

# Leavey School of Business, SCU

## Global Fellows Program

### Placement

**Name of organization & website URL:**

Bolivia 4WARD

<http://ahaboliviaprojects.blogspot.com/>

**Location of Organization:**

- Country: Bolivia
- Region: Cochabamba

**Description of organization (history, mission, focus):**

Help to direct and expand Bolivia 4WARD, a program dedicated to broadening the educational opportunities for children in Cochabamba through online learning platforms.

Bolivia 4WARD was established by Anna Hosbein and her company, AHA Bolivia, in the summer of 2013. It grew from the socially responsible mission of her business when her artisans told her that their children were struggling with the dysfunctional and demanding Bolivian school system. Anna, inspired by Salman Khan's *One World Schoolhouse*, decided to implement her own Khan Academy class for the children of her artisans. Almost 100 students attended the pilot class that summer, and since then Bolivia 4WARD has only grown. Now, Bolivia 4WARD is a year-round program that has taught students from a local orphanage, social wellness program, and other citizens of Cochabamba in both math and English. However, Bolivia 4WARD is looking to expand its impact even further with more classes, more teachers, and more course offerings.

**How many interns can you accommodate?**

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**Please Answer the Following Questions for EACH Available Job:**

1. Job Description: What will the student intern be doing?  
As a small and still budding project, Bolivia 4WARD offers a hands-on and important decision making experience for all of its interns. Interns would perform a variety of roles for the program, including:
  - Teaching classes
  - Researching online education
  - Starting local programs
  - Investigating financial viability
2. Is there any compensation associated with the internship? No
3. What helpful talents and/or skills should the student intern possess, if any, including major (business, engineering, etc.)
  - Open to all majors
    - Basic Spanish skills a plus
    - Proactive work ethic
    - Engaging personality

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- Works well with kids

#### 4. What would a typical day be like?

The day-to-day activities (five days a week) of interns will change according to the program's needs and growth, but all of that experience will also be used to inform each intern's role as part of the executive team that determines the direction of the program.

These are specific positions we would like to fill during summer 2018. This is in addition to the above descriptions.

*Science experiment coordinator:* During the 2017 Santa Clara internship, one of our interns brought different materials to carry out science experiments during the classroom session. This was an extremely popular project and we would like to continue with another student this year who could design and carry out science projects for the students during their classes. We have some materials and you will be able to talk to our 2017 interns who will give you a good idea about possible science projects you can carry out.

*Financial accounts and fundraiser coordinator:* This student would be responsible for managing the program's budget as well as for carrying out different fundraising activities or go-fund me campaigns. The funds raised during the internship period will go to helping Bolivia4ward expand. Last year's interns managed to raise \$3,000, enough to buy a brand new fridge, a washing machine, and a pair of shoes for the 23 girls in the orphanage. <https://vimeo.com/231620709>

*Spanish speaker:* At least one of our interns needs to have a good grasp of the Spanish language. This person will be crucial in coordinating the project with our artisans, orphanages, and the other groups we work with. This person will need to be a good communicator and needs to be organized and have excel skills. This person will also carry out interviews and compile data on the ongoing project and from previous years.

#### **What is your preference for dates?**

(Fellows are expected to spend 6 to 8 weeks working with an organization)

End of June through Beginning of August

#### **What is appropriate attire for internship (office) and within your region?**

Casual attire- winter in Bolivia – bring a variety of layers

#### **If there is a mandatory language requirement, what language and how fluent must the fellow be?**

Familiarity with Spanish – fluency not necessary

### **LOGISTICS**

#### **What is the nearest airport?**

- Fly into Santa Cruz or La Paz and then fly into Cochabamba

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#### **What are housing options and costs?**

Housing will be homestay and will be arranged

#### **Please provide an estimate of other costs/week that the interns will need to pay for themselves**

\$160/week for room & board and administrative costs

All payment to be made up front for full stay

- Transportation (to and from airport, during the day) – will be picked up

#### **What is the weather like between late June and early September?**

Winter in Bolivia is similar to a dry California winter – evenings are cool

Bring layers

#### **What are some possible weekend excursions/activities for young people?**

Winter Solstice with Andean ceremony

Tropical region of Chapare

Trips to the Altiplano

Salar de Uyuni

#### **Any other helpful descriptions and comments:**

Bolivia is a unique country – one of two Latin countries (Guatemala) that are still predominantly indigenous. Makes it interesting from a political, cultural and social perspective....it is a living culture.

To travel to Bolivia

Will need yellow fever vaccination before you leave

Placement will work with you for visa information