

The Global Learner

Park University International Task Force

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Faculty Opportunity - Guanajuato, Mexico

Park University's Office of International Education and Study Abroad is offering a new program for faculty members seeking intensive foreign language learning during semester breaks. Two spots are now available for faculty members to spend a month in Guanajuato, Mexico at the University of Guanajuato's summer Spanish language program. There is also the possibility for full immersion in the culture through staying in a local home. In the program, faculty members spend one month in intensive Spanish language courses.

The program is scheduled to begin in the summer of 2007. Park's Office of International Education has secured the funds for this program, including the program fee, housing, meals and transportation.

Tentative dates for the program are June 4-29 and July 2-27 of 2007. Either session is available to interested faculty members. Only two openings are available for faculty members of Park University. Both will be offered on a competitive basis to full-time faculty.

The deadline for submissions for the summer of 2007 is Thursday, February 1, 2007. Preference is given to faculty members having no previous opportunity to be involved in an international study/exchange program. The selected faculty members will be announced by the Provost's Office in early March.

In order to apply for this opportunity:

Submit the following information to Debbie Humston in the Office of the Provost:

1. A copy of your C.V.
2. A proposal, declaring your interest in learning the Spanish language, and how your participation will affect your future teaching, research and/or publication activities at Park University. The maximum length for this proposal is two pages.

Send information to the Office of the Provost or e-mail debbie.humston@park.edu, with "Professional Development in Mexico" in the subject line.

For more information regarding this program, contact Angie Peterson in the International Education and Study Abroad office at 816-584-6510 or angela.markley@park.edu



Photo taken in Mexico by Dr. Dennis Kirkman of Park University's Psychology Department.

Important Dates:

Deadline to Apply:
Thursday, February 1, 2007

Program Dates:
June 4-29, 2007
July 2-27, 2007

Selection Announced:
March, 2007

Faculty Opportunity - Copenhagen, Denmark

Another faculty opportunity to travel abroad is through Park's Office of International Education and Study Abroad. They are sending two full-time faculty members to Copenhagen, Denmark. Faculty will attend a workshop by the Denmark International Studies (DIS) program entitled International Educators Workshop. The dates of the workshop are from Tuesday, November 28 to Saturday, December 5. All faculty expenses including airfare, lodging, meals and transportation are covered by DIS and Park University Internationalization Faculty Development fund. The goal of the trip is that faculty members will use the knowledge gained to promote study abroad and other international opportunities at Park, and to develop a way to integrate this knowledge into their curriculum.

The Danish government supports the Denmark International Studies program in order to offer high-quality courses to international students in Copenhagen, Denmark. Most students participating are American, though student from all around the world have attended. Park is one of over 170 official partner universities with DIS from the United States and other countries. Because of this partnership, Park students are eligible to study with DIS for the summer, semester or year. The courses are taught in English by the top faculty, including from the University of Copenhagen.

More information is available on the Denmark International Studies website: www.dis.dk

The fields of study offered include:

Architecture
 Art and Design
 China Studies
 Danish and other languages
 Communication across cultures
 European culture and history
 European politics and society
 HIV/AIDS
 International business and economics
 Marine and environmental biology
 Medical practice and policy
 Migration and Minorities
 Molecular biology and biotechnology
 Nursing in Scandinavia
 Prostitution and human trafficking
 Psychology and child development

Important Dates:

Deadline to apply:
 Monday, October 2, 2006

Workshop dates:
 Tuesday, November 28, 2006 -
 Saturday, December 5, 2006

In order to be eligible for the trip, faculty should do the following:

1. Submit a resume.
2. Submit a letter stating your reasons for wanting to go to Denmark and how you will promote the study abroad programs offered by DIS to your students.
3. Tell us about any additional commitments you would like to make to DIS. For example, one department plans to build the courses offered at DIS into their curriculum and require study abroad for one semester as part of their program.

Monday, October 2, 2006 is the deadline to apply for this program. Faculty who have not been involved with international study/exchange programs in the past will be given preference. For more information regarding this program, contact Angie Peterson in the International Education and Study Abroad office at 816-584-6510 or angela.markley@park.edu

Student Opportunity - Brazil Service Learning

The deadline to sign up for the Brazil Service Learning trip in the Fall of 2006 has passed. However, the full price for the trip is due one week before leaving on October 12.

