

InterDom Program Guide

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Dear Student,

The decision to participate in an internship or research program in the Dominican Republic could be a very important one that leads to many opportunities. The Dominican Republic is a focal point for students, professionals and academics interested in studying and exploring the Caribbean through a variety of historical and contemporary lenses: from the founding of the continent and the indigenous, African and European roots to the socioeconomic diversity and politics of the region. The opportunities for those interested in environmental protection, international business, sustainable development, multimedia, film and public administration are endless.

The Global Foundation for Democracy and Development (GFDD) and its sister institution in the Dominican Republic, Fundación Global Democracia y Desarrollo (FUNGLODE), are committed to generating a platform for research and academic exchanges to take place. InterDom is one of the answers to these remarkable efforts. InterDom is an atypical model of academic and cultural exchange that impacts all who participate in it: students willing to engage in a challenging professional learning experience, organizations motivated to improve their internship programs, and educators interested in internationalizing their class curriculum.

The InterDom Program Guide is a tool that will help you learn about the InterDom program, select the most suitable components and prepare your application. Students may always take college courses and combine them with a professional internship experience, which is the closest thing to the real life study and work experience of a Dominican student. The program is available year-round.

Students participating in the program are easily immersed in the local culture as program collaborators receive training on how to maximize the experience for participants. In this guide you will learn about the internships offered by affiliated organizations, and how they are preparing to provide better opportunities for international and local students alike.

The option to be lodged in centrally-located apartments with easy access to public transportation, wireless internet and the Juan Bosch library and just steps away from InterDom's student life office is just one advantage of selecting the InterDom program. The location also provides access to seminars and workshops with local and international experts related each student's area of study.

A multi-disciplinary team located in three regional offices in Santo Domingo, New York and Washington D.C. will help you design a personalized program that will correspond to your vision and interests. Thank you for your interest in InterDom and in contributing to enriching the region with the oldest and most dynamic history of cultural exchange.

We hope to see you in Santo Domingo soon,



Yamile Eusebio
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Internships, Research, and Study Abroad in the Dominican Republic



University of Rhode Island students explore La Vega with their Political Science professors for a January Term course.

Since it was established in 2005 by Global Foundation for Democracy and Development (GFDD) and Fundación Global Democracia y Desarrollo (FUNGLODE), InterDom has become the leading internship, research and academic program in the Caribbean.

InterDom promotes professional, academic and cultural exchange between students, universities, scholars, professionals, businesses and nongovernmental organizations on a national and international scale. The Program provides spaces for personal and professional growth, and international and multicultural exchange, while at the same time contributing to the development of the nation's economy and the advancement of academic research.

InterDom offers many program options to fit students', professors' and universities' professional and academic needs. At InterDom, the key word is flexibility. We tailor our programs to make sure that they adequately serve the intern and/or institution in regards to content, time frame and logistical considerations. For undergraduate, gap-year and graduate students, the program consists of an internship experience with a private, public or nongovernmental institution and optional enrollment in at least one course at the Universidad Iberoamericana (UNIBE) or the Instituto Global de Altos Estudios en Ciencias Sociales (IGlobal). Participants in our program also have the opportunity to combine their internships with courses in Spanish as a Foreign Language. Furthermore, InterDom interns may take courses to earn credits transferable to interns' home university.

InterDom is committed to research, as well as to participants' academic and professional development, and through the Fellows Program, Masters and PhD candidates, as well as academics and professors, have the opportunity to develop research on the Dominican Republic's attainment of the United Nations Millennium Development Goals. Program staff assists in the development of this and any other personal research that participants are interested in conducting. We also help to arrange interviews with experts in your field of study and provide access to the Juan Bosch Library - the largest and most comprehensive collection of research and literature in the Caribbean.

Through the InterDom program, students have the opportunity to network with important Dominican professional and political figures through activities and events at FUNGLODE. InterDom encourages interns to attend any and all events of interest in order to take advantage of the opportunity to meet national and international leaders in a variety of fields. Via excursions and social and cultural activities, participants can also interact with key cultural actors, get a taste of local culture and experience the country's natural beauty and cultural wealth.

