

### ACCOMODATIONS AND FACILITIES

Participants in InteRDom programs are provided with comfortable residences, access to modern facilities and technology and a comprehensive follow-up and support agenda throughout the internship experience. Cultural excursions and get-togethers are coordinated in order to further immerse participants in Caribbean culture, and to provide interaction with key societal actors and access to communities, as well as exposure to the country's natural beauty and artistic wealth.

### INTERNSHIP CERTIFICATION SEMINAR

InteRDom serves professionals and organizations of the public, private and nonprofit sectors in the Dominican Republic through the Internship Certification Seminar, a workshop given three times a year which instructs participants in the best practices to implement and/or improve effective and beneficial internship departments in their respective organizations. To date, some 45 organizations have been certified through the program.

In addition, the InteRDom program has working relations with over 500 Dominican and international organizations. Affiliated organizations also collaborate with InteRDom on other initiatives such as lectures, short programs, joint projects and Caribbean seminars.

### Testimonials



"The internship program InteRDom of the Global Foundation for Democracy and Development has had a very positive impact because it has given us the opportunity to organize and open what will be an ongoing [internship] program in the institution and to continue to work with InteRDom to give the same opportunities to other interns that will come in the future." -- **Pedro José Castillo Rodríguez**- Human Resources Manager, Banco Nacional de Fomento de la Vivienda y la Producción (BNV)



"[The experience] completely exceeded my expectations. The cultural knowledge and experiences I gained here far surpass any class I've ever taken. I've made lifelong friends and countless memories that I will hold onto for the rest of my life." -- **Ryan Cowen**, University of Rhode Island, Expert in the Spanish Caribbean 2011 program participant



"This experience has been amazing... I think that the Dominican Republic is a fantastic option for students looking to do work in a developing country that has a people that are so welcoming and so interested in interacting with Americans, and also has the infrastructure ready for them to actually make an impact. It is noteworthy that a student on a project here or in an internship can have a direct impact on the people that he/she is working with, and also receives some great mentoring from professionals in their field of choice on an international scale." -- **Amber Graham**, Senior Assistant Director, Career Center, University of Rochester



### InteRDom Alumni Hail From...

- Amherst University
- Baruch College
- Baylor University
- Boston College
- Boston University
- Brandeis University
- Brooklyn College
- Brown University
- City College of New York
- Columbia University
- Cornell University
- Dartmouth College
- Florida International University
- Fordham University
- Georgetown University
- George Washington University
- Harvard University Kennedy School
- Ithaca College
- Johns Hopkins University
- Lafayette University
- Long Island University
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)
- Monterey Institute of International Studies
- Newcastle University
- Pace University
- Paris II
- Queens College
- Rutgers University
- San José State University
- Sciences Po
- Seton Hall University
- Smith College
- St. Mary's College of Maryland
- Stony Brook University
- SUNY Buffalo College
- SUNY New Paltz
- The New School
- Tio University of Applied Science
- University of Georgia School of Law
- University of Rhode Island
- Universidad Tecnológica Nacional- Facultad Regional Córdoba
- Washington & Lee University
- Wesleyan University
- Western Michigan University
- Yale University

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**INTERNSHIP, RESEARCH, STUDY ABROAD**

InteRDom is the premier internship, research and study program in the Dominican Republic. It provides students, professors, academics and professionals a platform for exchange and collaboration, promoting research and development in the Dominican Republic and the Caribbean region.

**Mission**

InteRDom fosters and promotes professional, academic, scientific, technological and cultural exchange of students and professionals in public, private and non-profit organizations of the Dominican Republic. It significantly contributes to the development of the nation's employment sector and the advancement of academic research. InteRDom provides opportunities for personal and professional growth, internationalization and multicultural understanding.

**History**

InteRDom was created by Global Foundation for Democracy and Development (GFDD) and Fundación Global Democracia y Desarrollo (FUNGLODE) in 2005 as part of their mission to contribute to the social, economic, and democratic development of the Dominican Republic and the Region, particularly by promoting international collaboration and exchange.

**Objectives**

- To organize internship programs that contribute both to the professional development of the intern and the institutional development of the recipient organization
- To offer students academic programs that correspond to their interests and encourage in-depth understanding of Caribbean reality
- To organize meetings between international interns, professionals, professors and Dominican students to facilitate the exchange of knowledge and experience
- To provide interns with services that guarantee safe, pleasant and rewarding stays
- To positively impact the Dominican labor force by providing competent and enthusiastic interns
- To heighten understanding within the Dominican employment sector of the valuable role interns can play in providing new perspectives and increasing productivity levels, through annual conferences, publications and public awareness campaigns



- To develop an internship program model that responds to the growing needs of employers in the Dominican Republic
- To facilitate development, diversification and the dissemination of research projects and academic publications
- To positively contribute to increasing the visibility of the Dominican Republic abroad



**InteRDom in Numbers 2005-2011:**  
 185 students  
 45 universities  
 500 collaborating organizations

**PROGRAMS**

**Customized Programs for Individual Students**

For individual undergraduate, graduate, doctoral and gap-year students, InteRDom coordinates customized internship, study and research experiences of 10 – 48 weeks in duration, which feature any combination of the following components: internship experience with a private, public or nongovernmental institution, coursework at InteRDom's partner universities, the Universidad Iberoamericana (UNIBE) or the Global Institute of Higher Studies in Social Sciences (IGLOBAL), networking and research planning and support, and cultural activities and excursions. Students may also participate in any number of the specialized short programs based on important topics in the Dominican Republic and the Caribbean region.

**Internships**

InteRDom can coordinate internship placements for students in the following subject areas:

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| Art                           | Environment                   |
| Audiovisual Arts and Film     | Human Resources               |
| Business                      | Hospitality and Tourism       |
| Communications and Journalism | Information Technologies      |
| Development                   | Law & International Relations |
| Education                     | Marketing                     |
| Engineering                   | Medicine & Health             |

**Research**

InteRDom also facilitates the advancement of students' personal research projects by coordinating sessions throughout the term with an assigned advisor who provides both professional and academic support.

InteRDom provides students, researchers, academics and professionals with cutting edge facilities to conduct research at FUNGLODE's Juan Bosch Library. The program also offers numerous opportunities to network with professionals and experts at seminars, conferences and activities on a variety of topics.

**Academic Short Programs**

InteRDom works with universities and professors to develop customized short programs that meet the specific academic goals of individual courses and institutions. Special programs can range anywhere from one week to one semester in length and include any combination of:

- Seminars, classes and specialized academic components
- Field trips and excursions both within and outside of the city of Santo Domingo
- Lodging
- An internship, externship or service-learning project
- Spanish immersion programs



**Fellows Program**

The InteRDom program is committed to the development of high-level research, as evidenced through its Fellows Program for M.A. and PhD candidates interested in developing scholarship on issues at the forefront of the United Nations' agenda in order to give voice to national and regional concerns and offer viable solutions to domestic and international challenges. The Fellows Program runs year-round and contributes to the evaluation of the progress of the Dominican Republic toward achieving the Millennium Development Goals.

