



MINGA HOUSE

Minga House Foundation

Non-Profit Organization – Founded in 2014

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What is MINGA?

“Minga entails a collaborative work system that dates back to the Incas. It refers to the commitment, contract or work agreement between two or more people. The word minga also stands for meeting or reunion.”

VOLUNTEER & INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Pre-DENTAL



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Learning Objectives:

Whether you are already in a pre-dental career track or you are considering changing your career path, spending time observing real dentists in their dental clinic with real patients will be very helpful to your decision-making process. In our Colombia Pre-Dental Internship, you will work with Arbelaez Family Dentistry, a Mom-Dad-Son-Daughter team of very experienced dentists, who run a very successful regional practice. Depending on timing, you may also be able to participate with Proyecto Sonrisas, a nonprofit organization that supports the dental care needs of several villages in the region by taking mobile dental clinics to promote dental health and provide desperately needed services.

Having work experience will no doubt help you prepare to be competitive in an applicant pool for the most sought-after dental degree programs. Equally as valuable will be your gained cross-cultural maturity & awareness, plus you will immerse yourself in medical Spanish. Depending on availability and your length of stay, you may experience the following work & learning settings:

Dental Hygiene
Endodontics
Geriatric Dentistry
Oral Surgery
Orthodontics
Pediatric Dentistry

Prosthodontics
Special Needs Dentistry
Dental Public Health
Dental Hygienist Technical College
School of Dentistry
Dental Stem Cell Research Bank



Participant Requirements:

Educational Background: Undergraduate, graduate, or professionals in any of the following fields: Pre-Dental, pre-medical, biology, chemistry, physiology, or other related health & sciences.

Spanish Language Skills: (None) 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 (Fluent)

Potential projects and day-to-day duties:

- Shadow and/or assist dentist, dental tech/hygienists, and other specialists in their duties.
- Tasked to compare/contrast Colombian practices vs. U.S. practices then make presentation
- Support in the review of current internal operations processes & procedures for improvement
- Support in the daily tasks and other duties assigned by supervisor

Service Term:

- **Plan Prep time:** 30 days minimum before arrival date
- **Service Term:** 30 days minimum – 32 hrs/wk min
- **Work Schedule:** 6-8 hrs./day - Mon-Fri (TBD am - TBD pm)
- **Service Window:** January - December

Special Skills Desired:

- Interest in dentistry as a career
- Strong communication skills
- Great attitude
- Proactive
- Safety Conscious
- Responsible & Mature

