and consider a site placement?