



# INTERNSHIP & STUDY ABROAD

## Experiential Programs – Experience the Culture

NRCSA's International Internship programs allow you to study and experience the world's cultures firsthand. With a wide variety of different placement options, from Sea Turtle Conservation to Business Administration to assisting in Clinics shadowing medical professionals, NRCSA has a placement for you!



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INTERNATIONAL  
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INCLUDING SUMMER  
& WINTER INERIM

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(4 WEEKS MINIMUM)

TOP DESTINATIONS:  
COSTA RICA, ITALY,  
GERMANY, FRANCE,  
SPAIN, URUGUAY

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## PROJECTS AVAILABLE IN ENGLISH:

### ANIMALS & WILDLIFE - ANIMAL CARE PROJECTS ABROAD

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Grassroots organizations work to save and rehabilitate a wide range of animals. These project sites focus on providing medical care, education, and various other services to protect innocent animals. They help pets get adopted and placed in loving homes; they make sure wild animals are rehabilitated and when possible released back into their natural habitat; and they advocate for the proper care of farm animals and safe pastures where they can live and roam. Placements are available at a number of these specialized facilities, including dog and cat shelters, wildlife rescue centers, sustainable farms, and even a university-run zoo. Some animal care projects are only available on a limited basis, so please mention your preference when applying.

### DOG & CAT SHELTERS

COSTA RICA // GUATEMALA

Costa Rica & Guatemala have significant problems with stray cats and street dogs. Without loving homes, these animals go hungry, their health suffers, and they can create safety issues for the public. As there is very little government funding to help solve this problem, small grassroots organizations take the lead in rescuing these lonely and suffering animals.

### EXOTIC ANIMAL RESCUE CENTER

GUATEMALA

The Amphibian and Reptile Rescue Center in Antigua, Guatemala focuses on the 3 R's of conservation: Rescue, Recovery, and Relocation. The primary mission of the rescue center is to nurse a wide variety of amphibian and reptile species back to health and then release them into the wild where they belong. The organization also gets involved with educating the public about protection & respect for wildlife.

### SEA TURTLE CONSERVATION PROJECTS

COSTA RICA

Sea turtles have been living and thriving in the world's oceans for more than 150-million years, but today they are in danger of extinction. Each sea turtle species uniquely affects the diversity, habitat, and functionality of its environment, and they play a vital role in maintaining the health of the oceans. Sea turtle projects in Costa Rica and Guatemala are managed by both local and international environmentalists and biologists. The primary focus of these projects is to increase the birth rate and survival of baby sea turtles. The projects also work to collect data and educate the local community about sea turtles and the marine eco-system.

### NATURAL RESERVE & BEACH CONSERVATION

COSTA RICA

Located on the southern tip of the Nicoya Peninsula, the nature reserve holds a special place in the history of Costa Rica as the country's first national park, created in 1963. The area is known as the "White Cape" and the reserve is sanctuary to an amazing array of seabirds, including pelicans, frigate birds, laughing gulls, and many more.

### ECO-AGRICULTURE & SUSTAINABLE FARMING

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International volunteers help with these alternative agriculture programs in Costa Rica, Guatemala, and Peru. Eco-agriculture and responsible farming relies on more hands-in-the field than modern industrial farming, and your help is a critical part of achieving sustainability. As an international volunteer, your work may include producing organic coffee from bean to cup, working on macadamia nut and permaculture farms, and helping to grow local tea and cacao in collective farming projects.

### CONSTRUCTION & RENOVATION PROJECTS ABROAD

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Construction projects in Latin America are the highest impact volunteer programs available—you can literally see and touch the work you do and the impact you make! Central and South America are especially interesting places to learn about both traditional and more modern building methods. Here you can work with adobe, plaster, and bamboo or cement block, drywall, and aluminum. Construction and renovation work benefits developing communities that need help to create infrastructure such as housing, schools, churches, and community centers.

### HOSPITALITY & TOURISM INTERNSHIPS IN LATIN AMERICA

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With strong, developing economies and amazing natural resources and geography, Costa Rica, Guatemala, and Peru are exciting places to be part of the travel industry! Considering Latin America's travel and tourism sector makes a direct contribution of nearly \$150 billion to the region's GDP every year, the importance of these exciting businesses cannot be underestimated. However, hospitality and tourism companies need marketing knowledge and help in reaching out to international customers—especially small companies struggling to compete in a global marketplace.

### ORGANIC COFFEE FARMING

COSTA RICA

Industrial farming damages the environment and threatens human health with air pollution and water pollution. The eco-agriculture projects place volunteers in the Monteverde Cloud Forest or Brunca region of the Talamanca mountains where you work with local coffee growers who practice sustainable farming.

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## LOCAL LANGUAGE REQUIRED:

### HUMAN RIGHTS

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Poverty and discrimination create uneven access to resources and degrade basic human rights, but positive change happens through community development focused on social justice and human empowerment. International internship placements are typically with community organizations, NGOs, and government agencies. Interns work with change agents and other social workers who are focused on development, equality and justice, and social responsibility. You help with community outreach, education, research, and fund-raising. As an international intern, you immerse yourself into a community and a project and you learn first-hand about the impacts of culture, social values, and the roles of politics, religion, gender, and ethnicity.

### HOSPITALITY & TOURISM

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International placements help you gain practical experience in hospitality, travel, tourism, and food service. Internship placements are with small local companies—boutique hotels, traveler's hostels, restaurants, tourism operators, and travel agencies. As an intern, you work with business owners and local professionals to help improve their companies and expand their capacity to market to and serve international clients. Internships can be customized, but usually focus on specific areas such as Marketing, Sales & Client Service, or Operations. Students' daily responsibilities vary as they learn to wear multiple hats in small, but busy enterprises. Interns get exposure to daily business practices, increase their knowledge of Spanish vocabulary, and improve their ability to communicate with Spanish-speaking guests. You also build your international marketability through new skills, increased confidence, and a more global mindset.

### BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

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The world has gone global and an understanding of commerce and business practices in other parts of the world is a vital part of contemporary business education. What better way than experiencing it firsthand!

### HEALTH CARE & MEDICAL SHADOWING

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Medical observation is a vast field which may include many important activities. We are looking for social-skilled individuals that care about society and are interested in shadowing or assisting in international hospitals and clinics. On a health internship you will depend on your current language and medical skills as well as the organization's needs and your integration ability. You will assist in observation of the local Health system and collaborate with the local staff as needed in the hospital or clinic.

### FASHION

ITALY

We are looking for individuals that can keep up with all current events and follow the trends. When creating a design, it is important to keep in mind that it has to be functional and aesthetically pleasing. This position stresses research of the market requirements, creativity and customer service. You will assist with the application of design and aesthetics and anticipate changing customer tastes. With a fashion internship you can develop new skills as a worker and learn things about yourself which you never knew you were capable of doing.

### MARKETING

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We are looking for a creative and responsible person that can perform different tasks in this field with enthusiasm and willing to learn through the experience. This internship placement stresses on expanding the commercial opportunities of the company and improving the institutional image. It implies developing internal and external communication tools and promotional campaigns, carrying out a field investigation in order to identify the strengths and weakness of the market and improving the web site and finding new market niches.

### TEACHING & TRAINING

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Doing an internship in teaching & training is an important start in your career as a teacher, introducing you to the field first hand. We are looking for a responsible and patient person that is motivated and able to teach with enthusiasm. You doing an internship overseas represents a significant factor contributing to the knowledge, skills and values, both of learners, instructors as interns.

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