

# Centre for International Education

## Internship Placements

### **A. Service Agencies**

#### **1. Luchadores del Norte:**

Description of Agency: Public health centre catering to a large neighbourhood in one of the poorer districts of Guayaquil. Luchadores del Norte offers clinical medicine, pharmacy and laboratory (the only one of its kind among the district's health centres). Interns and Physicians Assistants are supervised by Dr. Manuel Montero.

Profile of Intern: The ideal candidate has both knowledge of medicine and at least Intermediate level Spanish. Students of Medicine, Nursing, Dentistry, EMT and Physicians Assistants are sought. Students of Biology may also be placed in the laboratory, where help is always needed.

Physicians Assistants: Interns coming through Pacific University's Medical Rotation program are required to take classes in Medical Spanish. However, UEES may be able to arrange for students of its Translation and Interpretation Faculty to assist in cases of low Spanish levels.

Description of Work:

(a) Preparation:

- Taking temperature, weight, height, heartbeat, respiration, pulse
- blood pressure
- tourniquet test

(b) Vaccination: (Med Students Only)

- Learn about vaccines
- Application technique
- Hours of vaccination

(c) School Visits:

- As per "preparation" above
- Vision testing
- Delivering a talk on Sexual Health

(d) Home Visits:

- As per "preparation" above
- Education/observation: check for metal screens, covers on water tanks, mosquito nets, etc.
- Vaccinations of pets

(e) Work at Reception:

- Assist in odontology, paediatrics, with laboratory, medicine
- Data entry, filing
- Dispensing of medications

(f) Laboratory:

- Taking blood samples
- Processing of basic blood, urine and stool tests

Availability: Constant for those meeting the Profile above.

Hours: Regular interns usually work from 8:30 to 12:30, Monday to Thursday. Physicians Assistants generally work from 8:30 to 14:00, Monday to Friday.

Other: Scrubs are required. Allow approx. 45 minutes for travel each way.

## **2. Fundacion Crecer:**

Description of Agency: Founded by money raised from a Telethon, this foundation provides education, meals and support for street children in northern Guayaquil. The foundation also works with the families of the children, providing workshops in areas such as domestic violence, nutrition and more, and conducting home visits. Fundacion Crecer is funded by donations, and recently began an organic food project which it hopes will supplement its resources and improve the nutrition of families. Interns are supervised by Sra. Pastora Castro.

Profile of Intern: In most general terms, an intern must have a desire to work with children, at least a basic level of Spanish, enthusiasm and patience. Given the bond that forms between the children and interns, consistency of attendance is looked for. Interns ideally would have good communication skills, organisation and motivation. Students of education, social welfare, sport, music or art are particularly sought, as are students with a background in the natural sciences to help with the organic project. There is currently a need for interns with basic computer skills and good Spanish to teach classes in computing.

Description of Work: Classroom support for teachers; in particular, English language practice, organisation of activities, sports and games. Generally international interns act as a support to the teachers (classes are designed to prepare the children for entry into mainstream schools) and organise activities designed to reinforce lessons. Alternatively, development and maintenance of organic vegetable area; teaching basic Computation.

Availability: Approximately 6 interns per Semester.

Hours: Usual hours from 9:00 to 12:30, Monday to Thursday.

Other: Teaching resources/equipment limited, therefore donations of educational materials and/or funds are welcome.

## **3. Sor Dominga Bocca:**

Description of Agency: A residential centre for about 30 street girls between the ages of 4 and 18, in central Guayaquil. This foundation was founded by the former students of a Salesian high school, and is funded by donations. Along with accommodation and meals, the foundation provides educational support and school preparation. Interns are supervised by Lcda. Rosa Jimenez.

Profile of Intern: In most general terms, an intern must have a desire to work with children, at least a basic level of Spanish, enthusiasm and patience. Given the bond that forms between the children and interns, consistency of attendance is looked for. Students of education, social welfare, sport, music or art are particularly sought, as are students with a background in psychology.

Description of Work: Teaching English classes, preparation for high school, organisation of activities, sports and games. Generally international interns act as a

support to the teachers (classes are designed to prepare the children for entry into mainstream schools) and organise activities designed to reinforce lessons.

Availability: Up to 4 during the Spring Semester. At other times of the year most of the children attend high school in the mornings, so only 1 intern required.

Hours: Usual hours from 9:00 to 12:00, Monday to Thursday.

Other: Teaching resources/equipment limited, therefore donations of educational materials and/or funds are welcome.

#### **4. Colegio Jose Domingo Santistevan:**

Description of Agency: School providing kindergarten, elementary and high school education to students from an economically disadvantaged area of central Guayaquil. The school is linked to Universidad Espiritu Santo, and educates approximately 1,300 students. Interns are supervised by Sra. Marisol Gratacos.

Profile of Intern: In most general terms, an intern must have a desire to work with children, at least a basic level of Spanish, enthusiasm and patience. Students of education, sport, music or art are particularly sought. The internship calls for someone with initiative. As the location is a school, interns must dress professionally and respect the dress code.

