



Organization Name:

Vive Peru

Organization Background:

Vive Perú is a nonprofit organization dedicated to fostering understanding of Latin American and Peruvian culture and providing much-needed aid to Peruvian communities. We work to promote cultural understanding and implement innovative and self-sustainable programs in the areas of health, education, social work and engineering.

Through its relationship with local organizations and institutions, Vive Perú is in continuous dialogue with the Peruvian community to design sustainable projects and initiatives that will have a long-term impact in the areas we work. Much-needed aid is provided through medical campaigns, health education campaigns, English workshops, music enrichment programs and Internet installation projects.

Volunteers are an integral part of our strategy in Peru. Their time, energy, creativity and fundraising efforts make our programs possible, and the relationships they form with the communities in Peru are signs of how programs like this not only support development but are also forming future generations to have a deeper appreciation for other cultures.

website: www.viveperu.org/hola

Internship Project Title

Public Health Intern/Volunteer .

Project Description:

Details of our program and sample itineraries are available on our website at <https://viveperu.org/public-health/> For summer 2024 sessions, students should apply by April 5th, 2024.

Volunteers in the **Public Health program** will work together with our staff on public health initiatives led by Vive Peru staff. Work will focus on our [Parasite Prevention Program](#) and our [Health Education & Training Program](#), which you can read more

about in the Community Outreach Programs section of our website by clicking on the links above.

Volunteer activities will include community visits to collect laboratory samples, home visits to collect data and provide counseling to families, preparing and presenting talks on disease prevention for community members as well as participation in community medical campaigns.

To supplement their clinical experience, volunteers will participate in an intensive medical skills and medical Spanish course in which they will learn how to take patient histories, record vital signs, diagnose common illnesses, practice dialogues in Spanish and perform basic physical exams. This course will enrich volunteers' experience in the clinics as well as prepare them to work with patients during medical campaigns, where they will work with Vive Peru staff to provide basic medical care and medication to children and families in the poorest sectors of Trujillo and Otuzco.

Internship project keywords (check all that apply).

☒ Health Disparities

☐ Public Health Preparedness

☒ Collaborations with Community

☐ Collaborations with University

☒ Community health service

☐ Physical Activity

☐ Substance Abuse

☐ Mental Health

☐ Access to care

☒ Nutrition

☐ Reproductive/Sexual Health

☐ Environmental Health

☒ Maternal/Infant Health

☐ Tobacco Use

☐ Injury/Violence Prevention

☒ Immunization

☐ Infectious Disease

☒ Oral Health

☐ Evaluation

☐ Policy Development

☒ Program Planning

☒ Data Analysis

☒ Other Amemia prevention

When: When do you want the work done? Check all that apply.

☐ Fall Semester

☐ Spring Semester

☐ Summer Term

☒ I want this listing to remain active indefinitely and we will accept applications from students for any upcoming semester.

☐ This listing is only for a specific semester/term: _____

Where:

Organization Mailing Address: 4157 Skyline Loop NE / Rio Rancho, NM 87144

Address where Student will work (if different from above): Trujillo, Peru

☐ Check here if the student may have the option to work remotely from a site not listed above for all or part of this project.

Student Characteristics:

Students should have an interest in global health and/or Latin America. The program is designed to be immersive, in the Spanish language as well as the culture of Peru. Students must be open to a Spanish speaking environment. Although our staff speaks English and our program provides translation support, an interest in learning to communicate Spanish is preferred. Spanish proficiency is not required by Vive Peru, but it is strongly recommended. Many volunteers find that any level of Spanish comprehension will enhance interactions with patients and medical staff.

Depending on the student's interest, the position can be specialized according to their interest. Our primary program focuses on prevention of anemia and parasites in children under 5, but we need volunteers to work in women's empowerment, leadership development, public health training, home visits and data analysis as well as program evaluation.

We also work closely with the Peruvian ministry of health, and we have had students complete projects with focuses on infant and maternal health, reproductive health, epidemiology and other topics of interest.

Level of Expertise Needed: *Do you wish to request an MPH program intern or an undergraduate public health program intern?*

Undergraduate: The internship for undergraduates should provide an experience that allows students to incorporate classroom learning into public health practice.

Graduate: Applied experiences for graduate students should require application of advanced knowledge and skills to the solution of health problems and the production of at least two agency-based deliverables.

Both experiences prepare students for future employment.

☐ MPH

☒ Undergraduate

☐ Either

Supervision

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Compensation/Benefits/Professional Development

Unfortunately, we are not able to offer compensation or cover expenses for our interns. The position is a volunteer position. Students can find more information about our programs online at www.viveperu.org/hola

Application Contact Information

Applications are completed entirely online at www.viveperu.org/apply

Questions can be directed at info@viveperu.org