

Dear Professor Smith,

I hope you are well.

A quick email to introduce myself as the new point of contact for the Antipodeans UniBreak program for 2010. I'd like to take this opportunity to invite your students to participate in a UniBreak Overseas Dentistry Placement during their semester holidays. These placements are tailored specifically for Australian dentistry and related studies students looking to broaden their knowledge and apply their skills in a developing country.

If possible, I would like to arrange a time during a lecture to present this opportunity to your students. We are flexible with dates and times, and look forward to arranging a time that will suite you.

Applications are being taken now for mid-semester placements (departing June), and end of year placements (departing Nov & Jan).

Please note: Departure dates can be tailored for specific groups to accommodate for longer semester lengths of some dentistry courses.

Overseas Dentistry Placements

Students may choose to live and work for 4 weeks (longer if desired) in Cambodia, Nepal or India during their semester holidays.

Our UniBreak program facilitates experiential learning overseas adding value to student's resumes on a personal, professional and global level. From our experience UniBreak students develop core life skills, in particular the ability to make informed decisions and critically analyse their choices.

Cambodia

Placements are available in Siem Reap working with a local dentist and conducting health promotion out in the communities. Placement options available include the following:

Dental Clinic

Students can work alongside a local dentist with a dental practice in Siem Reap which is open for private patients and is committed to giving something back to Cambodia. Students can gain work experience at the dental practice/lab practicing under the guidance of the dentist. They will be able to assist in surgery (root canal etc.), x-ray (including panoramic) and assist in the lab where they make ceramic, gold and resin teeth.

Health Promotion

There is a need for health education in Cambodia which includes teaching locals about teeth brushing. You do not need any previous skills or experience in health promotion yet any prior experience working with children will be useful.

India

Placements are available in a rural area three hours from Mumbai. Here, students have the opportunity to carry out a number of projects:

Not-for-Profits

We work with many organisations that run health activities, mobile vans, small rural clinics and dental hygiene projects.

Clinics

There are several small private and government run clinics that we are able to work with in Pen and Malvali. In addition, we have clinics in Alibag where past students have worked when the student numbers increase. Students can observe local dentists and health practitioners and assist where possible.

Orphanages

We work with a number of orphanages in the region where students can work on dental health education projects

Research Projects

Many students conduct small projects that are useful to the community or organisation they are placed with.

Students work independently on these projects and are provided regular guidance by our in-country agent.

They help students identify potential areas of research and also support them through the process with weekly review meetings. Some examples of projects done in the past by health students are:

- Study of Iron Deficiency - Anaemia
- Village Nutrition Survey Report
- Dental Hygiene Program

Nepal

The placements are located in Pokhara, which is at the foothills of the Annapurna Mountain range. This area has some fantastic scenery being situated amongst The Himalayas.

Dental Health Camps and Dental Health Education

Depending on group numbers, a placement can be arranged for students to conduct dental health camps

out in the community around Pokhara providing oral education to schools and community centres. Research and needs analysis projects would be organised to provide focus for the health camps. You will also visit and attend workshops about the oral education system at dental colleges and teaching hospitals.

Why Antipodeans Abroad?

Antipodeans Abroad is an Australian owned Sydney based educational and volunteer travel company. We specialise in creating high quality experiential learning placements for school and university students in developing countries. Programs are structured, well-supportive, provide comprehensive risk management and offer unique learning opportunities for students in a global context.

- . Over 13 years experience working with Australian students in developing countries
- . Australian based head office
- . Pre-departure preparation and training
- . Extensive risk management experience and practice
- . Volunteers ALWAYS travel in small groups of students from across Australia
- . Managed placements in-country in conjunction with local In-country Agents
- . 24-hour support & back up
- . 24 hour medical consultant at Travellers Medical and Vaccination Clinic
- . Partnership with Student Flights to ensure students are on same flights
- . Premium travel insurance

Student Experience

"With all the opportunities that I have in a Western country, I think I am one of the luckiest people alive. Saying that, I have so much to offer, so being part of a team that aimed to deliver basic health education to families in dire need, was a good place to start. The best part of working with Antipodeans Abroad was seeing the joy that simple measures, such as soap, can bring to people's lives. You are humbled beyond belief when you realise what these people survive on, like the mothers who look after 7 children with no income, they are the real heroines." - Alice Manchon, University of Queensland, Four Week Health placement

I hope you can forward this information onto your students. I have attached a Dentistry Information Brief to this email. Students are

welcome to contact me at ebony@antipodeans.com.au should they need further information.

Warm Regards,

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