

SERVICE AND LEARNING VOLUNTEER APPLICATION FORM DUE NOVEMBER 22, 2024

The Micah Centre at The King's University, in partnership with WorldRenew and the Northern Alberta Diaconal Conference, works with communities in Honduras to build clean water systems. For over 25 years, we have partnered in community building, mutual learning, prayer, financial support, and provision of labour to work toward a world in which everyone has access to clean, healthy drinking water. Each year, a group of King's students visits a project to help build a stage of the water project and to build friendships with our global neighbours in Honduras.

The Micah Centre will select a group of students to spend 2½ weeks learning and serving in southern Honduras with WorldRenew. Applications will be considered in the order received, according to merit. Priority may be given to students who are in their final year of study, who have not received previous Micah travel bursaries, and who are enrolled in the Micah Certificate program.

The application form must be completed and returned to Ellen Algera:

- o digitally via email: Ellen.Algera@kingsu.ca
- o in-person: Micah Centre offices in the ground floor of the Apartment Residence on campus

A non-refundable deposit will be due if your application is successful. The rest of the fees for the project – covering project costs and student travel/accommodation – will be due by April 16, 2025. Students are able to fundraise for these costs, and are expected to participate in group fundraising as part of their involvement in the project.

Key Dates:

Application deadline:	November 22	Weekly meetings:	January – April, 2025
Interviews:	November 25–29	Fundraising:	January – April, 2025
Down payment due (\$150):	January 15	Balance of fees due:	April 16, 2025
	Trip: depart May 5, 2025 (2½ weeks)		

APPLICATION DETAILS:

Name in full (as it appears on your passport): _____

Date of birth: day: _____ month: _____ year: _____ gender: _____

Do you have a valid passport? yes no

What is your passport's country of origin? _____

Passport expiry date? day: _____ month: _____ year: _____

Passport number: _____

If necessary, do you have a valid Canadian Student Visa and Study Permit? yes no n/a

Or, do you hold a Canadian Permanent Resident card? yes no n/a

Current address: _____

Permanent address (if different): _____

Email address: _____ phone number: _____

Degree program: _____ year of studies: _____

QUESTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION:

Are you planning to take this course for credit? yes no

Note: course title is SSCI 300: Field Course in Transformational Development

Why are you volunteering for this project?

Are you available for a personal interview? yes no

If you are unable to attend a personal interview, please indicate a potential time for an online interview:

Do you possess a current First Aid Certificate? yes no

How well do you know the Spanish language? fluent little not at all

Do you have previous overseas experience? Please provide the nature, location, and duration of your stay:

Do you have any special skills? (state your level of proficiency)

Do you have any other specialized training?

Are you willing and able to attend bi-weekly pre-service meetings, over the common hour, on a day to be determined? yes no

Are you willing and able to attend post-service de-briefing sessions and presentations? yes no

Are you willing and able to share your experiences upon your return from Honduras, and/or photos of you/taken by you during the trip, if opportunities arise? yes no

Are you prepared to sign a “lifestyle statement” that obliges you to observe the host country’s dress and behaviour standards? yes no

There will be mandatory fundraising projects required for all team members to attend. Are you willing to participate in these events? yes no

MEDICAL INFORMATION:

Do you have any history of allergic reactions, chronic illness, or dietary restrictions?

Do you have any health issues we should be aware of? yes no

If yes, please describe:

Note: The climate of Honduras is significantly different from Alberta and may impact your capabilities. Please explain any other physical difficulties that may limit your ability to work:

Can you provide proof of COVID-19 vaccination? yes no

Note: Each applicant is responsible to obtain the necessary vaccinations, medicines, and any travel/medical insurance deemed necessary for the stay in Honduras beyond that which the Micah Centre purchases on students’ behalf. You may be required to produce proof of immunizations and insurance coverage. Please check current regulations and make arrangements with a local travel health clinic.

EMERGENCY CONTACT:

Name: _____ relationship: _____

City: _____ phone: _____ email: _____

REFERENCES:

Please provide two references (other than relatives):

1. Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ email: _____

2. Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ email: _____

RELIGIOUS COMMITMENT:

WorldRenew is a major partner agency in this project. WorldRenew’s mission is to promote the Kingdom of God and to demonstrate the gospel by administering the mercy of Jesus Christ to people in need. To carry out this mandate, WorldRenew enlists the help of volunteers like yourself. As image bearers of God, who help their neighbours far and near to become self-sufficient in meeting their own needs, volunteers need to be committed to the Christian faith and WorldRenew’s mission. They need to be emotionally stable, flexible, adaptable, and creative as they work with demanding and diverse situations.

Do you support the above written statement of WorldRenew’s mission, and do you feel you possess the characteristics needed to do the task? Please indicate your agreement by signing your name below.

Signed _____

If you currently attend a church, please provide:

Name of church: _____

Pastor/leader’s name: _____

Phone: _____ email: _____

If you would like to expand on your religious commitment, please do so:

Please Note: Any students attending as representatives of The King’s University must consent to all university policies which govern student conduct while away on an official campus event, including the alcohol policy, waiver consents, and other terms specified in the student handbook.

Thank you for your application!