



Internship Program

Application Deadline: April 16th, 2010

Internship Period: May 30th – July 30th, minimum 3 weeks

Workload: 25-40 hours per week, may include some hours on weekends

Location

Nai Yang Beach and National Park, Phuket, Thailand

Description

Interns will work with Sustainable Smiles and their partner, Indigo Pearl, to improve the local environment around Nai Yang Beach and educate students, staff, and community members about the environment and sustainable practices.

Interns will be expected to:

- help plan and implement community-student based projects (this will require networking with local stakeholders and research)
- help instruct and facilitate workshops once a week for Indigo Pearl staff (50 staff per workshop)
- research and design environmental lesson plans to help teach students age 6-19 in and outside the classroom. (Class sizes will vary from 25-40 students, classes will be taught for 1 hour, interns may be expected to help teach up to 4 classes per day)

In addition, Sustainable Smiles will gladly assist interns in developing a personal research project.

Benefits

- Interns will gain knowledge and practical experience by teaching students and adults about the environment and sustainable practices.
- Interns will have an opportunity to use the skills and knowledge they have learned at AIT to benefit a local community.
- Interns will gain hands on experience relating to how nonprofits work and have the opportunity to learn organizational and networking skills by helping design and implement new projects.
- Interns will gain community-based workforce, entrepreneurship, and leadership development skills.
- Interns will have the opportunity to improve their Thai and/or English language skills and conduct research.



Qualifications Required

- Interested in and knowledgeable about the environment and sustainable practices.
- Willing to work with a dynamic team of international and Thai staff
- Able to help teach and work with Thai students from age 6 to 19
- Interns must have a positive attitude at all times and be respectful towards Thai culture.
- It is recommended that interns have good Thai Language skills.

Internship Conditions

- This is a non-paid internship. Interns will be expected to cover their travel expenses to and from Phuket and cover personal costs incurred during their stay. Sustainable Smiles will assist interns with travel arrangements. (In exceptional cases, Sustainable Smiles may be able to partially or fully help cover travel expenses for prospective students. These opportunities are subject to availability of funds and require a well justified request from the applicant or sending institution.
- Indigo Pearl will provide food and accommodations for the duration of the interns stay. Visit www.indigo-pearl.com for more information about accommodations.
- Interns who wish to earn credits through AIT are required to work a minimum of 90 hours (2 credits).
- Qualified applicants who wish to earn credits will be recommended to the AARM Coordinator and the student's faculty advisor. Decisions will be partly based on the student's need to earn internship or special study credits and the availability of scholarship or personal funds to pay for the credits to AIT.

For more information about this internship please contact, Kelly Franklin at kfranklin@sustainablesmiles.org

Applications for this internship program should be emailed to kfranklin@sustainablesmiles.org. Remember application should be received no later than April 16th, 2010.

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