How ISA Service-Learning Works

1. Getting Started
Choose your program
Full-Time Service-Learning:
• Serve 20-25 hours per week
Study + Service-Learning Programs:
• 5-10 hours per week alongside your ISA Academic program

Choose your location
• Australia
• Chile
• Costa Rica
• Dominican Republic
• Ireland
• Morocco
• New Zealand
• Peru
• South Africa
• Spain

Select your placement preferences
Identify partner organizations in your location within six different community sectors, including: Community Development, Education, Environment, Family & Youth Development, Health, and Human Rights.

2. Apply
Online application
Complete the online application and submit the non-refundable $95 application deposit (applied toward the total program cost).

Additional application materials
Submit the following materials by the application deadline:
• Cover letter
• Résumé
• Official transcript(s)
• Advisor Approval Form
• Student Basics Form

3. Interview & Advising Session
Upon acceptance, you will schedule a 30-45 minute Interview and Advising Session via phone with our Service-Learning Placement Coordinator. During this conversation, we will test your language level (if applicable) and discuss your interests, relevant experience, and goals as well as your placement preferences and program expectations.

4. Before You Leave
In order to better prepare you for your service-learning program, we provide you with the following resources:
• Self-guided online orientation
• Placement Confirmation
• Pre-Departure Orientation Webinar
• Pre-Departure Reflection Assignments

Placement confirmation
Confirmation of your placement with a local organization is provided about 4 weeks prior to departure. Your confirmation will include a description of your host organization, potential responsibilities, and tentative schedule.

5. Once You Arrive
ISA provides guided cultural immersion into your host country by:
• Presenting the Bridging Cultures Program on-site orientation
• Orienting you within the city through a City Tour with your fellow service-learners
• Connecting you to your host organization supervisor

6. Throughout The Program
Cross-cultural mentorship
Your on-site Service-Learning Coordinator will serve as your “cultural guide” throughout your time abroad. They will facilitate group discussions with you and your fellow service-learners to check in and discuss service-learning concepts and share experiences.

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