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.”

INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY

WASTE MANAGEMENT – Environmental Science Intern

Learning Objectives:

EMAS is a leading Colombian waste management organization that is heavily committed to helping develop a culture of environmental consciousness within the communities they service. They see themselves as a pivotal educational institution with the social responsibility to maintain their cities safe & clean from waste. They invest heavily in educational campaigns in order to affect long-term societal attitudes towards promoting sustainable management of natural resources by decreasing waste and increasing recycling habits by the community. The participant will have the opportunity to help manage and/or improve processes for collecting, sorting and disposing of all types of waste and recycle materials. Also, interns will participate in community outreach campaigns to analyze social behavior in order to determine what waste management methods must be used. Chosen candidates will also learn how the cleanliness and the chosen processes for maintaining the city affect the environment that we live in.

Intern Learning Objectives:

- Gain an understanding of how a waste management system works to maintain the environment.
- Understand how social behavior relates to the types of methods that need to be used to maintain good management of the environment.
- Be more competent in the planning and integration of new waste management policies.
- Be able to create analytical and statistical quality reports.
- Understand the processes of collection, transport, treatment and disposal of waste with monitoring and regulations.
**Participant Requirements:**

**Educational Background:** Undergraduate, Graduate & Professionals in any of the following fields: Sociology, anthropology, environmental studies, social work or any other related fields of study.

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

**Potential projects and day-to-day duties:**

- Perform analyses of socio-environmental behaviors and practices in terms of waste management
- Assist in the creation of plans to help change socio-environmental behaviors
- Create diagnostic reports and recommendations for new management techniques
- Work with team members to create plans of presented recommendations
- Accompany staff in social management activities
- Assist in any administrative duties

**Service Term:**

- **Plan Prep Time:** 60 days minimum prior to arrival date
- **Service Period:** 60 days minimum, 32 hrs/wk required
- **Work Schedule:** 6-8 hrs./day - Mon-Fri (TBD am - TBD pm)
- **Service Window:** January – December

**Special Skills Desired:**

- Community interest
- Empathy
- Order
- Perseverance
- Self-management
- Assertive communication
- Social development