



## **Field School Fellows Program**

Thank you for your interest in our summer Field School Fellows Program at Hospitalito Atitlán in Santiago Atitlan, Guatemala.

The Hospitalito Atitlan serves the Tz'utujil Maya community of Santiago Atitlán, as well as other communities in the Lake Atitlan area, by providing high-quality, affordable healthcare services.

Please see our website for more information: [www.hospitalitoatitlan.org](http://www.hospitalitoatitlan.org)

**Program Overview:** The Field School Fellows Program at the Hospitalito Atitlán is a six-week course offered between mid June and late July to advanced undergraduates and graduate students with an interest in cultural immersion and international work. The curriculum focuses on the history and culture of Guatemala and Santiago Atitlán in particular, and current health, security and social issues faced by the community. Discussion groups and field trips supplement lecture time.

The course is taught by an anthropologist and Tz'utujil scholar who is a regular lecturer at Harvard. Experts from the fields of anthropology, medicine and health, and community development will also hold lectures and lead discussion sessions. Students will come away with a deep understanding of a different culture, and new perspectives on international projects.

In addition to lecture time, students are matched with a volunteer project in the town. A list of potential projects will be presented to each student based on their skills and expressed interests, as well as on the host organization's needs. The student pursues one of these projects during their six weeks in Guatemala.

The curriculum is university-level, and academic credit can be obtained in partnership with the student's university. University costs may apply.

All class activities are held in English. Spanish and Tz'utujil language courses are also available in town as well as in other parts of the country before, during or after the course.

**Program Timeline:** June 20<sup>th</sup> – July 29<sup>th</sup>

**Costs:** The cost of the program is \$3,000 USD. This amount includes administrative and teaching costs, housing during your time in Santiago Atitlán, and transportation to and from the airport. Students are responsible for airfare, and other in-country personal expenses, including medical expenses.

If students choose to use this field experience for university credit, other costs – determined by the student’s home university and independent of the Hospitalito Atitlán – may apply.

We will hold several optional activities and excursions throughout the program and our staff would be happy to assist you in planning other travel or activities before, during, or after the course.

**Requirements:** While classes and discussion sessions are conducted in English, all participants must have a working knowledge of the Spanish language. Additionally all participants are strongly encouraged to carry US medical insurance, as well as International SOS insurance. We also ask that students are up-to-date on their standard US immunization schedule, as well as any other immunizations suggested by the CDC:

<http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/guatemala.aspx>

**To Apply:** The program generally accepts ten students each summer. Please attach:

1. unofficial transcripts,
2. a CV,
3. a 1-page statement of interest...

in an e-mail to [info@hospitalitoatitlan.org](mailto:info@hospitalitoatitlan.org)

Thanks again for your interest. Please be in touch at the above address with any questions.

