



Internship Opportunity: Internship in Community Action

Chilean Universities Program, Valparaíso

The Internship in Community Action will be carried out at the Teletón Institute of the Teletón Foundation (Instituto Teletón de la Fundación Teletón). Teletón is a nonprofit organization founded in 1978 and encompasses a broad spectrum of volunteer opportunities with children and young adults who suffer from disabling neurological, muscular, or skeletal conditions. (www.teleton.cl).

During the semester, selected students will intern for 30 hours in the Teletón Institute, as well as complete 15 contact hours with the academic director for IFSA-Butler in Valparaíso. Students will submit written reports in Spanish about the tasks and projects they complete, along with any other significant experiences accompanied by descriptive efforts and analysis of them (nature, frequency, etc.). The internship will be certified by the Universidad Técnica Federico Santa María and is worth 3 U.S. semester credit hours. Participation in all internship activities is mandatory.

Through the internship, students will have the opportunity to work on a variety of volunteering projects designed by Teletón, such as "Programa Abre," "Programa Recrea" and "Programa Diviértete." There are many different opportunities for students to get involved, including helping to better equip homes of disabled children to accompanying and entertaining children who await medical care at the Institute.

Objectives:

- To understand that society is composed of a diverse group of individuals with different skills, exploring what the skills are comprised of and how these individuals integrate in society
- To understand the importance of community service as an effective method for providing social integration
- To understand that social integration is a concept, an attitude and a goal consistent with the objective of constructing a more just and equal society in terms of opportunities for the growth of all human beings, without focusing on people's differences
- To improve writing and speaking skills in Spanish.

Selection Process:

1. Personal interview with the academic director
2. Visit and interview with Teletón
3. Selection of five students

You will have the opportunity to apply for the internship during IFSA-Butler's orientation. In the event that more than five students sign up, participants will be selected based on evaluations by Teletón and our academic director.

Evaluation:

Report on readings (minimum 10 pages)	30%
Journal on internship experience	30%
Final research paper on internship experience (minimum 15 pages)	40%