



NORMAN BORLAUG INSTITUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL AGRICULTURE
MSC L.T. JORDAN INSTITUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL AWARENESS
INTERNATIONAL SERVICE PROGRAM
Agricultural Development Service Program in Guatemala
Summer 2010



PURPOSE

The purpose of the MSC L.T. Jordan Institute for International Awareness International Service Program (ISP) is to provide an opportunity for Texas A&M University undergraduate students to gain meaningful cultural experience through a three-week, agriculture service-oriented program in Guatemala.

THE PROGRAM

The Borlaug Institute and The MSC L.T. Jordan Institute ISP shall arrange for:

1. Cross-cultural orientation to the customs, society, and government of the host country during the spring semester prior to participants' departure in the form of various orientation and planning seminars.
2. Living accommodations provided by the Borlaug Institute.
3. Service projects related to agricultural studies as available.
4. Frequent contact with a Texas A&M University faculty or staff member, or the in-country coordinator while in the country.
5. Air transportation to and from the country.
6. Group ground transfers (to and from the airport) within the country.

ELIGIBILITY

1. Currently enrolled undergraduate Texas A&M University students who are citizens/permanent residents of the United States. ***Students graduating prior to program's departure are ineligible to participate in ISP.***
2. Basic conversational ability in Spanish is preferred but not required.
3. A valid and current passport is required of all students prior to departure.
4. Students must have a demonstrated ability to function effectively in a cross-cultural environment and to uphold the image of TAMU as a world-class university.
5. Upon selection as a participant, the student must complete a contract and release form that includes all rules, regulations and requirements.

PROCESS

1. Applications are due **by 5:00 p.m. on October 28th** to the L.T. Jordan Institute office [*location*]
 - THREE COPIES OF YOUR APPLICATION** (including **3** copies of your essays)
 - TWO REFERENCE FORMS**: one from a professor and one from someone familiar with the applicant's leadership ability to act as a character reference. (If a freshman, high school teachers are acceptable references)
 - A **1 PAGE PERSONAL RESUMÉ** detailing extracurricular activities, work experience, and international experience
 - An official Texas A&M University **TRANSCRIPT** and unofficial transcripts from any other colleges and/or universities attended (Please keep in mind it takes at least 2 business days to receive an official transcript)
2. For further information about the Agricultural Development Service Program in Guatemala, please feel free to contact Kristin Krenz at kristink@tamu.edu or (210)317-0251 or Kathleen Karika at krkarika@tamu.edu or (321)759-0745
3. Applicants will be interviewed by three of more of the following representatives:
 - A. Program Founder Kristin Krenz
 - B. Program Founder Kathleen Karika
 - C. Senior Representative of the Norman Borlaug Institute
 - D. Director of the MSC L.T. Jordan Institute
4. Applicants shall be notified of the interview outcome by e-mail within five working days of the final interview.
5. After returning from the country, participants will be required to put together a trip report which will be presented to the Academy for Future International Leaders and the Borlaug Institute in the form of a Brown Bag Seminar.

FUNDING/FINANCING

The BORLAUG INSTITUTE and private donors will supplement the cost of the program, including in-country living accommodations, in-country transportation, and some food. Still, each participant will be required to pay a fee of **\$900** to cover airfare, health insurance, and all other food. This price is subject to change depending on airfare.

REQUIREMENTS

Participants must attend the orientation and planning seminars during the Spring 2010 Semester. Full participation in these orientation sessions is mandatory. Additionally, participants will be required to put together a trip report which will be presented to the Academy for Future International Leaders and the Borlaug Institute in the form of a Brown Bag Seminar. These seminars will be during the Fall 2010 semester.

PERSONAL DATA SHEET

**For Borlaug Institute and MSC L.T. Jordan Institute
Summer 2010 International Service Program Applicants
Agricultural Development Service Program in Guatemala**

PLEASE TYPE

1) Name Mr./Ms. _____
(Last) (First) (Middle or Maiden) (Preferred)

2) Local Address _____
(Street) (City and Zip Code) (Phone)

3) Permanent Address _____
(Street) (City)

(State) (Zip Code) (Phone)

4) Date of Birth _____ 5) Place of Birth _____ 6) Gender _____

7) Classification _____ 8) Major _____ 9) Minor _____

10) UIN# _____ 11) E-mail address _____

11) How did you hear about ISP? _____

I hereby acknowledge that the information stated in the Summer 2010 International Service Program Application is true to the best of my knowledge and give my permission for an authorized MSC staff to verify my GPR.

DATE: _____ Signature of Applicant: _____

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1) Is your GPR at least a 2.5?

YES NO

2) EDUCATION

List all colleges or universities attended.

| <u>Institution/City & State</u> | <u>Dates Attended</u> | | <u>Degree obtained/yr.</u> | <u>Major</u> |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------|----------------------------|--------------|
| | <u>From</u> | <u>To</u> | | |

3) INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE (if any)

List each country visited, precise period of stay and purpose of visit (i.e. study, travel, visiting relatives, etc.).

4) LANGUAGE COMPETENCY

What is your degree of fluency in Spanish? (Conversational? Written? Comprehension?)

- 6) What are your goals for the future, and how do you think ISP will help you achieve those goals? (300 word maximum)
- 7) Please describe a past experience in which you demonstrated leadership. (300 word maximum)
- 8) What do you believe you personally can contribute to this program? Do you foresee any obstacles for yourself? (300 word maximum)

9) **REFERENCES**

Please include **two** completed recommendation forms. One should be filled out by a professor and the other should be filled out by someone familiar with the applicant's leadership experience to serve as a character reference.

*Questions may be answered on a separate sheet of paper and attached to application.