About GFDD and FUNGLODE

Global Foundation for Democracy and Development (GFDD) is a non-profit, organization dedicated to promoting collaboration between organizations in the United States and the Dominican Republic with an aim to study, research, enhance public understanding, design public policies, devise strategies, offer capacity building, and foster exchange in the areas crucial for the social, economic and democratic development of the Dominican Republic, Caribbean and Latin America.

GFDD accomplishes its goals through research projects, training programs, academic exchange programs, publications, seminars and conferences, as well as joint US-DR task force efforts and development programs. It encourages intellectual and professional development of Dominican professionals, in the country and abroad, while working to offer viable action plans and solutions to domestic problems for the benefit of Dominicans residing in the Dominican Republic, the United States and Latin America.

GFDD is the US sister organization of Fundación Global Democracia y Desarrollo (FUNGLODE), based in the Dominican Republic. FUNGLODE was created by Dr. Leonel Fernández in the year 2000, at the end of his first presidential mandate. Upon resuming his duties as President of the Dominican Republic in August 2004, Dr. Fernandez became the Honorary President of the institution.

FUNGLODE is a think-tank which boasts more than 25 research centers and hosts academic programs, conferences, workshops, and seminars for both local and international participants in a wide range of topics related to the social, economic and political development of the Dominican Republic.



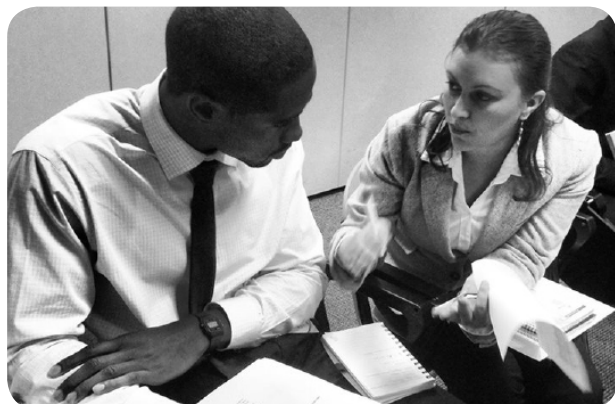
FUNGLODE and GFDD were created as a result of President Fernandez's desire to contribute to the social, economic, and democratic development of his home country and the Region, particularly by promoting international collaboration and exchange in order to advance the level of public debate, inform public opinion, train more qualified human resources, and achieve sounder public policies.

To learn more about GFDD and FUNGLODE, you can visit their websites at:

www.globalfoundationdd.org and www.funglode.org

Internships with InterDom

InterDom coordinates internships and research opportunities for undergraduate, gap-year and graduate students with private, public and non-governmental institutions in any subject area, depending on the participant's field of study and career aspirations. InterDom is unique in that it works extensively with students and employers to develop internships that coincide with both the professional and academic interests of the students, and the professional needs of the host organization. Interns may work in more than one organization anywhere from 18-30 hours per week, depending on his/her program schedule.



Intern Ikenna Okoro discusses his internship with his supervisor on Business Day.

InterDom works with over 300 institutions in the Dominican Republic to create internship opportunities suitable for international interns, and internship placement is ruled by InterDom's mantra of flexibility and creativity. Descriptions of past internship placements are regularly posted on the Program's website, but most are tailored to the particular interests of the applicant. By law, all internships in the Dominican Republic are unpaid, but many of the organizations with which InterDom work offer students extra incentives such as medical insurance, a meal stipend or transportation to and from work to help alleviate costs.

Upon receiving an application, InterDom staff evaluates the applicant and his/her interests and capabilities in detail, matching them with the corresponding needs of an organization affiliated to the program. As part of the internship assignment process, InterDom conducts an extensive series of interviews to ensure optimal placement and to help guide students in their resume-building and interviewing career development strategies.

