Peru Service- Learning Internship Placement Options:

Example placements include service in the following areas:

Cusco, Peru

Agricultural Animal Care Center  
Minimum Language Level: Intermediate Spanish

This organization has created an environment to care for the llamas and alpacas that are a historically vital piece of Peruvian culture. Raising these animals and harvesting their wool also leads to the preservation of traditional Incan spinning, dyeing, and weaving practices. These cultural values are promoted among locals and tourists alike through workshops and demonstrations held at the center. Participants will work hands-on caring for the animals and learning the traditions of Peruvian heritage.

Childhood Education Programs  
Minimum Language Level: Intermediate Spanish

Assist teachers with their classroom duties as well as help with English class once a week. Support students through mentoring, assisting with homework and initiating activities and educational games. Develop activities with arts and crafts as well as music education. Observe teaching techniques and learn about the educational system of Peru. Placements are available at public schools and after-school centers.

Music Institutes  
Minimum Language Level: Intermediate Spanish

The goal of the institute is not only to provide a superior musical education for its students, but also to encourage the spread of the art of music, especially traditional Andean music of the region. Share teaching techniques as well as musical expertise with the students and teachers at the Institute. Participants also have the option to help in the areas of marketing and administration, such as forming teams to handle projects at the Institute, coordinating events such as school concerts and developing a marketing plan for promotional events.

Non-Profit Tourism Office  
Minimum Language Level: Intermediate Spanish

Founded in 1999, this non-profit tourist clubhouse provides a meeting place for travelers, volunteers, and students alike. Participants may assist in a variety of ways including greeting members at reception, selling new memberships, social media and internet marketing, maintaining current member accounts, and selling maps or travel guides. The clubhouse also hosts weekly cultural events which participants may help in organizing.

Policy and Human Rights Organization  
Minimum Language Level: Advanced Spanish

This national organization began in 1977 with the goal of defending and promoting human rights in the Cusco region. Participants will work in areas such as legal rights, mental health and training individuals on the topics of human rights. The organization aims to defend men, women, children and others who have suffered a violation of their fundamental human rights.

Youth Development Organizations  
Minimum Language Level: Beginning Spanish
Work with street children from underprivileged homes to create a welcoming and safe environment at after school centers and transitional homes for troubled youth. Play games with the children, help with their homework and organize recreational afternoon activities. Participants may also lead and teach classes such as English, painting, drawing and music. This organization seeks to provide a strong moral structure in which high risk youth from the streets of Cusco are able to improve their self-esteem and gain important life skills.

**Special Education**  
Minimum Language Level: Beginning Spanish

This organization offers comprehensive services for children and young people with special needs. These services aim to improve the quality of life for these youth by teaching them how to better interact in their social and academic environments. Participants will have the opportunity to observe practices like speech and physical therapy, as well as provide support for teachers and therapists in the classroom.

**Veterinary Clinic**  
Minimum Language Level: Intermediate Spanish

Assist in various areas of the veterinary clinic under the supervision of the veterinarian or staff. Aid customers, bathe and trim the animals, walk the dogs, and clean the cages or exercise areas. Observe the veterinarian during surgeries and assist with handing the doctor surgical instruments. Participants will also be a great asset to the clinic by translating for English-speaking clients.

**Lima, Peru**

**Art Therapy Organization**  
Minimum Language Level: Intermediate Spanish

The Art Therapy Organization is a social business venture with the mission of bettering the emotional state of people with long-term illnesses through “art therapy”. The organization is particularly dedicated to production of costume jewelry from recycled materials, involving an array of activities that keep the patients busy, motivated and productive, which helps them to confront and endure their health condition. Through volunteer and companion programs, the artisan patients produce beautiful recycled jewelry and thereby converts costume jewelry production into a motivating and inspiring experience.

ELAP participants may assist in various departments of this organization, such as Marketing, Advertising, Executive Management, Workshops and Production, Legal and Finance.

**Childhood Education Programs**  
Minimum Language Level: Low Intermediate Spanish

Placements are available at elementary schools, where participants may assist with English classes, facilitate arts and crafts activities as well as physical education classes and recreational activities. Help with homework and discuss topics involving culture, social issues and more. An ideal placement for students majoring in Education, Social Work, and Childhood Development.

**Environmental and Indigenous Rights NGO**  
Minimum Language Level: Intermediate Spanish

This NGO is committed to establishing a better governability, sustainable development and promotion of the rights of indigenous groups in Peru. Due to the vulnerability of the local population in the Amazon, this region comprises the organization’s main focus. Among the organization’s initiatives to fulfill their goals, they
elaborate socio-environmental extractive projects affecting the fragile Amazonian ecosystems as well as the rights of the local population, and in particular the indigenous population. Participants may assist in either the department of Communication or Research and Analysis, depending on language level and prior experience.

**Environmental and Sustainability Non-Profit Organization**  
Minimum Language Level: Beginning Spanish  
This non-profit’s mission is to raise awareness about the social and environmental benefits of recycling and the negative consequences of plastic pollution, especially in aquatic ecosystems. There are opportunities to create graphics and ads, research the effects of marine debris in Peru, and develop information sessions for children, youth, and adults.

