



Pharmacy Intern

EntreMundos is a capacity-building NGO that works with local projects and organizations in Guatemala to increase their institutional capacities. The Internship Programme is designed to match qualified individuals with organizations in need of specific support, ensuring that both parties can maximally benefit from the experience.

Host Organization Description:

Primeros Pasos is non-profit, independent organization based in rural Guatemala with a comprehensive outlook on healthcare. With the collaboration of health professionals, health educators, volunteers, and community leaders, Primeros Pasos offers quality and affordable health care and health education to the rural, underserved communities of the Palajunoj Valley of Quetzaltenango, Guatemala. We incorporate clinical care, health education, and community outreach programs to effectively provide preventative and primary care.

Intern Job Description:

The Pharmacy Intern will work to improve the pharmacy operations at our clinic. She/he will have a lot of autonomy but will work in collaboration with our Medical Director and other medical staff. The intern would need to have substantial experience in pharmaceuticals and specific training. The intern would be responsible not only for daily pharmacy operations but for improving them and training staff on how best to run the pharmacy. Additionally, she/he will be responsible for helping to research ways of receiving low-cost medication to stock the pharmacy.

Responsibilities will be tailored to the specific intern, and will include, but are not limited to:

- Running daily activities in the pharmacy.
- Creating visual materials for illiterate patients.
- Creating a manual for future pharmacy operation.
- Training staff on good pharmacy practice.
- Traveling on foot to see the clinic's programs first hand.
- Researching potential sources of low-cost or donated pharmaceuticals.

Requirements:

- Intermediate-Advanced Spanish.
- Degree or certification in pharmacy-related studies.
- Willingness to work in a rural area with individuals from a low socio-economic background.
- Respect for other cultures and value systems.
- Flexibility and willingness to travel on public transport and by foot as needed.
- Strong writing skills.
- Access to a personal computer.
- A three-month commitment.
- Availability to work 8:00 am -1:00 pm, Monday through Friday.

Preferred Experience and Skills:

- Previous experience working with NGOs.
- Previous experience working/volunteering in Latin America.
- Previous experience in low-resource medical environments.

This internship is **3 months minimum**, and can be completed at any time during the year.

Costs:

This internship position requires a donation of USD\$400 in total for the 3 months, which will be shared between the host organization and EntreMundos. This includes the internship placement, pre-departure contact support, a pre-departure information package about Guatemala, contact support while in Guatemala, monthly and final work evaluations by the internship supervisor, a certificate of completion, and follow-up contact with EntreMundos afterwards. Additionally, we will strive to fulfill any bureaucratic functions we can, like filling in additional forms for universities, taking into account our capacities as a small, non-profit NGO.

This donation does not include your flights, health/travel insurance and medical expenses, or living costs while here in Guatemala. Basic living expenses in Quetzaltenango cost about USD\$300 per month, including housing and food.

How to Apply:

To apply, send the Internship Programme Application, a covering letter written in Spanish, and your CV to volunteering@entremundos.org. Our Volunteer Programs Coordinator will be in touch with you, and if she feels that you are a possible candidate, will set up an interview time.