



IYIP INTERNSHIP 2024-2029

Person in charge of research and communication strategies for the defense of environmental rights in Guatemala

Internship location: Guatemala City, Guatemala

Host organization: Colectivo Madre Selva

The Madre Selva Collective is an environmental organization based in Guatemala, which works with indigenous communities affected by the extractive industry, in defense of the country's natural resources and people fighting for environmental protection and media protection.

Position Title: Person in charge of research and communication strategies for the defense of environmental rights

Mandate: The intern will be assigned to projects and tasks related to advocacy, communication and training activities for young girls and civil society stakeholders. They will participate in the creation of audiovisual tools to raise awareness of the problems affecting rural communities in Guatemala as a result of overexploitation of natural resources. In addition, they will develop a training plan in advocacy techniques.

During the 3-months internship in Guatemala, the intern will benefit from adequate accommodation and a safe and secure workplace in Guatemala City.

The intern will, among other things, have the opportunity to focus on the following areas:

- **The strengthening strategic communications for women's and youth rights groups and women's organizations in Guatemala.**
- **Support for the strategic communication of the Madre Selva Collective; reinforcement of the communication strategy (internet and social media); content creation.**
- **Research work for the observatory of violence against women whose objective is to contribute to the study and creation of data, statistics and analysis on violence against women in politics, which will help to analyze, reverse and make visible the power gap between men and women in this area.**

Required Skills: The candidate must have a strong interest in international development, education and gender equality, as well as in communications, research and advocacy. They must speak Spanish and have good writing skills.

Training before departure and upon return from the internship

Before leaving, participants have the chance to participate in a 2-weeks (10 business days in total) professional training course (**in French and English with accommodations**) led by instructors **recognized in their field**, during which they will address diverse themes as per the following program.

The IYIP also aims to help participants integrate the job market when they return. In this context, participation in the program includes **workshops** designed to **improve interview skills and strengthen job search tools**.

In addition, participation in the IYIP covers:

- Travel and medical insurance costs;
- Plane tickets;
- Mandatory vaccinations*;
- The cost of the visa, if necessary;
- The organization of accommodation ;
- Daily living expenses ;
- Personalized follow-up during your international stay.

Duration of international stay: 3 months

To be eligible for the International Youth Internship Program (IYIP), the candidate must:

- Be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident;
- Be facing barriers to employment by belonging to or identifying with a group of people who face discrimination such as people living with disabilities, Indigenous people, racialized youth and members of the 2SLGBTQI+ community.
- Be between the ages of 18 to 30 years old at the time of final selection (i.e. at the time of signing the contract by the intern and Alternatives);
- Have never participated in the IYIP (with some exceptions: see our FAQ section)

Language: good knowledge of written and spoken Spanish required.

Interested? To register, please access the form below by clicking on apply.

Only those who send their CV and covering letter (via the registration form) will be considered in the selection process.

Information: psij@alternatives.ca

Take your chance!