

Mission Trip Application

Due to the Office of Campus Ministry
by November 4, 2016

Mission of the Program

In fidelity to the Gospel call to love others as Christ loves us, the goal of the CUA mission trips is to share in and learn from the lived experience of our brothers and sisters around the world. By sharing in the faith, work, and culture of those who welcome us, this experience becomes a life-changing moment in the participants' spiritual, educational, and emotional formation. This experience challenges participants to integrate the values of the Gospel and the social teachings of the Church into their lives and to encourage change in the lives of those around them.

- **Serve** with people and partner organizations who work every day to improve the lives of impoverished and marginalized people in their own communities.
- Build **community** within mission groups and begin to develop relationships with various communities around the world.
- Explore your own **faith** and spirituality and develop a deeper relationship with God.
- Live in **simplicity** so that participants can be in solidarity with the people whom they serve alongside.
- Examine issues of injustice and develop a life-long commitment to working for the common good.
- Complement class work with first hand experiences of life at the margins of society and exposure to the knowledge and insights of people they encounter.

service. community. faith. simplicity

Mission Locations

Spring Break, March 4 - 11, 2017:

Kingston, Jamaica: Practice ministry of presence with various populations while tutoring children, caring for abandoned elderly, and spending time with the marginalized through organizations such as the Missionaries of Charity. Cost: \$1,200.

East Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic: Volunteer with the Bernadine Franciscan Volunteers in Mission to help plan and implement lessons in a local elementary school and for adult education programs. Cost: \$1,200.

Congrejo, Dominican Republic: Volunteer with Mustard Seed Communities International. Get to know the children with various physical and intellectual disabilities who live within the Mustard Seed Community. Cost: \$1,200.

Phoenix, Arizona: Volunteer with Maggie's Place, a home for women and children. Spend time with the mothers and their children and help at the various homes within the Phoenix community. Cost: \$650.

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Summer Break, May 15-26, 2017

- **Punta Gorda, Belize:** Tutor in a local school and help with various manual labor projects in Punta Gorda. Cost: \$1,400
- **Las Cruces, NM:** Spend time learning about immigration, meeting those who are affected by the issue, and visiting various facilities that aid the immigrant community. Cost: \$1,400

Application Process

1. **Applications** are due on **Friday, November 4, 2016 by 5:00 pm** in the Campus Ministry Office located on the Ground Floor of Caldwell Hall. Please be sure to make an appointment for your interview when you turn in your application.
2. **Interviews** will take place on **Wednesday, November 9th and Thursday, November 10th**. Be sure to sign up for an interview when you submit your application.
3. Participants will be **notified** of selection via email on **Monday, November 14th**.

Academic Requirements

Summer Mission Trips will be required to take *Faith in Action: A Mission Experience, TRS 159*. The class will be held on **Mondays from 6:40-9:10 pm**. This is a **mandatory** requirement and cannot be waived. If you have questions or concerns about the class, please contact Amy Rowland at rowland@cua.edu.

Financial Commitment

Payments for all mission trips will be due in increments throughout the academic year. If you have financial concerns, please contact Amy Rowland at rowland@cua.edu.

Expectations

Spring Break:

- 4 mandatory Sunday formation meetings (every Sunday in February)
- Re-orientation/follow-up meetings and reunion upon return
- Martin Luther King Day of Service, January 16, 2017
- Overnight Mission Trip Retreat, February 3-4, 2017

Summer Break:

- Enroll in TRS 159 for Spring 2017 semester
- 3-4 pre-trip orientation & community building events
- Re-orientation/follow-up meetings and reunion upon return
- Martin Luther King Day of Service, January 16, 2017
- Overnight Mission Trip Retreat, February 3-4, 2017 (Belize only)

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Please review and initial the following statements:

_____ I certify that I am a student in good academic standing.

_____ I understand that a Mission Trip is a spiritual and educational experience and I am willing to actively participate in both educational and reflection activities.

_____ I understand that I am required to commit to all aspects of preparation, participation, and follow up.

_____ I agree to practice cultural humility, respecting the customs and culture of the host community.

_____ I understand that I may need to supply medical clearance from my physician.

_____ I understand that I will need to obtain a passport in order to travel internationally.

My signature below indicates that I understand agree to all requirements stated above if I am selected to participate in a Mission Trip.

(signature)

(date)

PLEASE PRINT

NAME (ON YOUR PASSPORT/ STATE ID): _____

NAME (YOU PREFER TO BE CALLED IF OTHER): _____

STUDENT ID # _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____

CELL PHONE: _____ EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

LOCAL ADDRESS: _____

SEX: M F

YEAR: FIRST SECOND THIRD FOURTH

DO YOU HAVE A VALID US PASSPORT? YES NO

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EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

NAME: _____

RELATIONSHIP: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

PLEASE CHECK WHICH TRIP(S) YOU ARE INTERESTED IN:

- SPRING BREAK (MAR. 4-11, 2017)
 SUMMER BREAK (MAY 15-26, 2017)
 ALL

LOCATION PREFERENCE: _____

DO YOU SPEAK ANOTHER LANGUAGE? YES NO

IF YES, WHAT LANGUAGE? _____

WHAT IS YOUR PROFICIENCY LEVEL? BEGINNER INTERMEDIATE CONVERSATIONAL FLUENT

SHORT ESSAY

Please answer each of the following questions in 100 words or less on a separate sheet of paper and stapled to the back of this page

1. Why would you like to go on a mission trip?
2. We grow from all of our experiences. How you would like to grow from this experience?
3. Mission trips are an opportunity to grow in relationship with God. How would you describe your faith life? What role will your faith play if you are chosen for a mission trip?
4. Feel free to add any additional information that may help us make our decision.

***Please make sure you sign-up for an interview time when you drop off your application.**

Applications will not be reviewed without a scheduled interview. *

If you have any questions please contact **Amy Rowland (rowland@cua.edu)**

or call **Campus Ministry at 202-319-5575.**