

BRIDGES

TO UNDERSTANDING



MISSION: Bridges to Understanding empowers and unites youth worldwide, enhances cross-cultural understanding and builds global citizenship using digital technology and the art of storytelling.

VISION: Our vision is a harmonious, interconnected world in which youth are actively engaged as responsible global citizens.

Bridges International Internship Application

Steps to Apply:

1. Download Bridges International Internship Application Form from Bridges' website (www.bridges2understanding.org) or request a copy from Jennifer Geist: jennifer@bridges2understanding.org.
2. Complete Bridges International Internship Application and mail to Jennifer Geist, Bridges to Understanding, 601 N. 34th St. Seattle, WA 98103 USA.
Include:
 - a. Internship Application Form
 - b. A current resume
 - c. Cover letter
 - d. \$25.00 application fee (Make check out to Bridges to Understanding)
3. Speak with your faculty advisor to configure your internship credit opportunities* and identify the professors who will sponsor your internship credits.
4. Speak with your financial aid officer to determine eligibility for financial assistance.
5. After you have submitted your application, await email notification from Bridges to set up an interview.
6. Interviews will be held in-person or via phone.
7. After receiving notification of your acceptance into the Bridges International Internship Program, you will receive further instructions, forms and information about training times and requirements. If accepted you will be required to pay a nonrefundable down payment of \$175.00 to hold your space.

* Some Departments in Pacific Northwest universities have direct relationships with Bridges to Understanding. If you are applying from the University of Washington or Seattle University, please contact us directly about credit opportunities and local Seattle internship opportunities.

Bridges Internship Information

Quick Reference

(For more detailed information please refer to the Bridges International Internship General Information Sheet and Bridges Site Information sheets by country.)

International Internship Positions Available:

We are now accepting interns for Summer 2010 at our partner schools in India (Tibetan Children's Village), South Africa and Peru. In Fall 2010, internships will be available in India (Tibetan Children's Village), South Africa, Peru and Guatemala. 2011 Site availability will be announced in Fall 2010.

Proof of Eligibility:

Interns going to Guatemala and Peru must speak fluent Spanish. All interns must be enrolled in an accredited university or college; must have a current passport and must complete a background check. Interns are expected to attend a minimum of 18 training hours. Interns must provide proof of good health in writing from a medical doctor.

Length of Internship:

Interns are expected to work approximately 25 hours a week during a 10- to 12-week period. Internships are offered all year and can vary in length between one semester or one quarter depending on university schedule and Bridges' international site requirements. Interns may receive academic credit and should make arrangements directly with their academic institution with confirmation sent to the Bridges supervisor.

Application Deadlines:

Summer 2010 internship – DUE April 2, 2010

Fall 2010 internship – DUE April 23, 2010

Spring 2011 internship – DUE December 3, 2010

*Please complete the following form to the best of your ability.
In order to be considered for an internship, you must submit:*

- 1) Signed and completed application form
- 2) Cover letter
- 3) Current resume
- 4) \$25.00 application fee

All application items must be submitted at one time via mail.

PART ONE

Personal Information:

Name:
School:
Year in school:
Major/ minor:
Temporary Address:
Permanent Address:
Telephone Number:
Permanent Telephone Number:
Date/Place of Birth:
In emergency please contact (Name, phone number):

Site Choice:

Internships are available in 2010 in the following countries:

- Summer : South Africa, India, and Peru
- Fall: South Africa, India, Peru, and Guatemala

Which of these countries would you prefer to work in and why? (You may apply for more than one country.)

If you mentioned more than one country, please rank your choices in order of preference:

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| 2. | 4. |

Availability (Note: Internships are available beginning Summer 2010):

My university calendar system is:

- Quarters
- Semesters

Dates I am available to serve my internship (check all that apply):

- Summer _____ to _____, 20__ __
month month year
- Fall _____ to _____, 20__ __
month month year
- Winter _____ to _____, 20__ __
month month year
- Spring _____ to _____, 20__ __
month month year

Which of these semesters is your top choice?

- Summer 20__
- Fall 20__
- Winter 20__
- Spring 20__

Credit Retrieval Information*:

Are you requesting that your college grant you credit hours for your internship?

- Yes**
- No**

If yes, approximately how many internship credits will you request?

Supervising professor/contact information:

Name:
Title:
Phone:
Email:

* All credit arrangements should be made prior to leaving. Retro-active credits are difficult to get approved. Consider taking a course at a foreign university. (For example, UNSAAC in Cusco, Peru; Stellenbosch or the University of Cape Town in South Africa.)

PART TWO

Employment History: *(Include all paid, volunteer and intern positions. Add another sheet of paper, if needed.)*

Most Recent Employer:
Telephone Number:

Address:

Supervisor (Name & Title):

Job Title:
Start Date:
End Date:

Description of duties:

Employer:
Telephone Number:

Address:

Supervisor (Name & Title):

Job Title:
Start Date:
End Date:

Description of duties:

Employer:
Telephone Number:

Address:

Supervisor (Name & Title):

Job Title:
Start Date:
End Date:

Description of duties:

References:

Name: Telephone Number: Company/School: Relationship: Known how long:

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Activities and Awards:

Degrees earned, name of institution, date of graduation:

Current institution; major and minor; expected date of graduation:

Scholastic Honors and/or Licenses:

Community/professional organizations, honors and awards:

Activities relevant to the internship for which you are applying:

PART THREE

Intern Program Questions:

1. Why do YOU want to serve as a Bridges intern?
2. Describe your experience working with students (particularly middle/high school students.).
3. Describe any experiences you have had internationally (include travel, work, living, studying, missionary or other).
4. Describe your experiences working independently and/or managing a project.
5. How did you find out about the Bridges International Internship Program?

I certify that all of the statements in this application are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that a false or incomplete answer may be grounds for not being accepted into the program or for my dismissal.

Signature:

Date:

Bridges encourages all to apply. We will not discriminate because of race, color, religion, sex, ability, sexual orientation or national origin. If you have a special need, please discuss it with Bridges staff and we will see if there is a site that can accommodate your needs.