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Position: Global Playground Teaching Fellow
Location: Thailand – Mae La Noi School, Mae Hong Son Province (Grades 7-12)
Term: One year
Start Date: July 1, 2016
App. Deadline: March 1, 2016 (rolling after this date)

About the Fellows program:

Global Playground is proud to announce its Fellows program. Ultimately, Global Playground will have seven Fellows, one at each of its seven project sites in Uganda, Cambodia, Thailand, Honduras, Vietnam, Myanmar, and the Philippines. Fellows will spend one year at their respective project sites. They will be Global Playground's ambassadors to the host country and to the local partnering organization in each country. During the course of the year-long fellowship, Fellows will teach and/or work in Global Playground's schools, library, and technology center. They will develop curriculum for students which promotes cross-cultural understanding. Critically, they will collaborate with other Fellows and with teachers at partnering schools to engage children in different parts of the world in cross-cultural dialogue.

The Thailand Teaching Fellow will spend a year in Mae La Noi, in the Mae Hong Son province of Northern Thailand. This fellow will work with 6-7 English teachers at Mae La Noi Daroonsik School and Global Playground's partnering organization the Samsara Foundation to facilitate cross-cultural programming.

Teaching Fellow Responsibilities (Teaching: 70%; Cross-cultural initiatives: 20%; Reporting: 5%; Miscellaneous: 5%):

- Teach (*e.g.*, English, math, science, history, art, *etc.*) and participate in the educational and human development of children at Global Playground's project sites.
- In collaboration with other Fellows, with Global Playground's Director of Learning and Development, and with teachers at the project site, work to incorporate cross-cultural dialogue into the existing curriculum, as well as develop new lesson plans as needed to engage children in the host country in cross-cultural dialogue with children at Global Playground's other project sites and at schools in the United States.
- Utilize technology as a means of facilitating cross-cultural dialogue.
- Train local teachers at Global Playground's schools.
- Report bimonthly to the Executive Director and Global Fellow on activities at Global Playground's project site and meet monthly with the Samsara Foundation, our partnering organization.
- Help the Executive Director and Global Fellow coordinate occasional visits to project sites by Board members, donors, and others.
- Prior to and following the year-long fellowship, participate in meetings in Washington, D.C. to plan for and debrief the Fellows experience.
- Represent Global Playground by playing an active role in the local community and school and by attending various events hosted by the community and school. Also represent Global Playground to our partnering organizations in each host country.
- Serve as a positive role model for and mentor to the children
- Help the school and community with other projects like simple construction and painting or with approval create your own activities outside of school hours.
- Assist with the maintenance of the Global Playground website
- Working with a team to manage Global Playground social media accounts

Qualifications:

- At least 18 or older.
- Bachelor's degree or higher, preferably in education, sciences, and/or humanities.
- Experience working with children, in particular, in the field of education (*e.g.*, previous teaching experience, education degree, student counseling, *etc.*).
- Knowledge of basic computer applications and accompanying technology (digital cameras, scanners, *etc.*).
- Interest and ability to incorporate technology in the classroom.
- Appreciation of cultural differences, evidenced by experience living abroad or traveling to different countries, or facility with foreign languages.
- Ability to respond quickly to organizational demands while living and working in a developing country.
- Sound judgment, reliability, and the ability to represent a multi-national NGO in a conscientious, professional manner.
- Experience with Wordpress preferred
- Graphic design and video editing experience preferred
- Creativity, maturity, sense of humor, dynamic personality, and ability to work independently.
- Patience, flexibility, cultural sensitivity and self-awareness, particularly of how what one says and does is perceived by others who may not share the same cultural perspective.
- Meticulous attention to detail.
- Passion for nonprofit work and advancing education in developing countries.
- Willingness to commit to a year-long term or longer.
- Ability to take initiative, use judgment, and act as the primary on-the-ground decision maker for Global Playground.

Compensation:

Global Playground Fellows receive a stipend of approximately \$10,000 that is meant to cover all of the basic costs of the experience. This includes international and domestic travel, basic health insurance, and living and personal expenses. Global Playground and/or its partnering organizations will work with each Fellow to coordinate travel to the host country and lodging near the project site. Note: Most U.S. federal student loans can be deferred until the completion of the Fellowship.

How to Apply:

Please email your resume and a completed application form in one .pdf document to volunteers@globalplayground.org with the subject line "GP Fellows – Thailand." Applicants should expect to be available for in-person interviews in Washington, D.C.

About Global Playground:

Global Playground is a 501(c)(3) public charity, incorporated in New York in May 2006. We are committed to funding the education of children in developing countries by giving them opportunities to learn. We are also committed to promoting cross-cultural understanding by creating a virtual playground where students from all parts of the world can learn and interact with each other. We believe strongly that these efforts are the most promising means to eliminating poverty, violence, and intolerance in our world.

In its ten years of existence, Global Playground has opened a new 325-student primary school near Kampala, Uganda; constructed a middle school equipped with 5 computers for 350 students near Phnom Penh, Cambodia; and completed a new library equipped with 5 computers for 320 students at an already-existing school in the mountains of Northern Thailand. We have also completed construction of a technology center equipped with 8 computers in Honduras and of a 150-student primary school in the mountains of Central Vietnam, which opened in August 2012. Most recently Global Playground supported the construction of a primary school for up to forty children in the Paw Myar village of Myanmar and the construction of three classrooms that were destroyed during Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines. Global Playground is currently working to build a library and education for a girls' secondary school in Narok County, Kenya. To find out more about our projects and our cross-cultural initiatives go to www.globalplayground.org.

