Aquí Me Quedo
Internship: Chef for a Social Start-Up

Entremundos is a non-governmental organization working with local projects and organizations in Guatemala to increase their institutional capacities.

The Internship Program places qualified volunteers with organizations with specific needs, ensuring that both parties can fully benefit from their experiences together.

Description of the Participating Organization: Aquí Me Quedo

Aquí Me Quedo is a social start-up dedicated to gourmet home-delivery food in Quetzaltenango, Guatemala. The main purpose is to create a company with high ability to promote social impacts (www.aquimequedo.org). AMQ is focused on key points such as healthy, artisan, local and organic food prepared by our Chef and his team, ecological awareness through its returnable packaging, transparency of fund management, optimal performance to finance the largest number of social projects, the good living of those employed, and sustainable business growth.

Aquí Me Quedo was born of a local NGO, Atz’anem K’oj, whose purpose is to develop community tools for human rights of people most in need (people living with HIV, migrants, indigenous women in rural communities, etc.) (www.metoca.org). All strategies aim to exercise an active citizenship so people facing injustice can influence the deconstruction of the structure that causes it. 100% of the profits of AMQ go directly to Atz’anem K’oj the association. To learn more about our NGO: http://myreader.toile-libre.org/Atzanemkoj.pdf

Position Description:

This position requires an enthusiastic person with enough experience and confidence to embrace a big challenge: to make this start-up a leading company.

The Aquí Me Quedo team is comprised of people who directly serve the kitchen and the logistics of delivery and a team that focuses on the development of business strategies, communication and management of the company. We have many skills among our staff. We are very reactive and willing to study any proposal that is feasible, measurable, creative, sustainable and innovative. The proximity of the programs of our NGO also provide a unique opportunity to experience the daily life of local populations.

This position is designed for a person with availability of at least 3 months and can start as soon as possible. Longer stays are prioritized.
Responsibilities may include, but are not limited to:
• Know thoroughly and cook the full restaurant menu
• Coordinate the kitchen team (1-3 people)
• Quality control orders (processing and shipment)
• Participate in creating new dishes
• Participate in training and skills development of local staff

Requirements:
• 3 to 5 years of experience as a chef / cook
• Basic Spanish
• Passion for cooking and interest in business models dedicated to social impact
• Adaptability and personal commitment in a new context
• Creativity, autonomy, initiative, good interpersonal relations
• Mastery of basic computing tools

Desirable skills and experience
• Training and skills in a specific area (bakery, pizzeria, bakery, master ice cream maker, etc.)
• Previous experience as Head of Kitchen coordinating a team of kitchen
• Previous experience working with an NGO.
• Previous experience working (professional or volunteer) in Latin America

Costs:
The Internship Program requires a donation of US$ 100.00 per month up to three months (US$ 300.00 for 3 months), which will be shared evenly between the host organization and EntreMundos. This includes the internship placement, pre-departure contact support, a pre-departure information package about Guatemala, contact support while in Guatemala, training, support and evaluations by the internship supervisor and a certificate of completion. Additionally, we will strive to fulfill any bureaucratic functions we can taking into account our capacities as a small and non-profit NGO.

The internship does not include flights, insurance and medical or travel expenses, and living expenses in Guatemala. The basic expenses to live in Quetzaltenango are around $ 300 per month, which includes lodging and food.

How to apply
To apply, send the Internship Program Application, a cover letter written in Spanish and your CV to volunteering@entremundos.org. If the host organization feels you are potential candidate, our volunteer Programs Coordinator will then contact you and arrange an interview.