Prior to the start of each program, all participants receive an internship proposal containing details about the internship and host institution and then have the opportunity to make comments and recommendations in order to further refine the proposal to meet his/her needs and expectations. Once the internship contract is approved, interns receive a pre-departure guide, which includes information concerning cultural orientation and housing (if staying in InterDom housing), how to pack and what to expect upon arrival in the Dominican Republic.

During the orientation process at the beginning of the program, students meet their internship supervisors at the Business Day meeting. During these meetings, program representatives work with interns and employers to further define the role of the intern in the development of target projects. At this time, students and employers also sign Learning Contracts that delineate the responsibility of the student, the host institution and the InterDom Program in order to guarantee that the internships are beneficial for both the intern and the employer.

In order to ensure that collaboration is positive and productive, InterDom assesses the participation of both interns and organizations periodically throughout the duration of the internship. Student attendance and motivation and active support from host institutions are evaluated. Constant involvement on the part of InterDom assures that all parties are aware of one another's expectations and allows for more rewarding experiences.



Intern Rafael Payano meets his internship supervisors during Business Day.

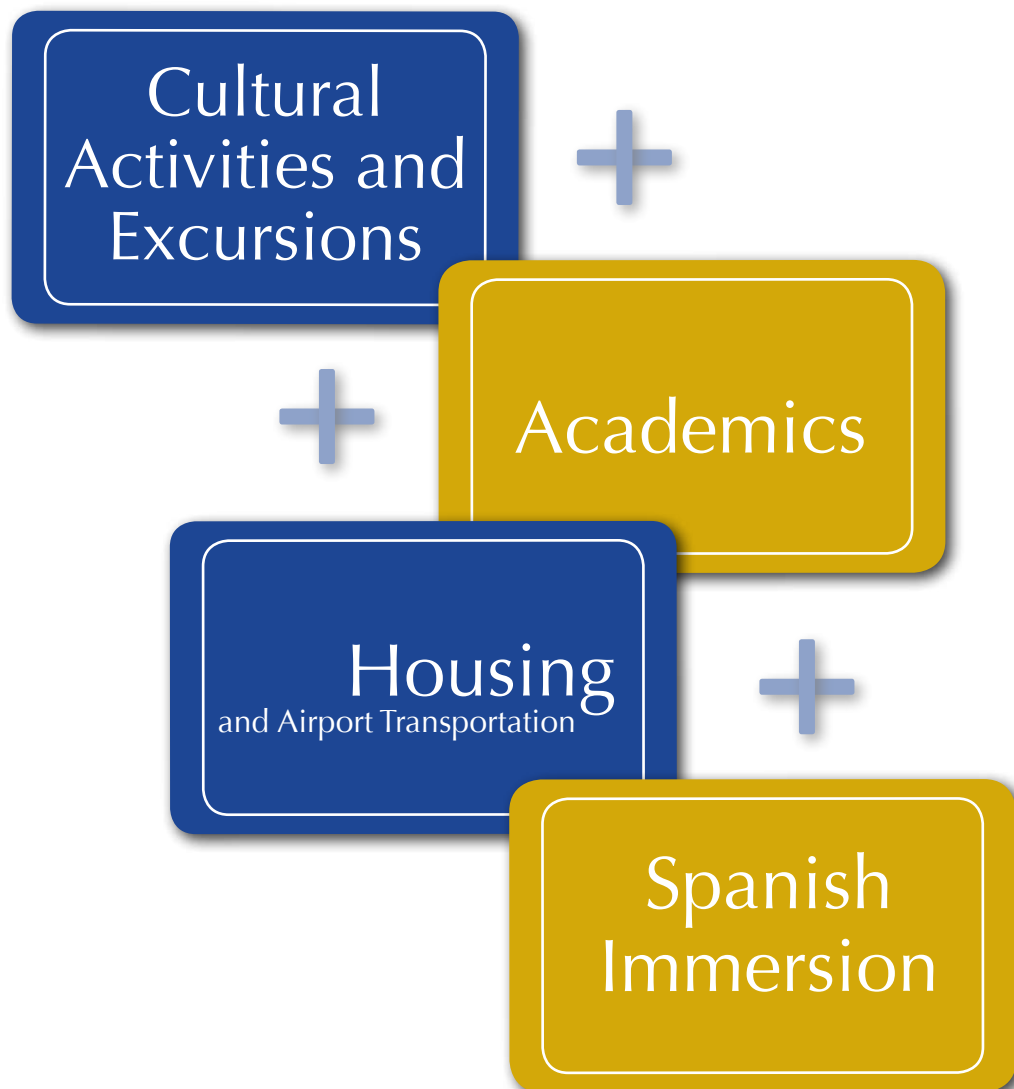
Build Your Program in the Dominican Republic with InteRDom

