

Casa Refugiados (PCR)

Mexico City, Mexico

June 1 – August 9, 2021



The CPGC is offering three “virtual” summer internship placements with Casa Refugiados in Mexico City. [Casa Refugiados](#) is a Mexican nonprofit and secular organization that operates in collaboration with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). Its mission is to promote the rights of people in a condition of vulnerability due to forced displacement (refugees, asylum seekers, and displaced persons), with an emphasis on supporting their integration by encouraging respectful and supportive environments situated within the framework of the promotion of a culture of peace based on respect for human rights.

2021 SUMMER INTERNSHIPS:

Peace Education Fellows (3 Fellows)

Casa Refugiados Mission: We are committed to the prevention of violence through the promotion of a culture of peace and human rights through educational programs and the mobilization of Mexican society. This is done within a framework of solidarity, as well as through partnering with displaced persons who have settled in Mexico long-term and have taken on roles as “[intercultural promoters](#)” in their new environments. Through creating communal spaces for collaboration between intercultural promoters and the community, we strive to build “intercultural bridges” for global citizenship.

The Peace Education Fellows will conduct research, develop workshops, and support the solidarity network, “[Abriendo Puertas](#)” ([Opening Doors](#)).

Fellow 1: Strengthening “Abriendo Puertas” with an emphasis on promoting the participation of arrivals and host groups in the community

Supervisors: Claudia Rosellón (support services in education) in collaboration with and guidance by William Edwards (long-term volunteer) and José Luis Loera (program director).

Specific Objectives: 1. Update the working model in the "Opening Doors" network for identifying employment opportunities, education, health, cultural exchange and other basic services for the population, and with which Casa Refugiados can establish collaborative experiences. 2. Strengthen the solidarity network "Opening Doors" through promoting conditions for reception, humanitarian care and reintegration, psychosocial care, training opportunities, job training, and income generation of means of subsistence.

Activities: 1. Mapping solidarity actors 2, Update and development of the database, 3. Identify, document and strengthen possible collaborations and networks, 4. Contact and follow up on potential participants, 5. Promote various PCR campaigns.

Final product: 1. Updated working model of network "Opening Doors," 2. Updated directory of strategic collaborations.

Fellow 2: Strengthening of the “Opening Doors” Network with an emphasis on the promotion of the participation of [intercultural promoters](#).

Supervisors: Claudia Roxana Rosellón Macías (support services in education) and guidance by William Edwards (long-term volunteer), Franck Tonfack (long-term volunteer & intercultural promoter), and José Luis Loera (program director)

Specific Objectives: 1. Update the working model in the "Opening Doors" network for identifying employment opportunities, education, health, cultural exchange and other basic services for the population, and with which Casa Refugiados can establish collaborative experiences. 2. Strengthen the solidarity network "Opening Doors" through the participation of displaced persons, and promote visibility of their contributions to the arrival community.

Activities: 1. Identify and map people with potential profiles for "Intercultural-Integration Promoters," 2. Collect and systematize testimonies of positive experiences of people who have been victims of forced displacement and who have had positive experiences of integration and contribution to the community, 3. Identify good practices and key elements in the PCR accompanying process and other actors, 4. Collect and systematize other testimonies of positive experiences of local integration, "global citizenship," and contributions from people from various countries of arrival, 5. Revise and update the profile of "Intercultural Promoter" and the training model.

Final Product: 1. Updated working model of network "Opening Doors," 2. Updated directory of strategic collaborations.

Fellow 3: Support for and promotion of educational activities through the development of materials; support for workshops and the [virtual space](#).

Supervisors: Claudia Rosellón (support services in education) in collaboration with William Edwards (long-term volunteer) and guidance by José Luis Loera (program director)

Specific Objectives: 1. Rely on educational and promotional resources that encourage the construction of a culture of peace, global citizenship and peaceful interaction between people who are displaced and the arrival community (and different solidarity actors), 2. Promote the recovery and construction of the social fabric of solidarity, 3. Promote the use of virtual space with diverse information for users that facilitates local integration and access to basic rights for displaced people as well as opportunities for collaboration with various actors.

Activities: 1. Produce materials with peace, human rights and global citizenship content (sustainability, nonviolence, social justice, historical issues, etc.), 2. Support in workshops and presentations, 3. Produce relevant information on the impact of different forms of violence and forms of prevention, 4. Facilitate virtual spaces of dialogue and coexistence, 5. Monitor and document the impact of diverse activities.

Final Product: Summary of practice including support materials, as well as comments on activities (assessment and recommendations), workshops and other developed activities.

Intern(s) will report to the Education Coordinator, Jose Luis Loera.

NUTS AND BOLTS:

Eligibility and Application Information: This internship is open to Haverford and Bryn Mawr students. Before applying, please visit the [Casa Refugiados](#) website to learn more about their mission and their work. Applicants must submit an application and a recommendation form completed by a faculty member. Apply through the [CPGC's website](#).

Qualifications: Spanish proficiency (at least Advanced Intermediate-level Spanish) is **required** for this internship. The selection process includes an interview which will be conducted in Spanish.

Desired Soft Skills: 1. Flexible and adaptable to changing priorities. 2. Sensitivity to and ability to work with highly vulnerable people. 3. Works well in a team. 4. High tolerance for frustration. 5. High command of interview techniques. 6. Human rights, gender, and peace perspective. 7. Ability to analyze, systematize, and synthesize information. 10. Command of technologies that promote work and virtual impact

CPGC's Fellowships for Global Citizenship Program: This summer internship is part of a larger fellowship that offers a comprehensive preparatory and re-entry program along with funding and support during your summer engagement with Casa Refugiados. Prior to the summer internship, CPGC staff, faculty and community partners will help students build on their passions and capacities for ethical engagement and social change action. Fellows continue their journey through a re-entry course upon returning to campus in the fall. More specific information about these crucial elements of the Fellowship program can be found on the [CPGC's website](#). **Interested applicants must meet with the Manager of International Programs, Stephanie Zukerman.**

Stipend: A stipend will be provided by the CPGC for each fellow. Amount TBC.

Application Link: https://haverford.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5zrXKzJAwKLuNF3

Deadline: Sunday, February 14, 2021

Process: Selected applicants will be contacted for an interview with Casa Refugiados staff. Interviews will take place in late February to early March.