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### Internship: Medical Intern

*EntreMundos is a non-governmental organization that Works with local projects and organizations in Guatemala to increase their institutional capacities.*

*The internship program places qualified people with organizations with specific needs, ensuring that both parties can benefit the most from their experiences together.*

#### **Description of the participating organization:**

Primeros Pasos is a small, primary care health clinic located in the rural Palajunoj Valley, just 15 minutes outside of Quetzaltenango, Guatemala by bus. The clinic serves as the only reliable source of healthcare in the entire valley as it is the only clinic equipped with doctors, dentists and pharmacy. Primeros Pasos is a non-profit, independent organization with a comprehensive outlook on health care. With the collaboration of health professionals, health educators, volunteers, and community leaders, Primeros Pasos offers quality and affordable healthcare as well as health education to the rural, underserved communities of the Palajunoj Valley of Quetzaltenango.

Primeros Pasos incorporates and combines clinical care, health education and community outreach programs to effectively provide preventative and primary care. Primeros Pasos aims to improve the quality of life of the rural communities of the Palajunoj Valley through integrated health education programs and access to medical services. We are the only comprehensive and affordable source of local health care in the area, providing health education classes year-round to participating schools and community groups.

#### **Job Description:**

As part of our Medical Team, you will be working alongside our doctor and medical students, attending patients and delivering care to a range of different necessities. You will be a valuable addition to Primeros Pasos' medical team and spend the day in your own clinic, enhancing our medical program. Tasks include, but are not limited to, attending patients, administering medicine and managing the general wellbeing of patients to ensure a speedy recovery. Through your work, you will gain insight into how nonprofits focusing in health are operating and what is involved in creating sustainable development projects. Our medical team is the lifeblood of the organisation and on average we see thousands of patients each year, giving medical professionals countless opportunities to attend patients.



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### Requirements:

- For the medical volunteer position, we are only able to accept 4th year medical students, Registered Nurses, certified physicians and other medical professionals. Moreover, we are able to accept Nursing Students that have completed their clinical rotations are qualified to treat patients
- Willingness to work hard and actively participate and contribute to the mission of Primeros Pasos of providing quality healthcare and educational services to the communities of the Palajunoj Valley
- Flexibility and willingness to travel on public transport and by foot as needed
- At least 18 years of age
- Availability to work from 8.30am to 1pm, Monday through Friday
- Sensitivity and respect to the ideals, traditions and beliefs of other cultures and value systems
- An advanced level of Spanish. Successfully completing a Spanish test is a requirement of the position

Primeros Pasos internships are for a **minimum of one month** and can be completed at any time during the year.

### Benefits offered to interns:

- Engaging work in a well-established clinic with the opportunity to directly assist in providing much-needed health care to vulnerable communities
- Hands on experience working with patients, addressing their needs to ensure that good health practices are maintained in the clinic

### Costs and Help:

This Internship position requires a donation of **\$150 at EntreMundos** for National and International interns. These donations include the internship placement, pre-departure contact support, a pre-departure information package about Guatemala, contact support while in Guatemala, monthly and final work evaluations by the internship supervisor, a certificate of completion and follow-up contact with EntreMundos afterwards. Additionally, we will strive to fulfill any bureaucratic functions we can, like filling in additional forms for universities, considering our capacities as a small, non-profit NGO.

Additionally, Primeros Pasos asks for a fundraising donation of **US\$ 300.00**, to be raised via Primeros Pasos fundraising website before or during the internship (the fundraising donation asked by Primeros Pasos is not required for national volunteers).



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This donation does not include your flights, health/travel insurance and medical expenses, or living costs while here in Guatemala. Basic living expenses in Quetzaltenango cost about US\$ 300.00 per month, including housing 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](mailto:volunteering@entremundos.org). The Volunteer Programs Coordinator will be in touch with you, and if the host organization feels that you are a possible candidate, will set up an interview time.