

Internship at Prime Trust, India

The organization

Prime Trust is an Indian non-governmental organization formed in 2002. We are based in Puducherry in South India and dedicate our efforts towards women's empowerment through microfinance.

Prime Trust is involved in the formation of Self-Help Groups (SHGs) of 15-20 women, and acts as an intermediary between these SHGs and banks. By doing so, SHGs have access to microfinance, that is used to start a business and raise the standard of living. We also conduct awareness programs covering a range of subjects relevant for the women's situations, including HIV/AIDS, health and nutrition, hygiene, women's rights, and domestic violence. In addition, we run two remedial schools and an orphanage where English classes are provided to the community's poorest children.

In the past few years Prime Trust has developed into a professional organization that has worked with many volunteer students. We are always looking for new interns that can support our activities.

The assignment

Prime Trust has vacancies in various project areas. We need interns year-round and are looking for students with a scientific background that can assist in the office as well as students that can work in the communities. Internships last between one to six months, depending on your availability.

In house activities:

- Supporting the micro-credit office
- Fundraising and grant writing
- Marketing activities (including press releases)
- Recruitment activities
- Updating Website
- Media activities such as creation of videos

Community activities:

- Visiting Self-Help Groups
- Conducting awareness programs (many topics available)
- Teaching English at remedial schools
- Helping at the orphanage

In addition to these activities, there is the possibility to do thesis research on the items mentioned above in our organization. The emphasis lies on sharing knowledge, so it will be a learning experience for both parties.

Student profile

We expect our interns to be:

- flexible
- culturally adaptive and open-minded
- initiative taking
- responsible
- able to deal with a great amount of freedom
- hard-working

More information

Interning at Prime Trust is a great intercultural experience and will give you the opportunity to intensively experience the South Indian culture. We have accommodation available for our interns and we are happy to provide you with all the information you need about your stay in India.

If you are interested, please visit our website www.primetrust.org or send a message to the contact person S.M Arasu: admin@primetrust.org. We look forward to welcoming you!