Office of Global Activities

International Field Placements (Approved and In-process)

APPROVED PLACEMENTS (subject to change)
Placements cost approximately $1800 - $3500 for two to three month placements, not including plane fare. Please see (link) for available funding resources.

U-M School of Social Work Program
Costa Rican Community Development Project
- Faculty Leader: Bob Miller
- Participants will directly engage in community development outreach in Costa Rica. They will rotate between a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO), a local office of the United Nations Development Program, and a government loans office in order to learn the process for preparing a development project. Students will then travel to a rural site and spend the final weeks building community relationships and collecting data. Participants will have the opportunity to live with families and will receive intensive on site Spanish lessons.
- Location: Costa Rica, San Pedro and Guanacaste region (south of the Costa Rican and Nicaraguan border)
- Must have at least six MSW students for program.

University of Michigan Affiliated
The Center for Human Growth & Development MHIRT Program
- Fully-funded, 3 month training program sponsored by the Center for Human Growth & Development of the University of Michigan and funded by the National Institutes of Health.
- http://www.umich.edu/~chgdwww/
- Application deadline is November 2008 (competitive application process)
- Locations: Chile, China, Ghana or South Africa

The Quito Project (affiliated with the U-M Medical School and the Global REACH Student Alliance)
- The aim is to improve the health and well-being in the underserved communities of Quito.
- http://www.thequitoproject.org/
- Must be fluent or have advanced conversational Spanish
- Location: Quito, Ecuador

Third Party Organizations
Cross-Cultural Solutions
- Work side-by-side with local residents to contribute to sustainable solutions designed by the community. The CCS experience also includes cultural learning activities which include an in-depth orientation, language training, guest speakers and more.
- http://www.crossculturalsolutions.org/
- OGA approved locations: Peru, Ghana, Guatemala, India, and South Africa

IN PROCESS (depending on student interest)
Please contact ssw.oga@umich.edu by July 2008 if you are interested.

University Partners
- The University of Ghana Department of Social Work Administration
  Accra, Ghana
- University of Melbourne
  Melbourne, Australia
- Hong Kong Polytechnic
  Hong Kong, China

PLACEMENTS WITHOUT APPROVAL
Please contact ssw.oga@umich by July 2008. OGA will investigate if it the placement meets CSWE accreditation guidelines. You must have weekly supervision from a field instructor with at least two years post-MSW practice experience and the field instructor must complete your educational agreement.

XXX