

International Internship Program: South Africa

Bridges' primary partner in South Africa is the Hector Peterson Secondary School outside of Cape Town in the Western Cape region. Bridges has organized face-to-face as well as virtual exchanges with Hector Peterson students since 2006. Our relationship with this extraordinary school grows stronger and deeper every year. In this internship, you will have the opportunity to be a part of Bridges highly valued partnership with Hector Peterson Secondary School, while experiencing the Xhosa and South African cultures and building lifelong friendships.

Hector Peterson School derives its name from one of the first students who was killed during the anti-apartheid resistance of the 1990s. Located in the Wallacedene settlement in Kraanfontein



about 40 km. from the center of Cape Town, the township of Wallacedene is among the poorest in South Africa. With approximately 68,000 residents, homes range from government housing (one bedroom cinderblock buildings with electricity and running water) to crowded shacks without water, plumbing or reliable electricity. The students of Hector Peterson School feel fortunate to be in school and value their education.

Today, Hector Peterson is a highly praised learning institution with some of the highest test scores on the Western Cape. The principal, Mr. Mzoliswa Movovana, received the Excellence in School Leadership Award in 2007. A new computer lab was a gift of the Khanya Project. Bridges is proud to be a part of the technology and arts training at this fine school.

Bridges interns live in the nearby university town of Stellenbosch. Accommodations range from home stays to shared apartments. Bridges arranges for secure travel to and from Wallacedene, and



community activities at the school are coordinated with the school principal. Stellenbosch is a scenic town with a safe and active student life, well located for exploring the Cape Town area.



Bridges supervisors serve as liaisons for interns and the community. Bridges staff in Seattle will be available to address program needs. It is expected that students will be entirely responsible for themselves while engaged in non-internship related activities (see "International Internship Policies and Responsibilities" for more information about requirements and responsibilities).

Bridges South Africa Internship costs \$6,000.00 (not including airfare). Bridges covers the following: in-country travel related to internship, travel insurance, housing, cell phone, meal stipend, local transportation related to internship, small discretionary fund, language classes, management fees and concurrent enrollment fees at select universities. (Additional details will be sent upon application.)