

Why should I intern with the Preemptive Love Coalition (PLC)?

Some internships are merely a cover for no-cost, slave labor. Not here. We are looking for passionate people who will own PLC's vision, make it their own and move with us to help shape a better future for the people of Iraq. We want more than just your skills -- we want your heart, your family, and your friends on board, too.

Though your work with PLC won't always be glamorous or exciting, we do promise that you'll be given tasks that make a genuine contribution to the work of PLC, tasks that will best utilize your skill set, tasks that are appropriate to your local experience level, and tasks that will challenge you to grow and develop in your ability to practice transformational love through creativity, commerce and compassion.

Your time as an intern will be fun, exciting, enlightening and unique; it will also be tough, confusing, frustrating and perhaps overwhelming at times. In short, you'll experience life much like we do here--which means it will change you even as you're working to change the world.

Internships with international businesses and charity groups look great on resumes. But more importantly than that, your work with PLC this summer will expose you to one of the globally most important regions in human history, to innovative forms of relief and development work and to a growing community of people who want to live by loving -- first, last and always.

What sort of work would I do with PLC?

That depends mostly on you, your passions and your skill set. While some of your time will be spent working in teams, each of you will also have opportunities to make your own unique contributions. Team and individual possibilities include:

- Family Advocacy & In-Home Social Work
- Event Planning (PLC Alumni Kids Banquet)
- Photography and photo editing

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- Filmmaking and video editing
- Graphic design for marketing and web
- Web development
- Online Social Network Development
- Print and Online Marketing
- Brand Management, Public Relations, and Communications Strategies
- Copy Writing (for blogs, marketing materials, press releases)
- Cardiology, nursing, physical therapy, dentistry
- Project and database management
- Teaching (English) - as a recreational way to make friends and serve the community
- Fashion industry issues (product design, retail sales, ethical considerations, etc.)
- Supply Chain Management and Production (including work flow, inventory mgt, etc)

Will I earn any money for my work?

Interning with PLC is strictly not-for-pay. This allows us to maximize the money we put towards funding the backlog of heart surgeries needed for kids in Iraq. But we will offer assistance to you in developing a plan to raise the funds you'll need to participate in the internship program.

What will be the dates of the PLC Internship program?

May 22nd - July 24. Exact dates are a little flexible depending on the needs of selected interns.

What is the deadline to apply for the PLC Internship program?

The deadline to submit all required application documents (including references) is **March 15.**

What will be the financial cost of participating in the PLC INTERNSHIP program?

- **International Travel: \$1,850**
 - *Flight to Istanbul, Turkey = \$950 (current rates - buy early!)
subject to change; this is your responsibility*
 - *Flight from Istanbul to Iraq = approx. \$600-700*
 - *Hotel on the front-end and back-end of your trip = \$200*
- **In-country Personal Costs: \$1,650**
 - *Rent - \$800 per person for 10 weeks (~\$11.43/day)*
 - *Food (for communal meals) - \$200 per person for 10 weeks (\$1.43/meal for breakfast/dinner)*
 - *Food (for personal meals) - \$350 - \$5/day for lunch, snacks, and travel*
 - *Team travel - \$50 into the communal car fund*
 - *Last Week in Istanbul at Anadolu Medical - approx. \$250 (\$50 per day) for tourism, food, etc for 5 days*
- **Administrative Costs: \$250**
- **All-Inclusive Total: \$3,750**

(Note: All costs here are estimates. Exact costs depend on personal circumstances.)

Where would I be working this summer? Is it dangerous there?

The majority of the PLC Interns will take place out of the Coalition's international office in Sulaymaniyah, Kurdistan Region, Iraq. Yes, in Iraq. Yes, the place where there are still U.S. troops stationed. But almost none of those troops are stationed in the Kurdish-

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controlled north because of the region's peaceful stability throughout the time following the collapse of Saddam's regime.

The Kurdistan Region operates largely independently of Baghdad with its own executive and parliament, a well-organized professional army protecting its borders and cities, and a firm opposition to violence and terrorism forged in their many decades of being victims themselves to these global scourges. While no place can promise absolute safety, if statistics from the last five years project what the future will be like, you're more likely to personally encounter a terrorist event backpacking through Europe than you are working in Sulaymaniyah this summer.

In fact, we think the most frightening thing you are likely to see this summer is a list of thousands of Iraqi kids who will die in the next few years if they can't have the life-saving heart surgery they so desperately need. And that's a danger you can actually do something about.

There will also be planned time on the back-end of the internship for all interns to travel with the PLC staff to Istanbul, Turkey to see a round of operations in action.