



FUNDACION CIELO AC
2023 Summer Internship

<u>Location</u> Teabo, Yucatan, Mexico	<u>Dates</u> May/June – Preparation (home-based) July – August (field work)
<u>Type</u> Full Time, Unpaid 2-4 Week program	<u>Application due</u> April 27 th info@fundacioncielo.org

About Fundacion Cielo

Fundacion Cielo is a non-profit organization established in 2014. Our mission is to develop socioeconomic strategies that revitalize the local economy, enhances skills and breaks the cycle of inter-generational poverty in the Mayan communities in the Yucatan. Visit our website to learn more about [Fundacion Cielo](http://www.fundacioncielo.org).

Summer Program

In 2014, Fundacion Cielo launched its first Summer Internship and hosted 4 incredible volunteers who worked to advance Fundacion Cielo’s efforts in the community. Since then, we have been hosting groups of volunteers who demonstrate a passion for work in the developing world and want to help reduce inequalities. To learn more about the experiences, visit our social media outlets.

Our Summer Program interns work on several activities, based on interest and skills. We expect interns to plan, organize and execute activities aimed at advancing **education, preventive healthcare, environmental conservation and entrepreneurship**. Activities will be developed and tailored for specific age groups including children, teenagers and adults. Below is a list of main topics under each pillar:

- *Education:* mentorship program, math regularization courses, English for beginners, arts and crafts, book club, etc.
- *Preventive Health:* nutrition classes, delousing, dental care, addictions, exercise, etc.
- *Environmental Conservation:* waste management, recycling, etc.
- *Entrepreneurship:* Business plan development, basic financial analysis, etc.

Interns will also assist in monitoring and updating all social media outlets including Facebook, instagram, website, keeping a summer blog and a weekly update to our donors.

During the Home-base part of the program interns, individually and in small teams, will work virtually in planning and developing the specifics of the summer program to be held in Teabo, Yucatan.

Qualifications

- Ability to work independently
- Very organized and detail oriented
- Demonstrated interest in development and/or entrepreneurship
- Excellent written and communication skills
- Intermediate to advance Spanish is recommended



Interns will be directly supervised and coached by a Fundacion Cielo representative in Teabo. The entire program will be directed to Josefina Urzaiz, Co-founder of Fundacion Cielo.

About Teabo

Our interns will be based out of Teabo, Yucatan, a small Mayan village of ~7,000 people in the Yucatan Peninsula. For reference, Teabo is located 83 km south of Merida, the capital of Yucatan. Teabo is a developing town with challenging levels of poverty and marginalization. The Mayan language is widely spoken together with Spanish and living conditions have not change significantly for the last 500 years. Teabo and the neighboring towns are however, very rich in Mayan history and traditions. People are very welcoming and are already excited to participate in all of our summer events. In this region, CIELO Hammocks employs hundreds of families in our network of hammock weavers. To learn more about [Cielo Hammocks](#), visit our website.

The Mayapan Ruins are only a 15 minute drive and there are several *cenotes* - unique water formations in the Yucatan peninsula - where you will enjoy swimming in fresh water inside a cave.

Housing and Expenses

Fundación Cielo is a young organization with limited funds. We are currently raising funds to build a Community Center in Teabo, where we can increase our impact and expand our reach to neighboring villages. Therefore, we expect our summer interns to raise funds that will be used to cover materials and expenses for the various activities throughout the summer. Interns are expected to cover their full living expenses. Fundación Cielo may be able to help secure or provide housing.

Travel Arrangements

All interns are expected to arrive to Merida, Yucatan on or before the beginning of the field work date. Fundacion Cielo will facilitate transportation to Teabo.

Merida Airport (MID) is the best option. Alternatively, Cancun (CUN) airport is 360Km from Merida. Buses from CUN Airport to Merida run frequently. For more information visit: <https://www.ado.com.mx>

APPLICATIONS:

Submit application to info@fundacioncielo.org on or before **April 27th**. Include CV and Cover Letter. Include any special qualifications, previous experiences or interests (i.e. yoga teacher, play an instrument, graphic arts). Candidates will be notified of their acceptance no later than May 1st.



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