East Africa Initiative Internship: Overview of Structure, Timeline & Preparation

Program Structure:
There is a limited number of East Africa Initiative internship positions that will be selected by a committee of faculty, staff, and students for the summer of 2015. **Preference is given to sophomore and junior applicants who will be returning to campus fall semester of 2015, however all applications are welcomed.** This 9-week program is in collaboration with the Foundation for Sustainable Development (FSD) ([www.fsdinternational.org](http://www.fsdinternational.org)). Students will spend spring semester preparing through regular meetings at the Moreau Center with the other University of Portland EAI Interns.

From Nairobi, interns will either fly or take a bus to Kisumu or Kakamega, where FSD staff will greet them for orientation week. Interns will stay in a Kakamega hotel or hostel, also gated and secured. By week three, students will be introduced to their host family, where they will stay for the remainder of their internship. Host families are carefully vetted by FSD and are required to provide a private room with a lock, clean drinking water, and regular meals. Access to running water and electricity may vary. FSD staff is on call for support 24 hours/day. Modern health care facilities are accessible from every site.

**Potential Dates for the Internship:**
- Session 1: May 23rd – July 25th, 2015
- Session 2: June 13th to August 15th, 2015

**Program Costs**
The Moreau Center, Pamplin School of Business, and Shiley School of Engineering will cover the cost of FSD’s Intern Abroad program fee (approximately $5,000/student). Students will be expected to fundraise or pay-out-of-pocket for airfare, visa, passport, vaccination and other personal expenses.
- Program Fee – $5000/student includes lodging, meals, travel insurance and seed grant for sustainable project
- Airfare – Approximately $2000-$3000/person
- Visa - $50/single entry, can be obtained prior to departure or in the Kenya airport
- Passport – $110-135
- Vaccinations/malaria medication – Varies

**Application & Selection Timeline:**
- Applications posted on Friday, October 31
- Applications due on Friday, November 21 by 5pm
- Interview sign up by Wednesday, November 26 by noon (students selected for an interview will be notified through email)
- Interviews will be held the week of December 1
- Candidates notified of decisions by Friday, December 12.
- Candidates confirm or turn down offers by Wednesday, December 17.
- Candidates complete FSD online application by Friday, January 9.
Formation & Preparation:
Interns will work with the Moreau Center, Pamplin School of Business, and Shiley School of Engineering to identify four two-hour meetings throughout the spring semester. These may be held on Fridays at 4pm if another time cannot be found. Please hold the following dates.

- January 23
- February 20
- March 20
- April 17

These meetings will include basic Swahili lessons, principles of Catholic Social Teaching, principles and practices of sustainable development, and principles and practices of entrepreneurship:

- Session 1: Introduction - Catholic Social Teaching & Moreau Center Principles
- Session 2: Accompaniment and Servant Leadership
- Session 3: Principles & Practices of Entrepreneurship
- Session 4: EAI Alum Panel and Final Preparation