Undergraduate, Gap-Year and Graduate students can work with InteRDom to select from the many program features to construct a program which corresponds to their individual study abroad preferences.

While InteRDom recommends that students participate in all program features in order to receive a complete immersion experience, it understands the limitations that today's modern student faces, and strives to offer opportunities for all to have a life-changing study and/or professional experience in the Dominican Republic.

Programs begin in January, June, and September of each year, and students may select from summer, semester and year-long options.

On the following page you can begin to build your program with the specialized worksheet.



Build Your Program Worksheet Sample



All InterDom programs are tailored to the individual interests of participants. You can build your program in the Dominican Republic by checking all of the components that you would like to include on this worksheet. All component descriptions can be found in the InterDom Program Guide. Tally it up at the bottom and we'll start working with you to help you reach your goals!

Name: _____

Program Selected:

Summer Program

☐ Semester Program

☐ Year-long Program

Desired Travel Dates:

Start Date

End Date

Mandatory application and program base fee:

(\$150 application fee and \$350 upon acceptance to the program)

Internship placement in the field of your choice, follow-up and support during your internship, local medical insurance, in-country orientation, welcome and closing meals.

☒ \$500

Cultural activities and excursions:

(2 local, 2 country-wide activities)

☐ \$350

Airport transportation:

(round-trip)

☐ \$60

Apartment-style housing:

(subject to availability)

Private bedroom:

10 weeks

15 weeks

☐ \$1,300

☐ \$2,000

Shared bedroom:

10 weeks

15 weeks

☐ \$1,000

☐ \$1,500

Cost per additional week:

I would like housing for _____

\$140/week
additional weeks

Enrollment in UNIBE coursework (mandatory base fee):

Per course fee (up to 4 credits)

I would like to enroll in _____

☐ \$400
\$600 per course
courses

GRAND TOTAL: _____

Fee Structure

The cost of the base program includes:

- Application and placement
- In-country orientation process
- Access to FUNGLODE's research library and all activities
- Local medical insurance
- Welcome and closing meals

Additional program add-ons:

- Arrival and departure transfers to/from airport
- Private apartment housing
- A/C in bedroom (USD \$100.00 per month)
- Excursions and cultural visits
- Personalized academic study program at UNIBE and/or FUNGLODE, in accordance with the field of study/interests

The student is responsible for:

- Meals
- Airfare
- Daily transportation from the housing to the internship sites (*)
- Other personal expenses

Program base fees are non-refundable and are due upon the student's acceptance and placement to the program.

