

Application for Play Around the World (PAW) 2019

A. Application/Selection Process

You will be applying to be part of the PAW Team 2019 consisting of up to 14 participants. Applications are to be received or post-marked by Monday, Nov 19th, 2018 at 4:00pm. After the selection committee reviews the applications, there will be interviews within the following 2 weeks for those that are short-listed. All applicants will be notified by the end of November 2018. Within 10 days of the interview selection process, applicants will be notified (specific City location will be assigned) and are asked to commit to participating in the PAW program by submitting a \$500 non-refundable deposit payable to the University of Alberta. PAW participants must acknowledge that they will be responsible for the total costs (estimated to be approximately \$5,500 plus tuition). Opportunities for fund raising will be organized by the PAW program and carried out by the team with assistance from the management committee. In the past, students have been successful in raising most of the funds in advance of travel. If selected, students are required to have their First Aid Certification by March 1st, 2019. A Criminal Record Check will also be required but can be arranged through the University at no cost.

B. Selection Criteria

1. Completion of 2 years post-secondary education in a related discipline.
2. Knowledge of theory and research areas related to the PAW vision and mission including, but not restricted to play, child development, cultural studies, adapted physical activity/education.
3. Experience in working effectively with a diverse range of individuals and/or groups in a variety of physical activities and settings.
4. Experience working collaboratively and effectively within a team (e.g. leadership, followership, communication skills).
5. Demonstrate qualities such as initiative, adaptability, compassion, respect for diversity, dedication to purpose and willingness to understand other perspectives.
6. A grade point average of 2.3 or higher for the last 12 months of academic study.
7. Peru Prerequisite: Basic Spanish language is required for the Peru location. Preference will be given during selections to students who have conversational Spanish skills. Spanish lessons/courses may also be taken during the PAW year on the students' own time and at their own expense. Please indicate in your application your current Spanish level or intent to enroll in a course.

C. Application Requirements

- 1] A personal statement of 500 words or less, substantiating how your personal and interpersonal skills and qualities (relating to numbers 4 & 5 in part B above) would be an asset to a PAW team. Where possible give examples or evidence of these abilities.
- 2] An up-to-date resume listing the educational, work and volunteer experiences that support your eligibility as per the selection criteria. Please provide details – e.g. course name, length of time worked (or volunteered) description of duties and responsibilities etc. Point form is acceptable.

3] A transcript of post-secondary course work (can be printed from beartracks).

4] References: Please ask two people who know you well to fill out the reference forms. Provide them with a copy of the Play Around the World information sheet so that they have an understanding of the nature of the project. After completing the reference forms, the referee should put the form in an envelope, seal it and sign their name over the seal before returning it to you. It is recommended that one of your referees be someone who has supervised you in your experiences working with children/youth and/or has seen you work as part of a team.

Before submitting your application, ensure that you have completed the following:

- Complete, Print and Sign Application Form (next page)
- Attached a personal statement – maximum of 500 words (see C.3 of Application Requirements).
- Attached a resume of educational, work, and volunteer experiences (see C.1 of Application Requirements).
- Attached an official University of Alberta transcript (can be a photocopy).
- Included 2 sealed references (see C.4 of Application Requirements).

Please submit your documents in the above order.

Drop off or mail completed application forms by Monday, November 19th, 2018 to:

*Play Around the World Selection Committee
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