



## ABOUT MOROCCO

Morocco is a surprisingly varied country. From snowcapped mountains to beach resorts and from desolate deserts to exotic cities. East meets West and modern meets ancient in this former French colony. Do you speak French? If so, you will have plenty of opportunity to use your skills. If not, no problem! English is also widely spoken.

Our programs are located in Rabat, Morocco's scenic capital. Rabat is a perfect mixture of modern and traditional Morocco. The city is a hub of economic and social activity, combining UNESCO heritage sites with modern Moroccan culture. In addition, its location in the coast allows for a sea breeze that can alleviate even the hottest NorthAfrican weather

Where you are placed depends on your particular area of interest, your qualifications, what particular organization has openings for interns, and your language skills. All placements are made on a completely individual basis, so your experience with a specific organization may be entirely different from a past participant's experience. Keep in mind that you are working to fill a need in the organization and needs change over time. International programs require flexibility and adaptability. We will do our best to inform you of your tasks, but tasks may change once you are in-country. In addition to our wide range of volunteer and internship placements, we also offer supplementary language courses in Arabic or French that can be blended simultaneously with your program or taken separately.



## VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

### Teaching English or French

Despite the Moroccan government's push to improve literacy and promote professional development through the National Initiative for Human Development (NIHD), a great deal of Moroccan children and teenagers do not have the opportunity to acquire marketable skills. These young Moroccans are conscientious of the fact that speaking a foreign language will be of great use to them in advancing their education and integrating in the job market. Volunteers will work with underprivileged children, providing training in English, French and information technology. Volunteer tasks include running small workshops, assisting local teachers and organizing educational games and activities. Volunteers can also assist in summer camps. When applying volunteers will need to choose either Teaching English or Teaching French. Please specify if you can speak both languages on your application form.

### Childcare

Childcare volunteers work with special needs children and children from disadvantaged neighborhoods through organizing and engaging in activities to entertain the children and enable them to develop cognitive abilities. Volunteers design activities for the children each day and these activities include physical development activities (music and movement, toys and games) language and literature, arts and craft (painting and drawing), and theatre. The aim is for volunteers to provide these underprivileged children with new enriching and exciting activities.

### Ramadan Program

Morocco's most prevalent religion is Islam and over 98% of the population are practicing Muslims. Ramadan occurs in the ninth month of the Islamic calendar and Muslims worldwide observe this as a month of fasting. While fasting from dawn until sunset, Muslims refrain from consuming food and drinking liquids. The Ramadan Program provides a great opportunity for volunteers to experience Ramadan in a Muslim culture, while helping socially disadvantaged families and brightening the daily life of the children in poor neighborhoods through providing food (Al Iftar) at the end of each day. Volunteers will also have the opportunity over this time to organize workshops on ethics and values, and teach languages. Volunteers who wish to participate on the Ramadan Program do not need to be practicing Muslims, however they are required to observe Ramadan customs while in Morocco.

### **Working with Women**

Many women in the cities and villages of Morocco suffer from poverty, illiteracy and unemployment, affecting their social environment and in turn their children's education. The Working with Women program aims to enable local Moroccan women to improve their literacy levels and assist with professional development. Volunteers work in local organizations located in Rabat, or in rural Moroccan villages, working with local women and young girls. Volunteers will focus primarily on education and teaching. However, other tasks can include sewing, teaching art, arranging sport and activities, providing training in French and/or English, computer training and offering academic support for girls in Dar Attaliba (House of Female Students).

Please note that volunteers who wish to participate in this project should have at least an intermediate level of Arabic and/or French. We recommend this to ensure volunteers have a successful placement, as many of the women do not speak English.

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## **INTERNSHIPS**

### **Mid-wife & Nursing Internship:**

Interns that can speak French and have backgrounds in medicine, midwifery, and nursing are eligible for this position. Interns will be asked to work directly with a supervisor to assist hospital staff and patients in labor. To apply for the position, interns will be asked to write a letter detailing why they want to intern, as well as present their CV in French. The program duration is 1-3 months and is open all year round.

### **Journalism Internship:**

Interns that speak French or English and have a background in journalism are welcome to apply to this program. All interns will work closely with a mentor and could potentially work with international news agencies such as Reuters, Skye News or Morocco World News. Placements are given in Rabat or Fez, last 2-6 months and are open year around.

### **NGO Support and Human Rights Internship:**

These two positions are open to any intern with interest in human rights, advancing the power of civil society, solving social issues and challenging the status quo set by the government. Interns will give their expertise and perspectives to support grassroots NGO efforts achieve their missions. They will collaborate with local staff to share ideas and contribute to all activities of the organization. Interns will work with local organizations as well as international NGOs such as Amnesty International, International Handicap, Human Rights Watch and more. A beginning to intermediate level of French and a minimum time commitment of 5 weeks are required for the position.

## **ACCOMMODATION**

There are two options for accommodation. Our standard price covers double occupancy in our residence halls. A single room might be possible depending on availability. The other option is accommodation with a host family. This allows for greater insight into the culture and a chance to use your Arabic if you are studying it.

## COSTS

For up-to-date prices please visit our website <http://www.eliabroad.org/morocco-volunteer-intern>

<b>Program Includes:</b>	<b>Program Does Not Include:</b>
*Airport Pickup	*Round-trip Airfare
*Accommodation	*Return Trip to Airport
*2 Meals per day	*Required Travel and Medical Insurance
*Orientation Upon Arrival	*Visa Fees
*Volunteer/Internship Work Placement	
*In-country coordinator available 24/7	
*Internet access	

## HOW TO APPLY

For more information on these, or any of our other programs. Please email us at [info@eliabroad.org](mailto:info@eliabroad.org) or call us during normal business hours at 303-321-8278. You may apply online at [www.eliabroad.org](http://www.eliabroad.org)