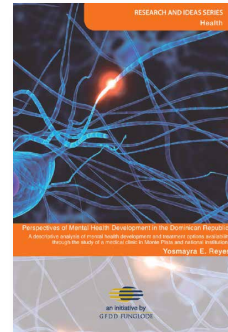
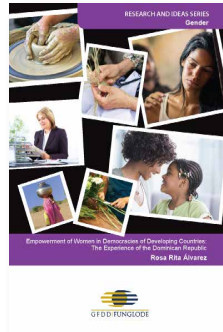
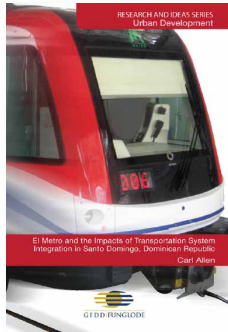
All students are required to pay a portion of the total cost at least 20 days before traveling by check or money order payable to Global Foundation for Democracy and Development. Please mail your payment to: **780 Third Avenue, 19th Floor. New York, NY 10017**

(*) Some organizations offer transportation, meals or medical insurance as a benefit to the students. If medical insurance is offered, it will be discounted from the fees.

(**) All courses taken at UNIBE are transferable to the student's home institution. Credit is offered in accordance with the student's home university's criteria and must be advised at least 60 days before the start of the program.

The Fellows Program

The Fellows Program is for M.S., M.A. and Ph.D. candidates interested in conducting high-level research in the Dominican Republic on global issues of national concern. The final output of the semester-long period of research will be a report of approximately 15 pages including empirical data. Fellows will realize research in coordination with InterDom staff and other FUNGLODE and GFDD representatives, appointed advisors and their university professors, and exemplary work will have the opportunity to be presented before the United Nations community on behalf of FUNGLODE and GFDD.



Exceptional work is published in English and Spanish in book format through GFDD's Research and Ideas Series. The books are presented in Santo Domingo and New York at GFDD sponsored events.



**For more information, to request the Fellows Guide
or to apply, visit:**
www.drfellowsprogram.org



Harvard Fellow Carl Allen presents his research to President Leonel Fernández at FUNGLODE



Columbia Fellow Yosmayra Reyes with her two national advisers and the GFDD Fellows Program Director, Yamile Eusebio.

Academics

Students interested in adding an academic component to their internship or research program have the opportunity to enroll in wide array of academic courses in Spanish and English (*depending on seasonal availability) at InteRDom's partner university, the Universidad Iberoamericana (UNIBE). Students have the option of registering for course offerings in the following disciplines: Art, Business, Communications, Education, Engineering, Environmental Studies, History, Information and Communication Technologies, Law, Medicine and Psychology. Graduate students may also enroll in courses in Public Administration, Political Science for Development, Urban Sustainable Development, State Administration Law, Medicine, and Business Administration at the Global Institute for Higher Studies in Social Sciences (iGlobal).



Interns explore the country's culture and geography in the Contemporary Caribbean Culture class.

All credits garnered from the courses can be transferred to the student's home university, pending the home university's approval. In order to enroll in courses, the student must first request a full course listing from the InteRDom Admissions Coordinator and decided, together with his or her advisor, which courses would complement the student's academic development. He or she may then request a syllabus to submit to the home university for approval before enrolling.

InteRDom also offers specialized Spanish as a Foreign Language one-on-one and small group classes, and during the Caribbean Summer Program, it offers a unique course tailored to InteRDom students on Dominican culture and identity.

Contemporary Caribbean Culture

The course explores the history and culture of the Spanish-speaking Caribbean. Students examine themes related to colonialism and popular culture and discuss the real and fictitious elements that characterize modern ideas of what constitutes Caribbean culture. Class participants analyze primary source readings and develop command of theories and paradigms used to deconstruct discourse, text and other materials. Instruction focuses on the micro history of the Caribbean; commercial strategies based on concepts of race, identity and gender; and Caribbean mythology, explored through the analysis of songs, short stories and poetry. Class topics are examined within the following theoretical frameworks: deconstructionism, Foucault, textual studies, gender studies, feminism, ethnic theory, studies of race, negritude, Caribbeanist discourse, semiotics and linguistics. **Available only during summer program.**

Spanish as a Foreign Language

InteRDom offers two options to students looking to improve their Spanish language skills. For those seeking academic credit for their Spanish lessons, basic, intermediate and advanced Spanish courses are offered at UNIBE. Course instruction is designed to increase competency in the areas of reading, writing, listening comprehension and oral expression. By the end of the course, students gain the capacity to comprehend spoken Spanish to a greater extent, carry-out conversations on a variety of subjects, and construct simple and complex orations in the present, past and future tenses. Lessons emphasize real life situations and revolve around activities such as debates, role playing, reading and writing assignments, and game-based teaching strategies, which allow students to apply their acquired knowledge of vocabulary and grammatical structure.