Description of Work: Assisting with English classes, and in particular oral communication, listening skills and spelling; organisation of activities, sports and games.

Availability: Up to 3 interns from May to November.

Hours: Usual hours from 8:30 to 13:00, Monday to Thursday (flexible).

#### **5. Fundacion Carino:**

Description of Agency: Centre for rehabilitation of children with nutritional problems. The foundation provides pre-kindergarten and kindergarten education, physical and language therapy for children with nutritional problems, home visits and workshops on nutrition, social skills and family structure for parents and community groups. Fundacion Carino is funded by a mix of fundraisers, donations and the support of NGO's. Interns are supervised by Sra. Marianita de Cordova.

Profile of Intern: Interns must have a love of children and at least a basic level of Spanish. Knowledge of any of the following areas is also desirable: childcare, medicine, psychology, nutrition, art, theatre, music.

Description of Work: Assisting with education or provision of basic health care, either to pre-kindergarten or kindergarten children, or with provision of workshops and information campaigns for parents and the community, depending on intern's skill set.

Availability: Up to 4 interns, all year round.

Hours: 9:00 to 13:00 or 11:00 to 15:00, Monday to Thursday.

#### **6. Fundacion Padre Damian:**

Description of Agency: A mission designed to help people infected with Hansen's Disease to live with dignity. The mission provides medical care seven days a week, twenty-four hours a day. It also provides well-balanced meals each day, physical therapy, medicine and basic sanitation services. Interns are supervised by Hna. Anita Credidio.

Profile of Intern: Generally students must be compassionate and have an interest in medicine or rehabilitation therapy. Interns with backgrounds in nursing, physical therapy, occupational therapy, psychology, wound care, recreational therapy, arts and crafts are sought. Interns to deliver informal English classes, or with knowledge of gardening, are also currently needed.

Description of Work: Providing care and/or therapy to sufferers of Hansen's Disease. Therapy varies from hands-on medical and nursing care, including physical exams, to art or music therapy.

Availability: 2/3 students at a time, throughout the year.

Hours: 8:00 to 12:00, Monday to Thursday.

### **7. Fundacion Hogar de Cristo:**

Description of Agency: Foundation that supplies low-cost housing, medical care, campaigns on public health, education, micro-credit and assistance in establishing micro-businesses and community banks in the poorest neighbourhoods in Guayaquil. The foundation was formed by Jesuit priests and has a Catholic philosophy. Interns are supervised by Sra. Patricia Moreira.

Profile of Intern: A passion for combating poverty and its various effects. Required Spanish level and skill set dependent on the area of work the intern hopes to enter, but generally an intermediate to high Spanish level is needed. Interns with backgrounds in public health, tropical disease, education, finance, business, micro-credit, administration, fundraising and obtaining of international aid are particularly sought.

Description of Work: Interns can assist with the administration and processing of over 80 daily applications for affordable housing, public health campaigns, fundraising, applying for international assistance, translation of documents between Spanish and English, administration of micro-credits, workshops in entrepreneurship, public health or education.

Availability: Dependent on the work area intern is interested in.

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### **8. Fundacion Malecon 2000:**

Description of Agency: Foundation that works on urban renewal projects in Guayaquil, such as the city's landmark boardwalk – Malecon 2000 – from which it takes its name. Current projects include conservation, eco-tourism, education (including school visits), recycling, reforestation and fundraising, many of which are centered on the nearby Isla Santay (30-minute boat ride from city center). Interns are supervised by Msc. Alicia Jaramillo.

Profile of Intern: Should have an interest in urban renewal and conservation, intermediate Spanish level, and an ability to work on own initiative. Interns with

backgrounds in environmental science, ecology, sustainable development, urban planning, education, political science, fundraising, and tourism (especially eco-tourism) are particularly sought.

Description of Work: Interns can assist with the various projects of conservation, education, eco-tourism and reforestation on Isla Santay, whenever boats are going there. Other elements of this work can be carried out in the offices of Fundacion Malecon 2000, or independently. Alternatively, interns can assist with the recycling education program based at the Malecon del Salado in downtown Guayaquil, which involves designing information campaigns and presenting them at high schools around the city.

Availability: Limited, dependent on space and time of year. May through December are best, coinciding with the regular school year and also the "dry season".

Hours: Flexible, dependent on area of work.

### **9. Fundacion Pro Bosque:**

Description of Agency: Foundation established to administer over 6,000 hectares of protected forest at Cerro Blanco, in the north-west of the city. The foundation is funded by donations, many from NGO's. Projects include conservation, eco-tourism, education, reforestation and fundraising. Interns are supervised by Sr. Paul Cun.

Profile of Intern: Should have an interest in conservation, basic Spanish level, and a desire to be outdoors. Interns with backgrounds in environmental science, ecology, sustainable development, education, fundraising, and tourism (especially eco-tourism) are particularly sought.

