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.”

ADVANCED PRACTICE EXPERIENCE/EXTERNSHIP/ROTATION

DOCTOR OF PHARMACY – EXPERIENTIAL ELECTIVE

The Minga House Foundation facilitates experiential learning opportunities for pharmacy practice at a wide variety of partner settings. During this structured experience, candidates will gain an over-all understanding of Colombia’s healthcare system from the view of a pharmacist at various levels & perspectives. Students and professionals benefit from the flexibility to choose among the following 1-5 different complementary worksites in order to meet the participant’s desired specific experience within the set 240-hour rotation requirement.

- Hospital San Vicente de Paul – Public, rural, level 1 (2-6 wks)
- Hospital Infantil Universitario - Private, urban, level 3 (2-6 wks)
- Yerba Buena – Traditional Medicine Shop (1 wk)
- Los Auces – Nutritional Supplements Retailer (1 wk)
- Fito Medics – Labs & Manufacturer of Nutraceuticals (2-6 wks)
Participant Requirements:

Educational Background: Doctoral candidates from a pharmacy program; pharmacists, medical school students, medical doctors, other health professionals, science doctoral programs, and other related fields.

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

Preceptor: Dr. Anibal Rueda, M.D. (Hospital San Marcos, Chinchina)

Potential projects and day-to-day duties:
- Shadow professionals in all their daily professional activities & responsibilities

Service Term:
- Plan Prep Time: 60 days minimum prior to arrival date
- Service Period: 6-8 weeks (240 hours) – as per institutional requirements
- Work Schedule: 6-8 hrs./day - Mon-Fri (TBD am - TBD pm) – recommend 5-day work week
- Service Window: January – December
- Housing: Minga House – Guesthouse & Training Center for international volunteers

Special Skills Desired:
- Knowledge in pharmacy
- Self-management
- Assertive communication
- Social development
- Responsible and professional
- Respectful
- History of community service
- Empathy for others
- Teamwork