Fundación Aeiotu

Company Description

Intern Colombia is working with an NGO that helps children from impoverished backgrounds find the meaning of life through education. Their aim is to develop the full potential of each child and to reduce the inequality and imbalance in human development for children from less-advantaged families. Our partner has been nominated for various awards for the outstanding work they are doing in Colombia and have formed alliances with national, regional, and local governments, and dozens of foundations and private companies. By 2017, they had 30 educational centers and provided support to over 15,000 children across 14 different cities in Colombia.

Approximately 80% of children in Colombia are classified to be in a 'vulnerable situation'. While the poorest and most disadvantaged children in Colombia do receive some form of governmental support there is around 32% who are caught between the lower-class and middle-class who are not eligible for government programs.

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City		Bogotá, Colombia (South America)	
Website	https://www.aeiotu.com/		

Educational Model

During the last 10 years, aeioTU has been working to improve the quality and coverage of comprehensive early childhood care services in Colombia. Their commitment is to develop the full potential of every child. They take care and educate them in spaces especially designed by us to maximize their learning. Based on their experience and knowledge, they developed a curriculum cartography that empowers the teacher with pedagogical instruments designed to potentiate the learning of each child.

Their curriculum has been nominated to the **WISE award** that recognizes innovative projects that can generate a great impact in global education.

AeioTU offers an innovative educational experience, inspired by the Reggio Emilia Approach, often considered to be the best early childhood pedagogy in the world, and recognized by UNESCO, Harvard University and the European Union. This approach is comprehensive and considers the child as the protagonist of learning, a process that is strengthened using play and art tools.

Their curriculum has been developed by their teachers as the result of years of experience working with diverse communities, and includes a play-based curriculum, a program for child development, family and community participation, the use of art as a learning tool and a professional development program.

The children develop their vocabulary as well as their reading and math skills. They improve their knowledge of nutrition, and they are encouraged to be competent, creative, and constructive citizens of society.

Intern Profile			
Key Academic areas	Languages minimum requirements		
 Anthropology Education Foreign Languages International Relations Philosophy Psychology Social Work or Equivalent 	 Spanish (Lower-Intermediate) English 		

Profile Description

General Skills & Knowledge:

- Profiles with experience or interest in working in Education and/or International Relations will be positively received
- Proactive and diligent in their work
- Adaptable and flexible
- Resourceful and self-sufficient
- Pay careful attention to detail
- Cultural emotional intelligence
- Communicative within a team/works well in a diverse team
- Responsible and honest with team members
- Makes well-informed and responsible decisions
- Willingness and attitude to learn new things and contribute their knowledge
- Ability to manage groups

Description of Work

Intern position(s):

01: Teacher and/or Teaching Assistant

The intern will work with teachers at the educational centers and either support classes or lead classes with groups of young children. This will involve activities including, but not limited to:

- Support teachers and/or workshop leaders by helping to supervise activities, working with children on an individual, small group or whole class basis
- Help to develop programmes of learning activities and adapting appropriate materials
- Report on children's progress, issues and/or concerns
- Motivate and encourage pupils
- Attend team meetings and reviews
- Help in the planning & execution of events
- Possibility to take on additional responsibilities such as teaching on their own and covering absences

02: Education Researcher & Assistant

The intern will review and assess educational materials used by the organisation in their educational centers with children from less-advantaged families. This will involve activities including, but not limited to:

- Review impact & results of current education model
- Investigate new teaching techniques
- Liaise & communicate with other international organizations working in similar fields
- Attend team meetings
- Support day-to-day tasks of the NGO administrative team
- Help in the planning & execution of events

These tasks will be assigned as needed and to match the intern's interests and background.

Please note: interns will also have the opportunity to contribute any additional time, knowledge and/or experience to develop educational research projects, strengthen and promote the organization internationally (including international cooperation & funding), provide logistical support, produce & publish content in English, or propose and implement any initiative related to education.

Office Environment/Team Information

Corporate style office for an NGO. Team of 10+. Majority only can speak Spanish. Friendly and welcoming.