



2010-2011 Application

Princeton in Latin America (PiLA) is an independent non-profit organization that seeks to impact the lives of young Princetonians by placing them in paid, yearlong fellowships with NGOs, government organizations, and multilateral institutions in Latin America. The PiLA experience aims to instill a lifelong appreciation and awareness of Latin America through inter-American exchange.

PiLA works with established organizations during the selection process. Placements are for 10–12 months and can start anytime between June and September of 2010, depending on the needs of the organization. For 2010-2011, PiLA expects to place 15-20 fellows throughout the region.

DEADLINE FOR ALL APPLICATIONS:

Friday, December 11th, Noon (all mailed applications must arrive in the office on the 11th)

Application Checklist:

- ___ Application Fee: \$45. Please make checks payable to Princeton in Latin America.
- ___ Resume: Your resume should include all pertinent contact information and should not exceed one page.
- ___ Letter of reference: Please include one letter of reference from a professor or an employer that comments on your personal characteristics that qualify you to live and work abroad.
- ___ Essay: Please describe why you want to spend a year in Latin America, and how this opportunity fits into your future plans and career goals. **Please do not exceed 500 words.**
- ___ University Transcript and any Study Abroad Transcripts
- ___ Supplemental Language and Location Preference Form

Please submit all of the preceding in hard copy to

Princeton in Latin America (PiLA)
Attn: Claire Brown
194 Nassau St, ste. 210
Princeton, NJ 08542

In addition, please submit your resume, your letter of reference, your essay, and your supplemental form electronically to pila@princeton.edu.

LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

Calendar

Fall: Students seeking more information or wishing to discuss positions available are encouraged to make an appointment with Executive Director Claire Brown (pila@princeton.edu, 609-258-9200) prior to applying.

October 19: PiLA General Information Session, 7:30 PM. Room TBD.

December 11th: Application Deadline.

Second Weekend of January: On-campus interviews with PiLA selection committee. Finalists' materials are forwarded to partner organizations.

February: Organizations may contact finalists for further interviews.

Notification of placements is rolling. Therefore, fellowship acceptances must be made within 3 days of your receipt of the offer from PiLA. If finalists cannot commit, alternates are contacted.

Mid-May: Required new fellow orientation held at Princeton.

June-September: New fellows leave for Latin America. Departure date is negotiable and is arranged in conjunction with partner organization.

Costs

PiLA fellowships are paid positions. Fellows will receive a monthly stipend, either from PiLA or the partner organization, or a combination of the two, to cover daily living expenses: housing, food, and local transportation. In a few instances, you may be asked to do some of your own fundraising. Applicants and selected fellows should be prepared to assume the following costs:

- 1) Application fee: \$45
- 2) For off-campus applicants: transportation expenses for trip to Princeton in February (interviews) and late May (orientation)
- 3) Pre-departure health expenses and health insurance (approx. \$40 a month)
- 4) Visa application fees
- 5) Round-trip airfare to Latin America

Upon selection for a fellowship, the PiLA home office will work with the fellow to arrange student loan deferrals, health insurance, and to obtain any necessary visas.

The Selection Process

The goal of the selection process is to match the top candidates with organizations in Latin America where they will excel. Applicants will be contacted for an initial interview with members of the Selection Committee to be held on campus in January. This interview will be partially conducted in Spanish and/or Portuguese. Following the interview, the Selection Committee will contact the finalists as well as alternates. The finalists' materials will then be forwarded on to one or more partner organizations that may contact the finalists for further interviewing. Final fellowship offers will be extended by March 14th.

Language and Location Preference Form

Last Name:

First Name:

Class Year:

Foreign Language Experience:

Spanish - Please indicate your language ability:

Speaking

Beginner Intermediate Advanced Fluent Native Fluent

Writing

Beginner Intermediate Advanced Fluent Native Fluent

Reading

Beginner Intermediate Advanced Fluent Native Fluent

Portuguese/French (circle one)

Speaking

Beginner Intermediate Advanced Fluent Native Fluent

Writing

Beginner Intermediate Advanced Fluent Native Fluent

Reading

Beginner Intermediate Advanced Fluent Native Fluent

Other language experience:

Location Preference

PiLA currently has partnerships with organizations in the following countries. Please indicate your top three country choices.

North America

Mexico

Caribbean

Dominican Rep.

South America

Colombia

Brazil

Peru

Central America

- El Salvador
- Nicaragua
- Costa Rica
- Guatemala

- Bolivia
- Argentina
- Chile
- Ecuador

3) Fellowship Preference

PiLA has partnerships with organizations in the following fields. Please rank your top five areas of interest.

- Art, Music, and Culture
- Children's Rights
- Demilitarization & Security Issues
- Democracy Building
- Economics/Thinktanks
- Education
- Environmental Conservation
- Fundraising/NGO Development
- Grassroots Community Development
- Human Rights/Legal Advocacy
- Journalism
- Labor and Agrarian Studies
- Microfinance/Endeavor
- Multilateral Institutions
- Poverty Alleviation
- Public Health
- Public Policy Analysis
- Violence Prevention
- Women's Health and Reproductive Rights
- Other: