

## **Global Citizen Partnership Program**

### **A Bi-Lateral Summer Exchange with Tecnológico de Monterrey, Mexico**

GCP is a five-week summer exchange focused on **Community Leadership and Social Development**. Virginia Tech students have the opportunity to travel to Monterrey during first summer session and to enroll in six credits worth of coursework and field study, as well as virtual interaction with Monterrey students that travel to Virginia Tech for a similar experience. This program immerses you in Mexican society, providing you with an opportunity to venture out into the local community, learn from local voices, and contribute to community projects.



#### **Costs**

Cost for the Global Citizen Partnership Program is approximately \$390 USD payable to Tec de Monterrey upon arrival at the university. This cost covers:

- Transportation to all field trips and visits to the community's site
- Airport pick up (on official arrival)
- Orientation program
- Access to all university facilities
- Welcome Breakfast

Tuition is paid to Virginia Tech for six credits, first summer session. This will be around \$1,350. An administrative fee of \$300 is paid to the Study Abroad Office. Students must also pay for housing and food, preferably at Tec de Monterrey. (However, in years past, TM has provided room and board scholarships.) **Students may apply for financial aid through the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid.**

#### **Proficiency Requirement**

Eligible students should have at least a beginner-intermediate proficiency in Spanish. Students will have the opportunity to take coursework in Spanish as a part of their six credits. All participants are matched with a TM student for their community service fieldwork.

#### **Application Dates**

The first step in applying is to complete a preliminary application for the Global Citizen Partners program and turn it in to the Center for Student Engagement and Community Partnerships at [utprosim@vt.edu](mailto:utprosim@vt.edu) or 1360 Litton Reaves. Upon review of your application, you will then receive an invitation to proceed with the application process through the Education Abroad Office. Go to the Education Abroad website at <http://www.educationabroad.vt.edu> to apply online. The application is due to Education Abroad by mid February. Upon review, you will then be directed to apply to the Spanish for Community Assistance program at Tec de Monterrey. The application deadline for this program is late April.

**For more information, or to be added to a program mailing list, contact [deramo@vt.edu](mailto:deramo@vt.edu). Join our Facebook Site to see photos of Monterrey and interact with past and future participants of the program.**