

# ECOAR INSTITUTE FOR CITIZENSHIP

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**Number of Placements:** 1

**Location:** Sao Paulo, Brazil

**URL:** <http://www.ecoar.org.br>

## **Field/Subject Area:**

Open to all York students who meet the eligibility criteria.

## **Position Description:**

The Sustainability intern will be involved in our communities' projects such as field workshops, and in elaborating new and innovative education material as sustainable games, sites, blogs, booklets, workshops.

The intern will participate with senior staff on several activities and will be responsible to produce a report for them. The intern will also be part of meetings, workshops and lectures to improve his/hers knowledge about Environmental Education, Green Economy, Global Warming, Adaptation Issues, and so on, learning ECOAR's participatory methodology and exchanging knowledge with technical team and beneficiary groups.

At the office, the intern will be responsible for interacting with our team to collect, doing research and organizing data and other relevant information for ECOAR's performance.

## **Specific tasks will include:**

- Detailed report of each field technical visit realized: community diagnosis and activities recommended;
- Final report of activities realized with impressions and suggestions about ECOAR's participatory methodology and activities.

**Complete all tasks assigned, which includes but is not limited to the responsibilities outlined above.**

**Expected work hours:** 6 hours a day, 5 days a week

**Preferred start date:** Early May

### **Qualifications/skills required:**

- Knowledge on Climate Change issues, innovative and participatory planning, surveys, database and environmental issues are desirable.
- Majors: Environmental Education, Ecology, Economy, Social Sciences, Biology, Geography, Environmental Sciences.

### **Language requirements:**

Fluent in written and spoken English as well as spoken Portuguese or Spanish

### **Highlights of Organization/background information:**

Instituto Ecoar para a Cidadania (Ecoar Institute for Citizenship) is a non-profit, civil association. It was formed by professionals, academics, and environmentalists that gathered after the ECO-92, with the intent to continue discussions on pressing environmental issues and to collaborate in the construction of a sustainable society in balance with nature.

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It is constituted by people who believe that the practice of environmental education must aim for the development of knowledge, values, attitudes, behaviours and abilities that contribute to our survival and also that of all other species and natural systems on this planet.

It aims to "ecoar" (echo) the principles on environmental education, contributing, so that ethical values - such as cooperation, solidarity, generosity, tolerance, dignity, respect to diversity - may permeate people daily lives, has been Ecoar mission and reason for existing since its birth.

For us, thinking on environmental education is to let ourselves be carried away by the irresistible passion that life stirs in us, to reflect on the fragility of its constitution, on the diversity of its forms and on the attitudes we must have in order to admire and protect it.