

**CPGC International Internship Program:
Casa de los Amigos, Mexico City
Summer 2012**

This ten-week experiential learning internship offers up to four Haverford and Bryn Mawr College students an incredible opportunity to work for peace and social justice while living in community in Mexico City. Students will work part-time at the Casa de los Amigos, a 55 year-old Quaker Center for Peace and International Understanding, and part-time with another social justice organization in the city. Interns live in the Casa with the rest of the Casa volunteers, staff and guests.

During their first week in Mexico, interns meet for a week-long seminar on Mexican history, politics, and culture with Professor James Krippner (History). In the fall semester, students will complete an independent study.

CASA DE LOS AMIGOS

Founded in 1956 by the Quaker community of Mexico, the Casa is a non-profit peace organization, a community center, a social justice-oriented guest house, the meetinghouse for Mexico City Friends (Quakers), and a home. During the summer, interns dedicate themselves to the Casa community and divide their work time between the Hospitality Program, the Casa's Peace Programs and other projects.

The **Hospitality Program** is at the heart of the Casa's peacework and the experience of interns and volunteers. At the Casa a diverse group of guests and volunteers from around the world cultivate a unique community in a social justice-oriented environment.

The Hospitality Program seeks to support Mexican civil society and all those who work for peace and justice in Mexico and the world. Working alongside the Casa volunteer team, interns will:

- take turns running the reception of the Casa's 40 person guest house, which includes representing the organization, receiving guests including migrants, refugees, and visiting organizations, and welcoming visitors,
- organize film nights, presentations and discussions, and other special events
- participate in reflection, planning, and collective decision-making regarding this work
- take initiative to care for the community (maintenance, gardening, painting, running errands or working with the Casa's Environmental Concerns Committee)

The **Peace Programs—Migration and Economic Justice**—are the other branch of Casa work. Working with the director, the program coordinator and other Casa volunteers, interns play an active role in the programs, which include:

- participating in an in-depth orientation on issues of economic justice, asylum, and the roots and realities of poverty and migration
- working with and visiting partner organizations, groups and collectives in and around the city
- attending meetings of a network of activists dedicated to economies of solidarity
- providing accompaniment to refugees and migrants housed at the Casa
- attending events and activities of Mexican civil society

PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS

Each intern will be placed with one partner organization where they will work 2 - 3 days a week. Each of these groups will provide a meaningful opportunity for interns to participate in their organization, learn about Mexico, Mexican civil society and the organization's work.

(Partner organizations are subject to change)

CENTRO DE ATENCIÓN A LA MUJER (CAM) MARGARITA MAGÓN

CAM is a women's center that works to eradicate violence against women. The organization has many programs that include their drop-in center and clinic, emergency and non-emergency psychological support, publications, awareness campaigns, legal defense and policy work.

Interns may work on general office tasks, translating documents, and other small projects. CAM is an excellent opportunity for a female intern interested in women's rights, law, psychology, and/or gender studies to get first-hand experience in how these issues are treated in Mexico City.

BARRIO ACTIVO, A.C.

Barrio Activo works with marginalized youth in a poor section of Mexico City in their community center, in schools and in public street events. Volunteers will help with events and activities and supervise summer courses with focuses in sports, art, music, civics, and more.

CASA TOCHAN

A new migrant shelter in the western part of the city founded with the help of Casa de los Amigos. Volunteers will help receive recently arrived migrants, attend to the duties of the shelter, and get an in-depth and personal understanding of migration in Mexico.

CASA DE LOS AMIGOS

One CPGC intern may work full-time in the Hospitality, Migration, Economic Justice, and Environmental Concerns programs at the Casa de los Amigos. A full-time Casa intern would be fully immersed in the Casa volunteer experience.

MORE INFORMATION:

- Note: Spanish proficiency is required for this internship
- Before applying, please visit the Casa's website and **read the full length description of the internship program: <http://www.casadelosamigos.org/en/volunteer/casa-cpgc-internships/>**
- **To apply, visit the CPGC office or write to XX. The deadline to apply is XX.**