



SCHWAB FOUNDATION FIELD PLACEMENTS – Summer 2009

The Schwab Foundation has agreed to place teams of 2-3 Tufts students with their network social entrepreneurs in their countries of operation for 3-month internships/apprenticeships. During the students' time with the organizations, they will learn how a particular social entrepreneur runs his/her operation, get to know the target issue and community, and have the opportunity to design their own project while also working at the organization in their daily tasks. Essentially, students will get as much out of the opportunity as they invest in the opportunity. For those who are interested in these fields and in social entrepreneurship in general, the field placements are a good way to get first-hand experience in how these grassroots organizations operate.

Look at the brochure (link attached), and think about which organization fits your interests. Please note some IMPORTANT questions to consider when browsing through the handbook:

1. Why are you interested in the area of activity of this social enterprise?
2. What can you gain from the experience? What would be your desired outcomes? (Basically, why would a summer with one of these social entrepreneurs be a valuable personal/professional/academic development experience for you?)
3. What can you contribute to the organization during your 3 months there? Tangible outcomes could be a resource guide for the organization, etc. But know that you might be doing other work for the social entrepreneur in addition to this
4. What specific skills do you have that fits the needs of the organization? Language proficiency, computer skills, web design, etc (it is not required, but some regions require language competency, such as Latin America and parts of Asia)
5. Who could you work with? Are you part of a club or class where you have colleagues that would also be interested in your area of interest and organizations? Start finding these people now, so that as a team, you all can develop the application together.

Requirements:

Students must work in teams of 2 or 3

Application:

All students must submit a resume/CV (individual), list of top 3 choices, statement of intent (as a team), timeline, proposed budget, and letter of recommendation (that speaks to the team's qualifications) to Empower.IGL@tufts.edu. Please specify if your team is or is not seeking Empower funding. If seeking Empower funding, please note any additional sources of funding that you plan to pursue.

Due: March 13, 2009

To learn about the Schwab Foundation Social Entrepreneurs visit: www.schwabfound.org

Questions?: Please email: Empower.IGL@gmail.com