SOIM-UB 2000
Stern International Volunteers:
Make an Impact.
Spring 2013
Stern International Volunteers was designed to bring Stern’s Social Impact Core to life.

- Launched in 2008, the Stern International Volunteers aspires to:
  - broaden students’ understanding of the world and its economic disparities
  - deepen students’ commitment to community service
  - heighten students’ social and inter-cultural awareness
  - influence students’ perspectives on the world as they become future business leaders
The SIV experience combines a 1-week service learning experience with a 2-credit course.

- About the SIV Seminar (SOIM-UB 2000):
  - 2-credit pass/fail course
  - Reflective discussion-based course in which we will:
    - Identify the root causes of poverty from a global perspective;
    - Consider a variety of concepts and practices relevant to the creation of shared value;
    - Gain a greater understanding of the history, culture and economics of Peru, including a service trip to Lima.
    - Develop leadership capabilities.
Stern partners with Cross-Cultural Solutions to ensure a sustainable and enriching experience.

- **About Cross Cultural Solutions (CCS)**
  - Not-for-profit organization
  - Founded in 1995
  - Coordinates over 3,000 volunteers each year
  - Sites in 12 countries
  - Features on-site staff that serve as community liaisons
  - Full service organization
In 2013, we will return to Lima, Peru

About Lima:

- The capital of Peru and its most densely populated city with 7.6 million people
  - Latin America’s 5th largest city
- Impacted by significant migration of people from rural areas looking for work and improved quality of life
- Outskirts of city is filled with shantytowns
- Industrial and financial center of Peru
Our group’s service learning project will be determined close to the time of our trip to ensure we meet a timely community need.

- Projects* may include work in:
  - orphanages and child care centers
  - schools
  - health clinics and hospitals
  - homes for the elderly
  - centers for people with disabilities
  - other community organizations

*Spanish proficiency is not required; however, helpful.
Our experience will also include lectures, Spanish lessons and cultural experiences.

- Past trips have featured:
  - lectures on local history and politics
  - trips to local cultural sites (e.g. Pachacama, visit to a local sculptor and artisan’s village)
Stern volunteers are held to high standards prior to and during the trip.

- Responsibilities of volunteers will include:
  - Enrollment in SIV Seminar Course – SOIM-UB 2000
  - Engagement in on-site reflective discussions & exercises
  - Adherence to Stern and/or nonprofit partner’s policies
  - Enthusiastic participation in all activities and projects in preparation for Peru and during our time in Peru
  - Interest in getting to know fellow volunteers, faculty, staff and community members

All volunteers will sign a travel study contract & must have ample time and enthusiastic interest in fulfilling these responsibilities.
ALCOHOL AND ILLEGAL DRUGS POLICY

- **Alcohol Use**
  SIV is a unique experience that allows participants to immerse themselves in a different culture while performing meaningful community service. Issues of legality, liability, personal safety and group cohesion are of concern when alcohol and other drugs are consumed. **As a result, at no time will this program tolerate drinking or alcohol use.**

- **Use of Illegal Drugs**
  NYU has a **zero-tolerance policy** regarding the possession, use, manufacture, production, sale, exchange, or distribution of illegal drugs (as defined by United States law) by students, faculty, and staff participating with SIV.

- **Violation**
  **Violation of the Alcohol and Illegal Drugs Policy is grounds for termination from the SIV program at the students cost.**
Overview of Class & Trip

- **SIV Seminar SOIM-UB 2000**
  - 2 Credits, Pass/Fail
  - Faculty Matt Statler & Melissa Iglio

- **NYC Class Meeting Dates & Time**
  - Meeting Schedule & Time TBD

- **Tentative Travel Dates**
  - Depart U.S. on Friday, May 24, 2013
  - Depart Peru on Saturday, June 1, 2013
  - All students must check with faculty at the CCS house in Lima by noon on Saturday, 5/24 and stay through the end of the program (7 pm) on Saturday, 6/1
**Additional Expenses to be covered by students**

**Estimated Expenses**
- Students pay Spring 2013 NYU tuition & fees for this course.
- In addition, a program fee of $750 is required of all participants.

**This covers:**
- City Tour & Cultural Excursions
- Transportation from/to lodging and airport in Peru
- Transportation from/to cultural activities & service sites
- Meals (B, L & D excluding travel days)
- Housing

* Stern’s Social Impact Initiatives Program generously subsidizes program costs*
Additional Expenses to be covered by students (continued)

Students are also responsible for the following:

- Airfare to and from Lima (approx $750*—book early!)
- Passport Fees (approx. $75- $100) **only if you need a new or renewed passport**
- Immunization Fees (approx. $300)
- Course Materials (course booklets/e-book)
- Personal Expenses

*STA travel offers discounts to CCS participants*
Scholarships are available

- Limited stipends are available and will be awarded based on financial need.

- Students must have an updated FAFSA on file with NYU.

- Additionally, a short statement of need should be submitted with your application in addition to the FAFSA (less than 300 words).
All students must have a valid PASSPORT (and TOURIST VISA – if applicable) for travel to Peru

**Passports**: must be valid for 6 months beyond travel date (November 2013)

Passport Info: [http://travel.state.gov/passport](http://travel.state.gov/passport)

Students are responsible for securing applicable visas
Following are important considerations for program applicants.

- The Center for Disease Control recommends the following for travel to this region of Peru:
  - Vaccinations for Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, Typhoid, Rabies & Yellow Fever
    - Note: NYU Health Center’s Office for Allergy, Immunization & Travel medicine provides these vaccinations but they are not included in your health plan and cost approx. $300; we recommend checking with your parents about other insurance coverage
  - Antimalarial medication
Who is eligible? & How can I apply?

- Open to Stern Freshmen, Sophomores & Juniors
- Minimum 3.0 GPA (study abroad requirement)
- Applications are available online
  - Due date – **Wednesday, October 17, 2012 by 9:00 a.m.**
  - Finalists will be invited to interview during the weeks of October 25 and 30, 2012
  - Selection notifications will be communicated by Friday, November 2, 2012
  - Selected students must confirm commitment by Monday, November 5, 2012
- Spring 2013 registration begins on Monday, November 12
We welcome your questions & comments.