# **AguaClara Engineer Application**

AguaClara engineers are recruited from the AguaClara project team to work as employees of Agua Para el Pueblo for a 12 to 24 month assignment. There may also be opportunity for 2.5 month summer assignments.

# **Application Procedure**

Send a letter of interest to Monroe Weber-Shirk describing why you are interested in the position and your goals for the year. Request 2 letters of reference and have them sent to Monroe Weber-Shirk as well. Applications are due by Feb. 15 and a decision will be made by the end of March.

## Assignment Description

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Carol Serna and John Erickson, AguaClara Engineers in Tamara, Honduras.

Start date: Between June and early August of 2009

Term length: 2.5 months to 24 months

AguaClara Engineers will be APP employees and will be working together with the APP team on a wide range of activities designed to ensure successful implementation and dissemination of the AguaClara water treatment plants. Examples of tasks include:

- visit potential communities, demonstrate the technology, and evaluate site feasibility
- assist in the construction supervision to ensure that plants are built according to plans
- suggest and test design improvements
- maintain close communication with the AguaClara team at Cornell
- develop training materials and run workshops to train plant operators

## Compensation

AguaClara Engineer salary is \$1150 per month paid monthly in advance by APP. AguaClara Engineers will be paid the first \$1150 when they arrive at the APP office. If the last month is not a full month the final payment at the beginning of that month will be prorated. AguaClara Engineers will not receive any extra allowance for living expenses, hotels or travel. It is expected that most of the salary will be spent on expenses related to living in Honduras. AguaClara Engineers are responsible to pay for their Primary health plan and for Travel health insurance. With careful planning it should be possible to pay for a trip home during the end of the year holidays.

## Health Insurance

Cornell recommends

- 1. medical benefits of at least \$50,000 per accident or illness
- 2. a deductible not to exceed \$500 per accident or illness

Insurance can be obtained from a number of providers. Cornell University recommends the use of insure my trip.com. Insure my trip lists several options including Travel Major Medical Policies.

These policies are designed for travelers who are going abroad for at least 6 months and require more permanent insurance. These plans provide comprehensive medical protection including emergency medical treatment, wellness care and optional prescription drug coverage. Like most major medical policies, these plans contain both in and out of network coverage, deductibles and co-payments and have the added travel benefits of accidental death and emergency medical vacuation protection.

Several companies provide this service