The Brazil Service Learning trip is again helping Pau Amarelo, an impoverished community. There are 17 faculty and students participating in the service-learning project.

The classes participating

this fall are from the Business, Education, Computer Sciences, and Psychology departments.

This is the second service learning project to the same community in Brazil.

A third trip is being planned for the Spring of 2007 over Spring break, March 9-19. Students interested should begin applying for passports if they do not have them.

For more information



During the Spring of 2006, students from Park University traveled to Brazil to teach people in the Pau Amarelo community.

regarding either service-learning project, contact Angie Peterson at 816-584-6510 or angela.markley@park.edu

Student Fulbright Scholarship Application Assistance Available

The Student Fulbright Scholarship Program is now accepting applications from students for the Fall of 2007. Fulbright Student Scholarships are available to over 140 countries around the world. With the scholarships, students can spend an average of nine months conducting research, attending graduate school, or teaching in another country.

In order to qualify, students can be any age, must be a U.S. citizen and have graduated with a bachelors degree before the Fall of 2007. Students who have already received a Ph.D. before the Spring of 2006 are not eligible. Also, if a student's family works for the U.S. State Department, the student is not eligible.

The Fulbright Scholarship covers the expenses for students including round trip airfare, living expenses while abroad, insurance, and support for any dependents traveling also.

Thanks to Angie Peterson in the Office of International Education and Study Abroad, students can have their applications screened before submitting them. The screening will take place on campus, Monday, October 2, 2006.

Last year there were 5,623 applications for a total of 1,207 scholarships available. This means around 1 in 6 students receive the awards for study abroad. The number of scholarships available depends

Important Dates:
On campus screening:
Monday, October 2, 2006
Deadline to Apply:
Friday, October 20, 2006

on the country being applied for. Some countries have many students applying for only a few scholarships, while other countries have very few applicants.

Nearly 20 countries are taking applications for students willing to teach English while abroad.

More information regarding available scholarships and countries is available at www.iie.org/fulbright.

For more information regarding this program, contact Angie Peterson in the International Education and Study Abroad office at 816-584-6510 or angela.markley@park.edu

Faculty Opportunity - Professional Development Grant

Park University is now offering International Professional Development Grant for faculty to internationally-themed, interdisciplinary courses.

In order for faculty to receive the grants three steps need to be completed:

1. Faculty members must attend an approved conference

to learn about how to best internationalize their new course.

2. Faculty will use what they've learned to develop tentative plans to create a new internationally-themed course.

3. Faculty will submit new course proposals through the usual university approval channels.

Grants of up to \$2000

are available for each faculty member. Grant money can be used by faculty to attend conferences, visiting other universities, buy books, software, or other materials.

Applications are due to the ITF by October 15, 2006. To receive an application, email Steven Youngblood at steve.youngblood@park.edu

Internationalization Task Force Goals and Objectives 2006-2007

The following are some objectives the ITF is pursuing this academic year:

- Suggesting at least one international element is embedded in the SS100 curriculum.
- Requesting that academic programs report on their internationalization accomplishments and plans.
- Getting a 25% increase in the number of students participating in study abroad over the previous year.
- Increase participation in Model UN Club and the Global Future program by 10%.
- The ITF will develop a plan to recruit and hire faculty members with international academic experiences and backgrounds.
- Any advertised faculty positions will include Park's mission, and/or a statement about the importance of internationalization at Park

University.

- During the interview process, new hires will be asked how they will contribute to Park University's international mission.
- The ITF will encourage and assist faculty members to apply for the new Professional Development Grant. At least two grants will be given during the academic year.
- The ITF will develop and plan an internationally-themed professional development workshop/conference, to be held in 07-08.
- Representatives from ITF will meet with administrators and teachers on at least three campus sites. Lists of their international needs/goals will be compiled.
- Increase Parkville faculty participation in Park's Great Decisions discussion group and Park's annual international dinner by 10%.
- The ITF will work to develop a training program for staff on how to deal with international students.
- An international newsletter will be launched, featuring activities and international opportunities for Park faculty, staff, and students.

For more information about the goals and objectives of the International Task Force for 2006-2007 contact Steven Youngblood at steve.youngblood@park.edu

The Global Learner

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The Global Learner is a twice-a-semester publication of the Park University Internationalization Task Force. Its goal is to publicize international opportunities for faculty, staff, and students, and to celebrate their successes in the international field. Submissions are welcome. Send to: steve.youngblood@park.edu