



Northern Illinois  
University

SUMMER 2017  
Faculty-Led Study Abroad



## *Global Internship & Leadership Development*

An NIU Program Hosted by HUMAN CONNECTIONS  
and ENTREAMIGOS in MEXICO'S RIVIERA NAYARIT







## About the program

The Global Internship and Leadership Development program (GILD) is a program specifically for NIU students, and is broken into two components: a hands-on, three-week internship with Human Connections, followed by a week-long, intensive Leadership Workshop hosted by Entreamigos.

The internship component is an immersive cultural and professional development experience in Bucerias, Nayarit, Mexico. Human Connections will treat you as a part of their small but diverse team, and entrust you with a great deal of responsibility and choice. The goal is for you to think critically about economic development. Through projects and personal interactions with community members, this internship gives you experience and concrete skills to enrich your future in the social sector. Human Connections' team of young and globally-minded staff has hosted dozens of impactful student programs in Bucerias, involving over 75 Northern Illinois University students!

The program is capped off with an intensive 5-day leadership workshop led by experts at Entreamigos. Entreamigos is a world-renowned community center located in San Pancho, Nayarit, which is a seaside village just 30 minutes away from Bucerias. Here, you will be treated to an experience of profound personal growth that will help you better understand your strengths, passions, and skills.

**Why is this experience valuable?** These are the four specific objectives of our GILD program:

1. Hone your skills as a social entrepreneur through hands-on projects, in-person trainings, and a critical analysis of local and international impact models.
2. Develop a personal perspective about poverty and development.
3. Understand your potential as a leader, gaining insight into your unique leadership style and effective ways to inspire your team.
4. Leave your mark on Human Connections and Entreamigos!





## Logistics

**DATES:** May 15th - June 12th, 2017

**LOCATION:** Bucerias, Nayarit, Mexico

Bucerias is a vibrant seaside village 30 minutes north of the Pacific Coast destination, Puerto Vallarta. Bucerias is known for its safety, making this the ideal setting for interns to freely explore and fall in love with Mexico. The leadership workshop will take place in nearby San Pancho.

**COST:** \$3,535

This cost does not include airfare or passport. Interns have, in the past, had great success fundraising for this experience.

**WHAT'S INCLUDED:**

- NIU undergraduate credit and study abroad fees
- Beautiful, safe hotel-style accommodations
- 24/7 support prior to and during the program
- All local transportation, including to and from airport
- Health Insurance through NIU
- 12 group meals
- Excursions throughout the Riviera Nayarit

- Regular internet and telephone access
  - Guided tours of local communities
  - A 5-day intensive Leadership Works led by experts
  - Valuable, hands-on professional experience
  - The opportunity to make a direct contribution to the lives of local artisans, tradespeople, and vendors
- (Note: international airfare is not included)*

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

We are looking for interns who are sharp, sociable, and interested in the social sector. Applicants must be at least 18-years-old and currently enrolled at NIU. Ideal candidates have a demonstrated interest in social enterprise, international development, microfinance, and/or Latin America. Proficiency in Spanish is desired, but it is not a requirement.

**HOW TO APPLY:** Interested students should visit <http://niu.studioabroad.com/?go=humanconnectionsinternship> or contact Faculty leader, Dr. Renique Kersh ([rkersh@niu.edu](mailto:rkersh@niu.edu)) for more information. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis from November 15th, 2016 to February 1st, 2017.



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The Human Connections Summer Internship allowed me to grow my professional skills with hands on projects in which I was deeply involved with the decision making, unlike any internship I have previously had. I added valuable skills to my resume and came away with meaningful personal relationships with the directors, my fellow interns and the local artisans.”

- Kevin, Summer 2016 Intern



## Questions?

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