1. **Who is James T. Morris?**

Jim Morris embodies the idea of a Hoosier global leader. In addition to his role as vice chairman of Pacers Sports and Entertainment, Jim was appointed by the president as the current U.S. representative on the executive board of the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF).

Jim has also served as executive director of the United Nations World Food Program and UN Secretary General’s Special Envoy for Southern Africa, where he brought UN and humanitarian agencies together to address issues affecting more than 15 million people worldwide.

In 1973, Jim was chief of staff for former Indianapolis mayor Richard G. Lugar who is credited with the vision for The International Center. Jim also served for many years as a board member and remains a supporter of and trusted advisor to The Center.

2. **What is The International Center?**

Since 1973, The International Center has served Indiana as a catalyst for international growth and as a guide to the world’s cultural landscape. The Center envisions an Indiana that embraces a global economy, values all cultures, and is a vibrant place to live and work.

The International Center is Indiana’s trusted advisor for all things international, with decades of experience in helping government, corporate and nonprofit partners successfully work across cultures.

3. **What is the James T. Morris Global Leadership Series?**

The Morris Series is a unique professional development program delivered over five full-day monthly sessions. The selected cohort will expand their cultural knowledge through a collaborative curriculum, while convening and connecting established and rising global leadership.

Participants in the 2020 inaugural cohort will learn about global leadership from a mix of keynote speakers, panelists, facilitated dialogue and collaborative activities. Each session will be hosted by an organization with a key role in Indiana’s global landscape and offer time for networking with speakers, hosts and guests.

Applicants selected for this cohort will be Indiana-based professionals who demonstrate business or civic leadership with a global component and have a
sincere interest in building their skills and professional network.

Individuals or organizations looking for an introduction to intercultural training should contact The International Center for opportunities outside of the Morris Series.

4. Who are the facilitators and speakers?

The Morris Series will be facilitated by Noel S. Paul, a global leadership consultant and practitioner. Session keynote speakers and panelists will be Indiana-based leaders representing The International Center’s partners, including corporate, government and philanthropic organizations. Speakers will be announced through the spring and summer.

5. When are the sessions?

Sessions will be held monthly on Thursday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Exact daily agendas to be announced.

- August 20
- September 10
- October 22
- November 12
- December 3

Dates are subject to change based on host availability.

6. What is required to complete the application?

Please complete the online form on The International Center’s website at http://www.internationalcenter.org/morris-series/apply. Include an up-to-date resume or CV with your application and be prepared to answer a few questions about your leadership and global experience.

7. What are the expectations of participants?

Attendance and participation are expected at all James T. Morris Global Leadership Series events.

Participants who do not meet the attendance requirements may not be eligible for alumni status.

8. What is the program fee?

The James T. Morris Global Leadership Series is $995 per participant. This fee is due in full at the time of acceptance.

9. What if I can’t afford the full program fee?

The International Center is proud to offer a limited number of full and partial
scholarships to applicants. Applicants who wish to apply for scholarship funds should indicate as such on their program application.

10. What about COVID-19?

It is our hope that by August of 2020 we will host the James T. Morris Global Leadership Series as planned with in-person events taking place across our region. However, we will abide by all federal, state and local ordinances as necessary. Contingency plans will be in place that may include virtual sessions or postponement of certain dates. We are committed to providing a high-quality experience to our cohort while also ensuring their health and safety.