THE MUNDT MEMORIAL PEACE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR INTERCULTURAL INTERNSHIPS

The Mundt scholarships are conceived to offer the opportunity to SDSU students gain intercultural experience, contribute to the San Diego community, provide assistance to new immigrants, strengthen student resumes to enhance Peace Corps applications. The scholarships are through a generous gift of the Mundt Memorial Trust to the SDSU Peacemakers Foundation. The Mundt Trust seeks to encourage SDSU students to have an impact in the San Diego community through volunteer service in intercultural settings. Intercultural learning and community volunteer experience significantly increase the likelihood of a successful Peace Corps application.

Several scholarships of $1900.00 will be available for the spring semester 2021 for selected students. Scholarship are competitive and students from all majors are encouraged to apply. Selected students will be asked to arrange volunteer positions in immigrant-aid agencies in San Diego County. These internships are supervised by Dr. Hank Johnston, Hansen Chair of Peace and Nonviolence Studies, through a 3-unit civic engagement internship course, GenS 400, for which recipients will register in spring semester 2021 and receive three academic credits. Professor Johnston will work with students to satisfy the academic dimensions of the course, which will include journal entries, readings, and monthly class meetings to discuss the challenges of immigrant assimilation. The internship component of the course requires approximately 80-100 hours of volunteer service. These scholarships are not only opportunities to gain experience in crosscultural settings and have a positive effect on helping immigrant families in San Diego, but also to increase the impact of your Peace Corps application.

Internships are for meaningful work that involves engaged contact with immigrant clients under the supervision of social service agencies—not clerical work or data-entry activities. Hourly commitment is flexible, but should total between 80-100 hours within the spring semester, from January 15 to May 15. If you have any additional questions, please contact Peace.Corps@sdsu.edu

To apply, students submit a general profile/application via the new SDSU scholarship platform, available at https://sa.sdsu.edu/financial-aid/scholarships. The application window is between March 1- August 15 for scholarships the following academic year. The Mundt Crosscultural Peace Internship Scholarship is an apply-to scholarship (rather than auto-match in the system), meaning that customized application materials are requested for this scholarship.