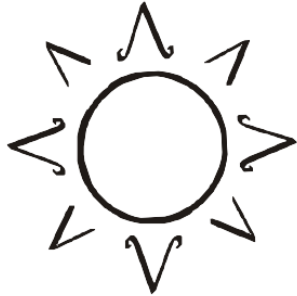


***An International Volunteer Internship Opportunity in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico***



**Rural Education Institute of Mexico**  
**Instituto de Educación Rural de México**



*Promoting children's education in rural communities surrounding San Miguel de Allende*  
*Promoviendo educación para niños en comunidades rurales de San Miguel de Allende*

Looking for an exciting semester internship opportunity? Come and volunteer with the Rural Education Institute of Mexico, an educational non-profit organization in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico!

San Miguel de Allende is located in the state of Guanajuato in Central Mexico, a 4-hour bus ride north of Mexico City, a 5-hour bus ride east of Guadalajara, and 1 hour from Queretaro. This picturesque colonial town is a UNESCO Heritage Site and has been featured in numerous travel magazines and newspapers internationally. On an episode of the *Rachael Ray Show*, the charismatic host called the town “one of the most beautiful places I have ever seen.”

In the peripheral rural communities of San Miguel de Allende, however, the reality is bleaker. Work and educational opportunities are severely limited and 85% of children do not finish high school. As a result, many of these rural inhabitants end up travelling north to the United States to look for work.

The Rural Education Institute is a non-profit organization with the mission of promoting education in these rural communities. We provide after-school programs, scholarships, and educational tools such as libraries and computers. Our goal is to reduce the alarming dropout rate among rural Mexican children, to build confidence and self-esteem, and to foster a love of learning.

To carry out our programs, we are NOW recruiting International Volunteer Interns to begin a semester-long international experience in **January 2013** or **April 2013**! Volunteers will have the opportunity to work with primary and middle school children in the rural communities of Jalpa and La Palma surrounding San Miguel de Allende and will either:

- Plan and facilitate basic-level English and computing classes for middle school students (grades 7, 8, and 9)

OR

- Plan and facilitate afterschool programs for primary school students (grades 3-6).

Volunteers must meet the following requirements:

- Be at least 21 years of age, or hold a university or college degree
- Have some experience teaching or working with children
- Have intermediate level Spanish or better
- Be committed to volunteering for at least 2-3 months

The January semester is 3 months in length and the program cost is 2300 USD. The April semester is 2 months in length and the program cost is 1600 USD.

The program cost includes the following:

- Accommodation in San Miguel de Allende (private room with Internet)
- Breakfast and dinner every day
- Transportation to and from the communities
- Teaching materials
- Training
- Full-time support from Rural Education Institute staff

The program cost does NOT include:

- Transportation to and from San Miguel de Allende
- Travel Insurance
- Lunches

For more information about the Rural Education Institute, please check out our website [www.ruralmex.org](http://www.ruralmex.org). If you are interested in applying for this position, please send your resume and a brief statement of interest to [info@ruralmex.org](mailto:info@ruralmex.org) with the subject "International volunteer" by **Friday November 16, 2012**.

We hope to see you in San Miguel de Allende!