

TEACHING ASSISTANT NEEDED FOR ECUADORIAN SEMINAR/FIELD TRIP

The position of Teaching Assistant (TA) for the Undergraduate Seminar & Field Trip to Cuenca, Ecuador in the Spring Term and Summer Session of 2008 is now open. The TA will assist Dr. María Auxiliadora Cordero, Research Associate in the Department of Anthropology and Project Director for 2008, with the undergraduate interdisciplinary seminar in the Spring Term (January through April) and accompany the group to Ecuador in the Summer Session (approximately May 12-June 21).

Duties

Spring Term: Attend all seminar sessions, prepare bibliographies and other teaching materials, present lectures in the seminar as requested by the director, assist student participants with their research designs, provide information on the logistics of traveling and living in Ecuador, and other tasks as assigned by the project director.

Summer Session: Accompany the group to Ecuador where the TA will assist students with their research and cultural adaptation, assist with logistics of excursions, and organize a *despedida* for the host families, and other tasks as assigned.

The job requires 15 hours of work per week during the Spring Term. The assistant will accompany the group to Ecuador in the Summer Session. The TA also will be asked to participate in the selection of undergraduate participants (in October) and may be asked to assist in the evaluation of students' field work (in August).

Benefits

The recipient will be appointed as a **part-time** Teaching Assistant for the Spring Term (salary of \$5,432 plus fringe benefits and **full** tuition). In the Summer, the assistant will receive a one-time payment of \$2,750. The assistant will accompany the project director and student participants to Ecuador. His/her round-trip air fare, room/board (maximum of \$1,000), and other expenses directly related to the field trip will be paid by the Center.

Requirements

Only students currently enrolled in a graduate certificate program of the Center for Latin American Studies are eligible to apply.

Applicants should have taken courses about Latin America, have an excellent command of the Spanish language, be able to assist students with social science research methodology, and, ideally, have had field experience in Latin America. S/he should be well-organized, punctual, anticipate deadlines, and complete assignments accurately and thoroughly with minimal supervision.

Students who currently hold a FLASF, LASPPF, or GSA/TA/TF must relinquish that fellowship if they are offered the position of TA for the Seminar/Field Trip.

To Apply

Applicants should send a resume or curriculum vitae, one letter of recommendation from a Pitt faculty member, and an up-to-date copy of the transcript to: Shirley Kregar, Center for Latin American Studies, 4207 Wesley W. Posvar Hall, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA 15260. Clearly mark the application: TA for SEMINAR/FIELD TRIP

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS: SEPTEMBER 26, 2007