

# CIF ARGENTINA

## INTERNATIONAL PROFESSIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM

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CIF Argentina invites professionals in the field of Social Work and Human Services to apply for its International Professional Exchange Program (IPEP) 2020,

The program combines practical and theoretical information about the social and cultural environment of Argentina and it is developed mainly in the city of Buenos Aires, from September 4<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup>.

The participants will have an agenda that includes field visits, seminars and discussions with professionals covering different topics, in order to give them information about the social and political reality of the country, the welfare system, social programs and organizations.

They will be also able to have a basic understanding about the Argentinian Social Work. In our country it is a discipline that has a very strong background in community work, in the support of local organizations; spaces which we understand promote the development of critical consciousness, social cohesion and strengthen the social citizenship condition. We want to point out that this IPEP is the only one run out in Latin America since 2008.

Cross-cultural exchange is an important part of the program as participants come from different countries, thus providing opportunities for professional development, sharing and learning as well as broadening professional and personal horizons. We are also working on a special call to include colleagues from other countries in Latin America. According to the particular economic situation of the region they will have a special fee.

### **Application:**

The applications need to go through the CIF National Branch or Contact Person in your country, using the international application form. Addresses can be found on the CIF International website: <http://www.cifinternational.com/organization>.

You can contact us if you need it in Spanish

Deadline for applications will be March 1st. 2020

**Eligibility for participation:**

Candidates should be professionally qualified and employed in social work or related areas, with a minimum of two years of professional experience.

Be fluent in Spanish, as this is the language used during the program.

**Accommodation:**

Participants stay with host families during the two weeks, at least two host families. They provide room and meals, breakfast and dinner.

Living with host families is an important part of the program as it is a good way to know the Argentine way of life. It is not supposed to be a “hotel” and you’re welcome to share daily life activities with them.

**Financial Conditions:**

Participants are asked to contribute 350 euros as a contribution to cover all the expenses during the program. We support the accommodation in host families, the lunches and the domestic travel during the program. It doesn’t include any personal spending.

They pay their own expenses from their country to Argentina and return, and the health insurance, which must be arranged in advance. According to CIF international the branches do not cover health expenses and do not take any responsibility in this regard.

**Number of participants:**

4-6

**Activities:**

The program has four stages:

1- First weekend of welcome and getting to know with the other participants and CIF members

2- Introduction and orientation period – one week-

Participants are given a survey of historical developments, political and socioeconomic situation, cultural events and topics about social policies.

Special emphasis is placed on an introduction to Argentine social work.

3- Fieldwork experience: - one week- They visit agencies and institutions related to different areas of social work. The visits are prepared according to

participants' professional interests and field of expertise and during them they are advised by experienced qualified colleagues working at the institutions.

4- Evaluation: The last two days of the program are used for evaluation, the sharing of experiences and the farewell party.

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