

## General Information: International Intern Program



### Serve an International Internship with Bridges to Understanding!

*“My time in Cuzco, Peru was amazing! It was a learning experience for the Bridges students and myself alike. I cannot compare my internship with Bridges to any of the internships I have had in the past. This is the first time I have experienced teaching my own class and it is truly rewarding to touch young lives.”*

*Diana Melano, Bridges’ International Intern, Fall 2009*

Bridges to Understanding, a Seattle-based nonprofit organization, prepares the students of today to become the compassionate leaders of tomorrow. As a Bridges International Intern, you will help middle and high school students at our partner schools in Peru, India, South Africa or Guatemala gain greater cross-cultural understanding by learning directly from their peers across the globe. Your work will include teaching students to create and share digital stories about their lives, communities and important global issues using their own photography, music and narrative voice. Important skills in research, writing, photography and technology will be taught using Bridges’ curriculum. You will also lead students as they participate in our online discussion forums, asking questions and posting answers to classrooms in countries around the world where we have partner schools; view and discuss youth-produced digital stories; and host a culminating film festival featuring their digital stories for the community. All this while you earn university credit!

### We are now seeking students to work at the following sites in 2010:

- Summer 2010 - South Africa, India, and Peru
- Fall 2010 - South Africa, India, Peru and Guatemala

### Internship Benefits:

1. Teach students in another culture the art of digital storytelling;
2. Study language and culture in-country;
3. Earn university credits for service learning and other classes;
4. Gain first-hand experience in experiential learning and global education;
5. Increase socio-cultural awareness of self and others, and;
6. Train with Bridges’ staff to learn how to create digital stories and teach digital storytelling.



### **General internship requirements:**

- Prior experience working with youth.
- Commitment to **youth as the first priority** for all your Bridges' work.
- Ability to work well in a team setting and prior experience as a team leader.
- Writing, photography and multimedia skills, (Windows MovieMaker, Adobe Premiere Elements, iMovie, etc.) or interest in learning.
- Currently enrolled in a college or university as a sophomore, junior, senior or grad student.
- Interest in global citizenship and education.
- Excellent communication and organizational skills.
- Commitment of at least two quarters (6-months.)
- Commitment to complete a minimum of 18 training hours with Bridges staff (including Seattle orientation and classroom work, if applicable.)
- Strong Spanish language ability mandatory for Peru and Guatemala.
- A current passport and completion of a background check.

### **Internship Length:**

Interns are expected to work approximately 20 hours a week during a 10 to 12-week period. Internships are offered Summer, Spring and Fall and can vary between semester or quarter in length, depending on university schedule and site requirements. Interns may receive academic credit and are expected to arrange this with their academic institution and confirm with their Bridges' supervisor.

### **Application Procedures:**

To apply, download the Bridges International Internship Application Form at [www.bridges2understanding.org](http://www.bridges2understanding.org) and follow the "Steps to Apply" on the first page. Candidates must complete an International Internship Application Form and submit it with a cover letter, resume and \$25.00 application fee to Jennifer Geist, Bridges to Understanding, 601 N 34<sup>th</sup> St, Seattle, WA 98103.

### **Application Deadlines:**

- Summer 2010 internship – DUE April 2, 2010
- Fall 2010 internship – DUE April 23, 2010
- Spring 2011 internship – DUE December 3, 2010

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