

Women's Empowerment

Sefrou, Morocco

May 28 - August 7, 2020 (tentative)



Through the Fellowships for Global Citizenship program, the CPGC is offering one internship placement for two - three students in Sefrou, Morocco.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

With thanks to the deep connections to communities in central Morocco brokered by Susan Schaefer Davis and Doug Davis (Professor Emeritus of Psychology at Haverford College), the CPGC is pleased to offer two to three students the opportunity to work with an NGO in Morocco in summer 2020. For decades, Susan Schaefer Davis has worked to foster women's craft cooperatives and assist the artisans in bringing their products to the global market. Through this work, she has forged connections resulting in this invitation for CPGC- sponsored students to work with a women's empowerment center, and a craft cooperative.

2020 PROGRAM STRUCTURE

The students will spend 2 weeks at the [Center for Cross Cultural Learning](#) (CCCL) in Rabat, where they will have Darija (Moroccan Arabic) language lessons and Moroccan cultural lessons on topics including "Teaching Across Cultures," "Linguistic Diversity in Morocco," and "Civil Society and Service Learning in Morocco." While in Rabat, students will be assigned a homestay or guest house in close proximity to CCCL. From Rabat, Fellows will travel to their site in Sefrou for the rest of the summer, where they will live in the home of Amina Yabis, President and Founder of Cherry Buttons Cooperative, and Treasurer of Golden Buttons' Women's Empowerment Center.

Women's Empowerment: The Women's Empowerment Center and Cherry Buttons Artist Cooperative (2-3 Fellows)

The Golden Buttons Women's Empowerment Center (formally called The Center for the Qualification and Formation of Women) and the Cherry Buttons Cooperative are both located in Sefrou. The Women's Center is a trade school exclusively serving women from Sefrou and the surrounding region who have experienced difficulty in their community (e.g. stigmatized for being a single mother or divorced, the elderly, or formerly imprisoned). The Center provides classes and certification in computer literacy, cooking, languages, sewing, art, and other skills, serving approximately 300 women per year. While students do pay a small fee for classes, no woman is turned away for lack of funds.

At the Women's Empowerment Center, Fellows will teach English or French classes (beginners

and intermediate levels) and computer literacy classes approximately 12 - 20 hours/week (4 days teaching language and 2 days teaching computers). The hours spent teaching vary from year to year, based on the number of students. Fellows must be willing to be direct and clear about expectations surrounding attendance at classes to both their students and the staff at the Women's Empowerment Association. Fellows will be responsible for designing learning goals, lesson plans, and exams, and assessing the progress of their students. Fellows may also be responsible for promoting the class and ensuring that it's on the schedule.

The Cherry Buttons Women's Cooperative manufactures traditional *djellaba* buttons, stringing them together to create beautiful necklaces and other jewelry. Fellows will work on given assignments at the Co-op on an as needed basis.

Members of the cooperative would also benefit from Fellows assisting them in:

- Website design, including online sales, marketing, and taking high quality photos of products
- Translating artisans' stories and methods into French and English

(For more information about the Cooperative's work, please visit their [website](#))

Dress while in Morocco: Given the relatively rural setting of this community, Fellows are expected to dress modestly (i.e. long pants and covering shoulders; interns may find long skirts are cooler).

NUTS AND BOLTS

Eligibility and Application Information: This internship is open to Haverford and Bryn Mawr students. Applicants must submit an application form, an unofficial transcript, and a recommendation form completed by a faculty member, and will take part in an interview with the decision committee. Apply through [CPGC's website](#).

Qualifications: Students are required to have Intermediate or higher written and spoken French, and/or Intermediate or higher Arabic. Please note that Darija, or Moroccan Arabic, is different from Levantine Arabic or Modern Standard Arabic (which is taught in the Bi-Co).

CPGC's Fellowships for Global Citizenship Program: CPGC's Fellowships for Global Citizenship: This internship is part of a larger framework that goes beyond just a summer grant. Fellows join a comprehensive program through which they receive full financial and personal development support to prepare for acting ethically and sensitively in unfamiliar environments; participate in summer internships at social change organizations around the world; and 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 website. **Interested applicants must meet with the Manager of International Programs, Stephanie Zukerman.**

Prior to departure, Fellows will be expected to meet with their cohort, work on Darija through online learning tools, and read excerpts from Susan Schaefer Davis' *Patience and Power*, and *Women Artisans of Morocco*, and Davis and Yabis' *Moroccan Feminism at the Grassroots Level*, as well as connect with the scholars who have brokered these connections.

Stipend: During this ten-week program, the CPGC will cover Fellows' expenses for food, flights and ground transportation, lodging, language instruction, visas, and vaccinations. The CPGC will pay the Summer Earning Expectation for students who have the stipulation in their financial aid packages for 2020-21.

Deadline: The deadline to apply for this Fellowship is Sunday, February 2, 2020 via the "Morocco Partnership" application on the CPGC's website. Selected applicants will be contacted for an interview in mid to late February.