For those students who are not seeking academic credit, InteRDom will support you in placing you and finding the perfect match between your budget and local offers. This a great opportunity to master Spanish language skills and to mingle with other international students. For those students participating in a program that does not include academic credits, these lessons carry an additional cost.

Studying at UNIBE

Established in 1982 in the heart of the nation's capital, Universidad Iberoamericana (UNIBE) has grown to become the most prestigious university in the Dominican Republic. A mid-sized university with a student body of approximately 3,000, UNIBE boasts the most competitive Dental and Psychology programs in the country. Built on one of Rafael Trujillo's estates, the campus features Romanesque architecture, as well as modern facilities, which include a gymnasium, video conference rooms, a state-of-the-art library and modern laboratories. With its competitive academic programs and attractive student amenities, UNIBE yields the highest rate of international student enrollment in the Dominican Republic, priding itself on its international appeal. Visit UNIBE's website at: www.unibe.edu.do for more information about academic programs.



Studying at Instituto Global

The Global Institute for Higher Studies in Social Sciences (Instituto Global de Altos Estudios en Ciencias Sociales or IGlobal) began as a program in



FUNGLODE in 2006 to develop, together with international universities and institutions, quality graduate programs in the Dominican Republic that would serve the need in the country to train public servants and political scientists as well as to implement high-quality graduate-level research. The Instituto Global accepted its first students as an incorporated university in 2009, and remains housed within the auspices of FUNGLODE. Students may enroll in courses in any one of the five current Master's programs: Public Administration, Electricity Regulation, Security Management, Crisis and Emergency, State Administration Law, and Political Science for Development, as well as in special courses tailored to InteRDom students. Visit their website to read more about their programs: www.iglobal.edu.do

Events at FUNGLODE

InteRDom interns and fellows are granted the opportunity to attend most of the conferences and seminars that take place at FUNGLODE. Events featuring prominent national and international speakers are held frequently, and center on a variety of themes such as: democracy, sustainable development, foreign affairs, education, information and communications technology, environmental preservation and management and culture. Information can be obtained about upcoming events both on FUNGLODE's website: www.funglode.org and at FUNGLODE's reception desk.



Access to the Juan Bosch Library

All InteRDom participants have complete access to Fundación Global Democracia y Desarrollo's Juan Bosch Library (formerly the Center for Documentation and Knowledge Management), one of the most comprehensive centers for research in the Caribbean. The library offers a wide array of publications in print, electronic and digital formats on topics such as: political theory, political institutions, public administration, local government, municipal government, colonies and colonization, migration and immigration, international law, international relations, statistics, economics, transportation and communications, commerce, finance, sociology, social history, social assistance, criminology, socialism, communism and anarchism. Library passes, as well as information about hours and regulations, are distributed during a tour of the research center during orientation week.

Cultural Activities



Students may opt to participate in ex-cursions in various locations through the country to expose them to the culture and ecology of the Dominican Republic. These gatherings may also provide a prime opportunity for interns to meet community members and learn about special projects. The cultural activities and excursions listed below are a sampling of the many different activities that InterDom promotes, and are subject to change seasonally.

InterDom interns on a guided tour of an organic cacao farm.

Sample of country-wide excursions

Ebano Verde: A hike through the scientific reserve in the highest mountain range in the Dominican Republic to study the Ebano verde, a rare magnolia that exists only in the DR, as well as other rainforest vegetation and wildlife.