**Family Support Center**  
Minimum Language Level: Intermediate Spanish  
This non-profit opened in 2014 and is dedicated towards improving the health and welfare of Peruvian children. The organization also provides a “home away from home” for many families so that they can be near their children during their hospitalization. Participants have the opportunity support fundraising events, support weekly workshops, create brochures and marketing materials, assist in social media networking and assist in the general upkeep of the facility. This is an ideal placement for students seeking experience in social work, counseling and public relations.

**Health and Human Development**  
Minimum Language Level: High Intermediate Spanish  
This organization serves as a community service institution focused on improving the lives of the population. Participants have a wide array of options to get involved in the community including setting up public health campaigns, taking the patients’ vitals, working first aid or nutrition booths at public events, and by presenting information about healthy living and nutrition at schools in the area.

**Human Rights Outreach**  
Minimum Language Level: Intermediate Spanish  
This nonprofit is dedicated to defending the rights of domestic workers and working children. Participants will promote awareness of workers’ rights and human rights mainly through workshops and other educational activities. Participants may also help organize donations of clothing, school materials and educational information, as well as participate in recreational activities with the domestic workers and children who participate in the organization’s many projects across the city.

**Microenterprise Institute**  
Minimum Language Level: High Intermediate Spanish  
This institute is aimed at providing access to information, tools and guidance to microenterprise entrepreneurs. Through their own initiatives and in alliance with other organizations, the institute designs and executes business development projects in order to inform and better the life quality of the entrepreneurs.

Participants at the Microenterprise Institute will assist with the systematization of implemented projects, collection and analysis of project beneficiary data, and advising the beneficiary entrepreneurs in topics in the area of entrepreneurial management.

**Non-Profit Educational Organization**  
Minimum Language Level: Intermediate Spanish
This non-profit organization was established by Peruvian university students and young professionals with a particular interest in debating the world’s emerging issues. The purpose of the organization is to promote personal and professional development of the youth by means of 1) Academic activities focused on current national and international issues and aimed at encouraging debate, public speaking and diplomatic negotiations, and 2) Social responsibility workshops aimed at fomenting social awareness in and outside of Peru.

This organization provides integral education to vulnerable children and youth by means of workshops focused on the teaching of life skills, which are recognized by UNESCO and the WHO. The overall vision is to contribute to social change and to live in and develop a culture of values that brings about a more just world.

**Zoo**
Minimum Language Level: Low Intermediate Spanish

This zoo encompasses environmental educational programs to educate the general public on environmental issues and wildlife conservation. Participants may work within the following areas, depending on their experience, interests and major: Animal caretaker, environmental improvements, biological departments, and the parasitology and vet department.

**Bilingual Center for Educational Psychology**
Minimum Language Level: Intermediate Spanish

The organization offers psychological and learning assessments, support programs and helps enhance students' talents. The center is made up of a team of experts in education: special educational teachers, psychologists, speech and sensory integration therapists and educational psychologists. Depending on skill set, experience and interests, ELAP Participants may assist the professional team with teaching, occupational therapy sessions, learning therapy, as well as psychological evaluations.

**At-Risk Youth Development And Rehabilitation Center**
Minimum Language Level: High Intermediate Spanish

The goal of this organization is to promote, through prevention and rehabilitation, the healthy and integral development of children and adolescents at high risk in Peru. The staff and volunteers of this organization aim to provide access to equal opportunities for at-risk youth, and develop functional participation in academic, social, and familial settings in a healthy and violence-free environment. Many of the children that come to this organization come voluntarily and have or have had severe drug addictions, and may or may not have been living on the streets for part of their lives. ELAP participants will work closely with experienced staff and volunteers to promote daily practices of hygiene and health, as well as quality education. Participant responsibilities vary from assisting with day to day operations and facility maintenance, to leading workshops in language, fitness, art, and sports. Participants with a high level of Spanish proficiency may have the opportunity to observe and assist in the center's department of Psychology. “There is both a Boys' Home and a Girls' Home on the same property.

**Children's Rehabilitation Institute**
Minimum Language Level: Intermediate Spanish

This institute serves children with physical, mental or sensory impairments. Through physical therapy, social integration, and educational activities, the children are prepared for a functional society. The institute follows an early treatment approach and one in which the parents of the child participate actively in the rehabilitation
program. ELAP participants will have the opportunity to work directly with the children and assist the staff in various areas, such as neurology, psychology, physical therapy, education and pedagogy.

**Fashion Institute**  
Minimum Language Level: Intermediate Spanish

This dynamic fashion institute has offered international educational programs and workshops in different cities inside the country for the past 25 years, which makes it one of the leaders in the fashion industry in Peru. Apart from the educational departments, this organization also has a fund aimed at helping the more vulnerable groups in the Peruvian society through capacity building programs, inclusion projects, and other supportive activities all revolved around fashion with a socially responsible stamp. Participants may assist with doing research on potential business partners among international fashion institutions, as well as help with marketing campaigns, fundraising, workshops and more.

**Marine Life Conservation Organization**  
Minimum Language Level: English Proficiency

Join efforts with a non-profit organization dedicated to the research, rescue, rehabilitation, and release of marine wildlife (sea lions, dolphins, penguins, marine otters, and sea turtles) along the central and northern coastline of Peru. Participants will have the unique opportunity to learn about marine-life rescue and rehabilitation, and possibly observe associated protocol and medical procedures. This organization's efforts rely heavily on community awareness and support, so observation and research are key. Daily duties may consist of facility maintenance, patient cleaning and feeding, patient observation, and data collection.