



THE QUISPICANCHI PROJECT

# ENCUENTRO



“ RIY SISA ”

TO GO WITH SOMEONE AS  
A COMPANION

THIS IS THE SPIRIT OF  
THE QUISPICANCHI PROJECT



**WALK WITH US**

ENCUENTRO OPPORTUNITIES

**SUMMER COMPANIONS**

2 MONTH IMMERSION (JUNE-JULY)

**PROJECT INTERNS**

6 MONTH PROFESSIONAL INTERNSHIP  
(INCLUDES 2 MONTH SUMMER IMMERSION)

**GAP YEAR SERVICE**

8 MONTHS - 1 YEAR OF ACCOMPANIMENT IN PERU

ABOUT

# ENCUENTRO

“Companion” is a word you will hear often in the region. Quispicanchi is a unique and special place, where relationships hold deep meaning. This word also embodies the spirit of the Quispicanchi Project. The relationships we form walking alongside others compel us to take action.

The **ENCUENTRO** program provides justice and service minded college students and recent graduates the opportunity to join us in our mission and enter into deep friendship with the people we serve. Through this process, we grow in our mutual understanding of each other, learning out to better serve and love one another.

Whether you are serving as a summer companion, a gap year companion, or one of our professional interns, by spending time in fellowship, working alongside each other, or simply by sharing a meal you help to strengthen our foundation of trust and together we grow in a mutuality of grace and love.

This is what makes our work sustainable.



BECOME A  
**COMPANION**

Project Companions advance the mission of the Giuspicanchi Project by helping to sustain and deepen our relationships in the region. As a companion, participants also have the opportunity to explore their own passions, as well as vocational and professional interests in the context of living abroad while accompanying vulnerable communities.

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OPPORTUNITIES

2 Month Summer Companionship  
June & July

Gap Year Companionship  
8 Months - 1 Year of Accompaniment

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PROGRAM INCLUDES

Training and Development  
International and Domestic Travel  
Morning and Afternoon Service Placements  
Housing and Insurance  
Structured Weekly Reflection  
In-Country Support



LIVING IN QUISPICANCHI

# A DAY IN THE LIFE

Each day of the summer is structured around an opportunity to serve alongside one or more of our collaborators in the region. Typically placed in a local school, Companions may spend their mornings teaching English, facilitating physical education classes, or serving as an elementary school classroom assistant. In the afternoon, Companions will support the after school programs at one of three social service centers administered by a network of Jesuit parishes in Quispicanchi.

A typical day may also include opportunities for cultural immersion and to support specific initiatives of the Quispicanchi Project.

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## A TYPICAL DAY

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Early morning hike to get a little exercise  
Breakfast with housemates

Assist with gym classes at Fe y Alegría Primary School

Lunch with community partners at Tinkyuwasi retreat house

Afternoon tutoring support for children at the center in Urcos

Dance practice for Día del Cusco at the center in Andahuaylillas

Team dinner & weekly reflection meeting



## THE DETAILS

# APPLICATIONS & COST

The Project's Encuentro program is open to University students entering their sophomore, junior, and senior years or recent graduates.

Applications open in October each year and are submitted online. Applicants will be asked to reflect on their reason for their interest in the Program and ways they can positively contribute to the mission of the Quispicanchi Project.

Candidates will be informed of their acceptance to the program in December, with formation and training beginning in January.

New team members will be expected to participate in all formation and training programs (hosted virtually) as well as complete all required preparation before their departure.

Preference is given to candidates who are functionally proficient in Spanish.

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## FUNDRAISING

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To support their experience in Quispicanchi, all team members participate in a personal fundraising campaign to raise a minimum of **\$3600** to cover necessary expenses, including international and domestic travel, housing, insurance, and team activities. A portion of funds will also support Project initiatives.

Companions will have a support team to mentor them through the fundraising process to assist them in generating ideas, setting goals and targets, drafting fundraising emails, and more.

APPLY  
TODAY!





2023 Summer Companions

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