

Volunteering abroad and Education to Global Citizenship at the Postsecondary Level

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

As a researcher in intercultural education, I am responsible for the University of Alberta/Campus Saint Jean's "Projet Afrique" (Africa Project). Projet Afrique is a 3 week volunteering abroad program through which French speaking students get an opportunity to teach in Togolese elementary schools or to assist nurses or doctors in local clinics (or other practicums). They are also involved in construction work to help develop health or educational infrastructures. While students bring their support and perspectives to one of the poorest French-speaking African country, they above all get an opportunity to make the world their classroom and to develop, through this experience, their understanding and skills in terms of global citizenship, social justice, sustainable development alongside with professional and linguistic skills in French.

My research project, in its initial phase, aims to assess learning outcomes from this volunteering abroad experience, as well as the impacts of such an experience for local communities (exposure to Western perspectives, intercultural exchanges, professional development, infrastructure development, etc.). Interns involved in this research project will develop a relevant bibliographical search and will work on a literature review on topics and concepts related to this research project.

FACULTY-DEPARTMENT

Faculty Saint Jean- Education

DESIRED FIELD OF (STUDENT) STUDY

Education, French studies

INTERNSHIP LOCATION

University of Alberta Main Campus – Edmonton (Campus Saint Jean)

NUMBER OF INTERNSHIP POSITIONS

1

INTERNSHIP START DATE

August, 28 2017

INTERNSHIP END DATE

November, 28 2017

ARE THE DATES FLEXIBLE?

I am flexible but internship cannot start before August, 28