Description of Work: Current projects include the running of an Ecological Club for children, which involves the preparation and presentation of workshops and educational activities; and the establishment of an Environmental Interpretation Center.

Availability: 2/3 interns per term, dependent on skill set.

Hours: 9:00 to 13:00, Monday to Thursday (flexible).

### **10. Hospital Clinica Alcivar:**

Description of Agency: One of the foremost health providers in the city, this is a private clinic located in the southern side of Guayaquil. Interns are supervised by Dr. Edmundo Veloz Marusich.

Profile of Intern: Medical background essential in order to undertake a supervised medical rotation. Students of medicine, nursing, physicians assistants are sought.

Description of Work: Medical rotation.

Availability: Dependent on skill set of intern.

Hours: To be confirmed.

### **11. Samborondon Hospital:**

Description of Agency: Small municipal hospital in the rural town of Samborondon, about 30 minutes' drive from the university. The hospital provides basic outpatient care, physical and respiratory therapy, and dental care to about 120 patients per day. Interns are supervised by Dr Jose Lara Garcia.

Profile of Intern: A background in medicine, dentistry or therapy is generally sought. An intermediate level of Spanish is best, but not essential.

Description of Work: Provision of basic medical or dental care, or physical or respiratory therapy. Opportunities also exist for community visits, work in the laboratory performing tests, and provision of education regarding health and nutrition to the community.

Availability: 2/3 interns, all year round.

Hours: 8:00/9:00 to 13:00/14:00, Monday to Thursday.

Other: Scrubs or medical coat required. Allow approx. 45 minutes for travel each way.

## **12. Fundacion Rebeca:**

Description of Agency: Foundation that provides physical therapy and basic education to children with genetic conditions, both mental and physical. The foundation is located in the rural town of Samborondon, about 30 minutes' drive from the university. Interns are supervised by Sra. Merys Rodriguez.

Profile of Intern: Socially conscious, preferably with some medical or therapeutic background, but not essential, as with an intermediate level of Spanish. Students of physical or speech and language therapy, medicine, psychology, education, social work, art, music, media and communications, and development are sought.

Description of Work: Interns can provide physical or language therapy, but also teach or provide activities involving art or music. Assistance is also required with regard to fund-raising and identifying sources of funds, and raising the international profile of the foundation.

Availability: All year round.

Hours: 9:00 to 13:00, Monday to Thursday.

## **13. Hospital de Nino (Francisco de Ycaza Bustamente):**

Description of Agency: Large public children's hospital that provides treatment for all infants from newborn to age 16, particularly in the south of Guayaquil. Interns are supervised by Lcda. Isabel Guaicha.

Profile of Intern: At the present time, our contact is with the School of Nursing based in the hospital. Accordingly we are seeking students of nursing or pediatric nursing that are at least in their 2<sup>nd</sup> year of studies. Interns also need an Upper-Intermediate level of Spanish.

Description of Work: Pediatric nursing care in a variety of areas of the hospital, including Emergency, Intensive Care and Neonatal. Students will enter into the usual working environment of nurses in this busy hospital, that deals with 300 in-patients and many more outpatients each day.

Availability: All year round.

Hours: 8:00 to 12:00, Monday to Thursday.

Other: Scrubs are required.

#### **14. Others:**

Description of Agencies: Other possibilities for placement also exist, particularly in the areas of health, therapy, education and eco-tourism. More details can be sought directly from the Center for International Education.

## **B. Professional Placements**

### **1. Ovlex:**

Description of Company: Ovlex organises professional placements, work experience and study programs for Ecuadorians, mainly based in the United States. Ovlex is a subsidiary of the Kaplan Educational Group. The Guayaquil office organises events, university and school visits, and other forms of promotion, and ongoing contact and pastoral care for students while abroad. Interns are supervised by Sra. Gisella Nataly Martinez.

Profile of Intern: An interest in marketing and/or international education, intermediate Spanish and fluent English. Students of marketing and customer service are particularly sought.

Description of Work: The intern would divide time between the Guayaquil office, maintaining contact with interns abroad and responding to their needs, and organising and conducting promotional events at educational institutions.

Availability: 2/3 from May to February.

Hours: 9:00 to 13:00, Monday to Thursday.

### **2. Dagmar:**

Description of Company: Advertising company Dagmar prepares multi-media promotional materials and publicity events for a variety of clients, including educational institutions like the Universidad Espiritu Santo. Interns are supervised by Sr. Fabian Recalde.

Profile of Intern: Interest in advertising, intermediate Spanish and creative flair. Students of advertising, marketing, graphic design, multi-media and communications are particularly sought.

Description of Work: Dependent to some level on intern's skill set and Spanish level. General tasks include assisting with the preparation of publicity campaigns, seeking new clients and markets, customer service, organisation of client data and bench marking.

### **3. Others:**

Description of Areas: Over the years UEES has also placed interns in businesses working in television production, telecommunications, international finance, travel and tourism, agri-business, hotel management and many more. The Center for International Education can also assist with specific placement requests, but only with sufficient notice and under strict conditions.