

Social Justice/Community Engagement Internships in Brazil **Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais, UFMG, Brazil**

The UM Residential College, together with the Brazil Initiative at the Center for Latin American Studies, offers a fellowship for Spring term, 2019, at the Federal University of Minas Gerais. Students will be placed in an internship through *Polos de Cidadania* (Poles of Citizenship) (<http://polosdecidadania.com.br/institucional/apresentacao/>).

Polos is a community outreach/engaged learning internship program founded in 1995. It is affiliated with the UFMG Law School, although student interns are recruited from a variety of majors at UFMG. The clinic places undergraduate students in social projects created in partnership with governmental or non-governmental organizations around the city. In addition to joining UFMG students in their work at these internship sites, UM students will participate in POLOS meetings and activities and attend Portuguese classes for foreign students, offered at various levels. Placement possibilities include:

Theater troupe: Students work with a Paulo Freire-style music and theater troupe that performs original productions on themes such as domestic violence, child abuse, racism, and other issues raised by local community organizations and schools.

<https://polosdecidadania.com.br/equipes/trupe-a-torto-e-a-direito/>

Sustainability, urbanization, or youth empowerment in underserved communities: Students work alongside community members on projects such as a collective garden, environmental development, infrastructure, the arts, sports, and other forms of youth empowerment.

<https://polosdecidadania.com.br/equipes/acaba-mundo/>

<https://polosdecidadania.com.br/equipes/serra/>

<https://polosdecidadania.com.br/equipes/conceicao-do-mato-dentro/>

Educational extension: Students help create and administer web and distance-learning educational programs in the areas of human rights and services for vulnerable youth populations

<https://polosdecidadania.com.br/equipes/ead/>.

Empowerment/human rights for the homeless: Students work to support an organization the seeks to empower and provide jobs and services for the homeless

<https://polosdecidadania.com.br/equipes/populacao-de-rua/>.

To Apply:

RC students (including LSA students with an RC major) may apply for up to \$4,000 to cover travel and expenses for a 4-8 week stay. To apply visit myumi.ch/6k3B8 where you will submit your UM transcript (unofficial or official), an optional short (1-2 paragraph) endorsement from a UM instructor, and a statement (750 word maximum) describing your background or interest in social justice, community engagement, or any of the areas described above.

- *This program requires individual initiative and independence, and preference will be given to students who can demonstrate these in their application materials.*
- *Students with skills in Portuguese or advanced Spanish will receive preference.*

For additional information or questions, please contact Professor Sueann Caulfield at scaul@umich.edu