

Mason Long-term Volunteer for Int'l Development – HAITI

AIDG Overview:

The Appropriate Infrastructure Development Group (AIDG) works to provide communities in developing countries with affordable and environmentally sound technologies that meet their needs for electricity, sanitation and clean water. Through a combination of business incubation, education, training and outreach, AIDG helps individuals and communities gain access to technology that will improve their lives. Our model provides a novel approach to sustainable development by empowering people with the physical tools and practical knowledge to solve infrastructure problems in their own communities.

In support of AIDG's mission, the Internship Program seeks to provide assistance to AIDG's incubated businesses and technology research and development through specialized training and product investigation and development, bringing in talented young professionals and experts from around the world with a passion to contribute to the developing world and help make a difference.

Currently, AIDG-Haiti seeks passionate and dedicated individuals to apply for a position to assist in the organization's post-earthquake rebuilding projects. The role and responsibilities of the Mason volunteer are described below. NOTE: INTERNS ARE PROVIDED FOOD, HOUSING, A TELEPHONE AND MODEST MONTHLY STIPEND. THIS IS NOT A SALARIED POSITION. For more information on the offerings of the AIDG Internship Program please refer to AIDG's website (www.aidg.com).

Location: Cap-Haïtien and Port-au-Prince, Haiti

Duration: 4 months to 1 year

Mason Volunteer Position:

The successful candidate responsibilities will include:

- Supporting local staff in planning and executing of AIDG's seismic resistant construction training for local masons
- Lead training on Practical Masonry Techniques that include: making mortar, laying block, using a trowel, striking joints, replacing blocks and repointing joints
- Working closely with participants through knowledge transfer and sharing, considering local masonry practices into the presentation to demonstrate how techniques are the same or different
- Assisting the AIDG-Haiti team in the daily tasks necessary for successfully executing project, this may involve evaluation, research, or administrative assistance
- Reporting to the AIDG-Haiti country director and AIDG staff as to the progress of the projects.

This is a full-time position with a minimum commitment of 4 months, with preference given to candidates available for a longer time period. The position will generally require the applicant to work from 8:30am-5:00pm Monday-Friday (flexibly). Work will be performed in the office and from the field.

Preferred Qualifications:

Applicants interested in this internship should possess the following skills:

- Strong communication skills
- Basic masonry skills – making mortar, laying block, using a trowel, striking joints, replacing blocks and repointing joints
- Solid project management and coordination skills
- A basic understanding of international development work
- Must demonstrate initiative and ability to work independently with minimal supervision.
- Must have advanced/fluent level of French, both speaking and writing ability, with preference given to Haitian Creole speakers. Members of the Haitian Diaspora are strongly encouraged to apply.
- Must have prior international experience working in developing countries

All candidates should possess strong communication skills, be self-motivated, and willing to work hands-on. AIDG seeks versatile, mature, friendly, independent, and dedicated individuals, who also possess a good sense of humor. If you are really keen in working in development and gaining experience on how this work applies in countries such as Haiti, this position you may be the right for you but please consider the demand of the environment and the responsibilities of the position before you apply, although incredibly rewarding – this position is not for candidates seeking a simple resume builder.

Application Instructions

Qualified applicants should send their cover letter and resume or CV to internships@aidg.org. Please include your earliest date of arrival and duration availability.