

Global Vision International

Cusco, Peru

International Development Internship

Organization Overview

GVI was established in 1998 and operates award winning International Internships and Service Learning programs focused on global issues and framed around the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). We partner and support many local and international NGOs and government organizations including the National Parks of Thailand, Mexico, Costa Rica and South Africa, WWF (Mexico), Save the Children (Mexico), Red Cross (Fiji), Panthera, The UN Global Compact and many others around the world.

All GVI's projects have short, mid and long-term objectives that fit with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals or UNSDGs. These are a set of coherent goals focused on sustainable development in the economic, social and environmental fields.

GVI's main goal is based on making viable changes in all the communities we work in. We run responsible and sustainable award-winning projects and are proud to say that the impact of our work is life changing, for both the local people, our partners and our volunteers. Volunteers from all ages and from all walks of life contribute to this important impact and success of our projects.

Our core ethics and best practices we believe are essential to the operation of high quality, ethical volunteer, and sustainable development programs:

- Locally-driven, Collaborative Projects
- Clear Objectives and Sustainable Outcomes
- Impact Reporting
- Working Against Dependency
- Responsible Exit Strategies
- Clear Roles and Specialized Training
- Respect for All
- Local Ownership
- Transitioning from The Orphanage Model
- Child and Vulnerable Adults Protection
- Social Issue Focus & Impact

Social Issue Focus & Impact

Learn about best practices in sustainable development such as ensuring that projects are set up in participation and lead by local communities. You will also learn about the global impact goals set by the United Nations as each project is aligned with these.



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The connection between community development and conservation is a major focus of this program. You can also get involved in initiatives like environmental education workshops at local schools such as lake cleanups, and the annual reforestation project. International development project interns might get involved in supporting local educators with facilitating English language learning for young students in their classrooms, supporting local professionals with improving their vocational skills, including conversational English used for business, and assisting locally owned businesses with becoming more sustainable.

Communication with community members on this program is conducted in Spanish. If you are not fluent in Spanish, Spanish lessons will be required. These can be requested when you book onto the program. Simply speak to your Enrolment Manager to learn more.

Position Description

GVI's work is centred in supporting community development and preserving natural resources in the city and communities nearby Cusco. GVI works along with two main partners The Nature Conservancy (TNC) and Centro Bartolomé de las Casas (CBC), these organizations help us to contribute the most urgent needs of the indigenous communities within Cusco and the most pressing issues surrounding the natural resources of the Piuray lake.

Participants will be guided by GVI and CBC staff to assist local community members with enhancing their economic opportunities through promoting responsible tourism and other initiatives.

Long-term Objectives:

1. Creating greater awareness in the greater Cusco region of the importance of conserving the Piuray basin and Sacred Valley by using environmental education.
2. Facilitating the development of rural community ecotourism in the Piuray basin and Sacred Valley by supporting local community members to get involved.
3. Supporting local Cusco area community members in improving their English language, business, and life skills.
4. Contribute to improving the well-being of rural community members through local capacity building.
5. Supporting the development of green infrastructure in Piuray basin and Sacred Valley communities, including schools.

Student Profile

Students with experience working in cross-cultural settings and flexibility will be viewed favorably.

Time Frame

2 - 12 week options available.



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