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

Traditional Medicine – Herbs Shop Assistant

Learning Objectives:

Herbalism is the use of plants for therapeutic purposes to treat and prevent disease and promote health. Colombia is the 2nd most biodiverse nation in the world and most Colombians accept herbs as part of reliable natural forms of healing. Our 2-generation family-owned herbal shop regularly dispenses 118 herbs. Volunteering you may learn:

- How to identify herbs
- How to grow herbs
- The use of herbs
- “Wildcrafting” or picking herbs
- How to run an herbs shop
- Manufacturing herbal products

Participant Requirements:

Educational Background:

Undergraduate & Professionals in any of the following fields: Pharmacy, Medicine, Pre-Med, Nursing, Public Health, Botany, Public Relations, Marketing, and/or Business Administration; or a high level of interest and commitment to learning about traditional herbal medicine.
Spanish Language Skills:

(None) 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 (Fluent)

Potential projects and day-to-day duties:

- Support in the creation of catalog for homeopathic products
- Support in the development of advertising campaigns
- Investigation of new uses of medicinal plants
- Support in the creation of information leaflets for the public
- Support in the review of current internal operations processes & procedures for improvement
- Support in the implementation of new packaging for the commercialization of medicinal plants
- Support in the daily tasks and other duties assigned by store manager

Service Term:

- Plan Pre Time: 14 days min required before arrival date
- Service Term: 7 days min required – 32 hrs/wk required
- Work Schedule: 8 hrs./day - Monday-Friday (8:00am -12:00pm & 2:00pm a 6:00 pm)
- Service Window: January to November

Special Skills Desired:

- Interest in traditional & herbal medicine
- Strong communication skills
- Ability to design marketing materials
- Ability to use social networks for promotion
- Great attitude
- Proactive