Altos de Chavón and Cueva de las Maravillas: A visit to the cultural and artistic center at Altos de Chavon to visit the museum on the Caribbean's indigenous heritage, followed by a tour of the Cueva de las Maravillas, an 800-square-meter cave about 25 meters below ground that features some of the most intricate indigenous cave drawings in the Caribbean.

Mirabal Sisters Museum and Centro León: Students visit the museum home of the three sisters who were prominent in the movement against Dominican dictator General Rafael Leonidas Trujillo, as well as Centro León, one of the newest and most comprehensive artistic and anthropological museums in the Dominican Republic.

Cacao Tour: A guided tour given by experts through the entire process of organic chocolate-making, from the sow-ing of seeds all the way through to the packaging of the final product.

Local Cultural Activities

- Tour of the Colonial Zone
- Botanical Gardens
- Theater
- Movie night
- Museum visits
- Baseball game
- And more...

The cost to add this feature to your program is: **\$350**
(includes 2 local and 2 country-wide activities)

* Activities are included as a package and cannot be divided and/or paid for individually.



InterDom interns at Plaza España, Colonial Zone.

Housing

InterDom offers modern and comfortable student residences with wireless Internet, strategically located minutes away from historic and cultural zones and within walking distance to public transportation. The housing is apartment-style, with students sharing common areas, and is administered and maintained by FUNGLODE staff. There is 24-hour security in the building, and it is located just across the street from the headquarters of FUNGLODE.

Air conditioning is available upon availability/request.



The cost to add housing to your program starts at: **\$1,000**

See the Build Your Program Worksheet for price breakdown

* Housing is subject to availability.

Funding Opportunities

There are many financial aid, loan and scholarship opportunities available to students who begin their search for funding with enough time before interning abroad. We recommend that students first go to the Career Services, Study Abroad, Financial Services and department heads of their respective universities to discuss what funding options are available for students planning an international experience.

In addition to university-specific funding opportunities, we also recommend that students look into the following options:

- Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program: www.iie.org/gilman
- Fulbright Program for US Students: www.us.fulbrightonline.org/home.html
- Rotary International Ambassador Scholarship:
www.rotary.org/en/StudentsAndYouth/EducationalPrograms/AmbassadorialScholarships/Pages/ridefault.aspx
- Boren Scholarship and Fellowship: www.borenawards.org/
- Federal Pell Grants: www.ed.gov/programs/fpg
- Federal Supplemental Education Opportunity Grants: www.ed.gov/programs/fseog

You may also use one of the following search engines to encounter more specific scholarship awards:

- www.iefaf.org
- www.fastweb.com
- www.studyabroadfunding.org
- www.supercollege.com
- www.staff.lib.msu.edu/harris23/grants/index.htm

Many students find that they feel more fulfilled by their international experience if they take the time to raise the money to travel themselves. Many times students find family members, community groups and/or religious groups to sponsor them, or use various fundraising techniques to save enough funds to travel. The following website offers some helpful fundraising tips:

www.afsusa.org/study-abroad/scholarships/fundraising/

You may also conduct online fundraising through sites like

www.crowdrise.com and www.youcaring.org

Apply to InterDom

You can apply to the InterDom Program by filling out the application form on the **website** and including an updated copy of your resume and cover letter. The cover letter should include your reasons for wanting to travel to the Dominican Republic, your specific professional interests and your plan for how you will fund your experience. After receipt of these documents, the admissions process can officially begin.

After the initial telephone interview, if you wish to continue with the application process, you will need to submit the following documentation in order to be formally accepted.

- InterDom Enrollment Form
- Official transcript
- 1 letter of recommendation from a professor and/or employer
- UNIBE Enrollment Form (if necessary)
- 1 copy of your passport
- 4 original 2x2 passport-style photographs
- Certificate of Good Conduct (or background check) from your local police precinct
- Medical History and Physician's Form
- \$150 application fee

We suggest that applicants possess a basic to intermediate proficiency in the Spanish language to apply.

The application period closes approximately 2 months prior to the start date of the program.

Apply Now!

<http://apply.interdominternships.org/>

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