

### The eNCounter Program 2017

*For students and young professionals interested in developing a successful career in International Development.*

**AREAS:** Entrepreneurship, Human Rights and Public Policy

**LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION:** English

**SPECIAL FEATURES:** Learning-Service, Internships, Skype orientation sessions can be arranged.

**PROGRAM PROVIDER:** Nexos Comunitarios

**WEBSITE:** [www.nexos.org.pe](http://www.nexos.org.pe)

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Nexos Comunitarios is a Peruvian non-profit organization that was created to continue the work initiated by Nexos Voluntarios in the province of Urubamba, in the department of Cusco (2008-2014). Nexos Comunitarios works closely with high altitude rural communities of the Andes, with the goal of facilitating **Responsible Human Development**. Nexos Comunitarios assists the communities by helping them build **Human Capital** (health and education) and **Social Capital** (through developing relations with institutions and more) by searching for long-term sustainable solutions.

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#### **APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS**

Before applying to the eNCounter program, please take a look at [this presentation](#) in order for you to know what the program entails. The program components are the following:

- Practical Skill Building Development and Non-Profit Management;
- Academic Learning with Peru's top university, [Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú](#);
- Language training (Spanish & Quechua);
- Cultural Exploration and Engagement.

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**Take into account the program requires a minimum of 8 people registered in the same cohort to run.**

The eNCounter program will allow the participants to learn from the field and from different courses from the [Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú](#). Applicants can choose one of the three following cohorts:

- Human Rights and Non Profit Management Stream
- Entrepreneurship and Non Profit Management Stream
- Public Policy and Non Profit Management Stream

Once the group(s) is formed, its members can decide between the following courses:

- Human Rights and Non Profit Management Stream:
  - ✓ Participatory Action Research Methodology;
  - ✓ Photography and Human Rights;
  - ✓ Corporate Social Responsibility and Human Rights Approach;
  - ✓ Social Media and Human Rights;
- Entrepreneurship and Non Profit Management Stream:
  - ✓ Design and Business Models for creating Startups;
  - ✓ The Lean Start Up
- Public Policy and Non Profit Management Stream:
  - ✓ Analysis and Design of Public Policies;
  - ✓ Monitoring and Evaluation of Public Policies;
  - ✓ International Geopolitics: Tools for Strategic Analysis

Not sure if the eNCounter program is good for you? Please, read [this article](#) so you can make an informed decision.

### **Application deadline**

Even though applications to eNCounter are open throughout the year, we suggest that you apply on the following dates, in order to secure a more interesting work plan according to your skills.

For summer 2017: March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017

For winter 2017: October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017

### **GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS**

#### **Who can apply?**

Prospective interns must take into account the following requirements:

- Must be at least 18 years old.
- Applicants must submit: a letter stating why they are interested in this internship, a completed Nexos Comunitarios' Personal Information form, and 3 references (1 must be academic). Ask for the forms by sending an email to: [info@nexus.org.pe](mailto:info@nexus.org.pe).

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Student interns cannot be on academic probation while participating in the Internship placement. Certain positions require specific skill sets and areas of study.

- Prospective interns are able to contact former interns, upon request.
- Suitable candidates will be invited for a telephone or Skype interview.
- Within 5 days after the interview, if accepted, the prospective intern will receive via email an invitation letter to participate in the program. Forms that require a signature will be included with the acceptance letter (i.e. Nexos Comunitarios Commitment of Ethics and Integrity)
- Prospective interns have 3 weeks to submit all documents and reserve their position with a 20% deposit of the internship fee. Remaining fees are due 8 weeks before arrival.
- **The Length of the Summer eNCounter Program is 10 weeks.**

#### Location

Urubamba (Sacred Valley of the Incas), Cusco, Peru. Participants will travel to the communities we work with Media Luna, Cuncani (located in Urubamba, Cusco) and Choquecancha (Lares, Cusco).

#### Language of instruction

Nexos Comunitarios' coordinators and supervisors speak English, but a basic level of Spanish is necessary to participate in the program. Depending on the skills of the prospective participant, the language requirement could be dismissed.

#### Projects

eNCounter participants will be able to learn from each of Nexos Comunitarios projects. For 2017, the projects are:

- The ecological Composting Toilets in Cuncani (Hygiene and sanitation);
- Family greenhouses in Cuncani (Agriculture and Nutrition);
- Experiential Tourism Circuit in Cuncani (Economic Empowerment);
- The application of Multidimensional Poverty Index in the community of Cuncani (Poverty measure research).