

# Casa Refugiados (PCR)

Mexico City, Mexico

May 25 – August 3, 2020 (*tentative*)



The CPGC is offering two summer internship placements for up to four students in Mexico City. [Casa Refugiados](#) is a Mexican nonprofit and secular civil society 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 on the Move (refugees, asylum seekers, displaced persons, and migrants), with an emphasis on supporting their integration by encouraging respectful and supportive environments situated within the framework of the dissemination of a culture of peace based on respect for human rights.

## **2020 SUMMER INTERNSHIPS:**

### **Peace Education Fellow (1-2 Fellows)**

**Casa Refugiados Mission:** We are committed to the prevention of violence through the promotion of a culture of peace and human rights through educative programs and the mobilization of Mexican society. This is done within a framework of solidarity, as well as through partnered displaced persons who have settled in Mexico long-term and have taken on roles as “[intercultural promoters](#)” in their new environments. It is in the creation of places and occasions for meeting and collaboration between these different persons and groups that we strive to build “intercultural bridges” for global citizenship.

The Peace Education Fellow will conduct research, develop workshops, and support the solidarity network, “Abriendo Puertas”.

**Research:** 1. Document and produce materials that support the understanding of peace, human rights, and global citizenship in relation to other subjects (sustainability, nonviolence, social justice, historical issues, etc.), as well as relevant information regarding the impacts of different forms of violence on national and international levels. 2. Identify, document, and strengthen possible collaborators and networks.

**Development of workshops:** Support education events, contact possible collaborators, document and monitor impact.

**Support of solidary network “Abriendo Puertas” (Network Opening Doors):** With Network Opening Doors, we promote conditions for reception, humanitarian care, and re-integration through

psychosocial care, training opportunities, employment training, generation of livelihood income, and re-construction of a social solidarity fabric. Interns will: 1. Contact and follow up with possible participants; document and monitor impacts with participants through feedback and potentially surveys. 2. Create a database. 3. Develop campaigns.

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

### **Humanitarian Assistance Fellow (1-2 Fellows)**

Casa Refugiados is committed to promoting the rights of victims of forced displacement (asylum seekers, refugees, internally displaced people and migrants). This implies providing humanitarian support to vulnerable persons due to forced displacement. These actions have an impact throughout the attention processes, from the reception phase to phases aimed at bettering conditions for integration. Accompanying and mentoring these processes are fundamental. The humanitarian assistance program is developed in collaboration with the office in Mexico of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR).

The Humanitarian Assistance Fellow will support the reception and assessment of new arrivals, as well as their integration in Mexican society.

Reception: 1. Support the reception of new arrivals, 2. Document new arrival cases in a database, 3. Support in the identification and effective channeling of the population of interest, according to the immediate basic needs in education, psychological care, housing, health, legal advice, employment, etc. 4. Support in the operation of the reception of persons arriving from Migratory Station “Detention Alternatives” program. 5. Accompaniments to carry out legal and other procedures.

Assessment: 1. Support in the attention to socio-economic assessments. This includes conducting semi-structured interviews for the initial assessment of cases, after thorough intern training. 2. Creation of attention plans and channeling to attention spaces, which entails identifying vulnerabilities and sending people to appropriate government programs 3. Physical and electronic documentation of records 4. Accompaniments of persons for different needs; such as popular insurance affiliations, hospitals, migration and refugees’ federal offices, depending on intern skillsets and not beyond them.

Integration: Accompany asylum seekers and/or refugees in labor formalities, banking, and interviews, 2. Establish collaborative relationships with Companies, Government, and Civil Society to open doors to Asylum Seekers and/or Refugees, 3. Identify probable self-employment projects, 4. Develop intercultural events that promote the integration of the population of interest to Mexican society.

Intern(s) will report to Humanitarian Assistance Coordinator, Sofía Comaduran

### **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 form, an unofficial transcript, and a recommendation form completed by a faculty member. Apply through [CPGC’s website](#).

**Qualifications:** Spanish proficiency (at least Advanced Intermediate-level Spanish) is **required** for

this internship. The selection process includes an interview, some of 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

**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 website](#). **Interested applicants must meet with the Manager of International Programs, Stephanie Zukerman.**

Prior to departure (April/May), Fellows will be expected to attend meetings with their cohort to build connections with each other and to begin the logistical and emotional preparation for living abroad, including receiving health advice from a travel doctor.

**Stipend:** During this ten-week program, the CPGC will cover Fellows' expenses for food, flights and ground transportation, and lodging. The Center will pay the Summer Earning Expectation for students with that stipulation in their 2020-21 financial aid package.

**Deadline:** The deadline for this internship is **Sunday, February 2, 2020** via the "Casa Refugiados" application on the CPGC's online application platform. **Selected applicants will be contacted for an interview with Casa Refugiados staff in mid to late February.**