EL SAVADOR - CENTRO DE INTERCAMBIO Y SOLIDARIDAD (CIS), SALVADORAN ENTERPRISES FOR WOMEN

Number of Placements: 1

Placement Site: San Salvador, El Salvador

URL: www.cis-elsalvador.org

**Field/Subject Area:**

Open to all York students who meet the eligibility criteria

**Position Description:**

The intern will accompany CIS support to Salvadoran Enterprises for Women in rural areas with economic depression and low levels of formal education. This will include participating in evaluations with women and writing up a report of the results in both Spanish and English. If the intern has a business administration or related background, he/she can assist in developing and facilitating workshops on basic accounting, how to calculate costs and prices, commercialization and other business development workshops.

**Tasks/Duties**

* Accompanying CIS grassroots promoters to evaluations with small businesses
* Writing up evaluations in Spanish and English
* For persons with business administration or related background, assist in developing workshops on basic accounting, administration, commercialization, calculating costs, etc.

Expected work hours: 8 hours per day, 5 days a week

Preferred starting date: June 2 - August 29

**Qualifications/skills required:**

* Facilitation skills
* Business, accounting, or other related skills
* Knowledge of basic history in El Salvador

**Language requirements:**

English; advanced Spanish

**Highlights of Organization/background information:**

The struggle of the Salvadoran people for democracy and peace with justice has created strong solidarity on an international level. In order to strengthen people-to-people solidarity ties and contribute to the construction of a new El Salvador, organizations from the Salvadoran social movement and international organizations that have supported the process of peace with social justice, came together to create the Centro de Intercambio y Solidaridad (Center for Exchange and Solidarity).

The CIS is a multi-faceted organization, with many programs supporting education, organizing, and social justice. We are looking for people committed to solidarity and social justice to participate in our programs.

The Mélida Anaya Montes Language School is part of the Centro de Intercambio y Solidaridad, a multi-faceted organization, with many programs supporting education, organizing, and social justice. English students are all 18 years of age and over, and many are involved in social justice movements. In line with the mission of the CIS, the language school combines popular education techniques with a participatory methodology. Our language education also highlights social justice issues. The school has adopted the following underlying themes:

• Human Rights

• The social movement

• The environment

• Intervention of Dominant Powers in the Developing World

• Threats to the Environment and their Effects on Life

• The Social Movement - Roots and Causes