Seven $1900 scholarships for spring semester 2020 to students considering Peace Corps service.

These scholarships offer the opportunity to gain intercultural experience, contribute to the San Diego community, provide assistance to new immigrants, strengthen your resume, and enhance your Peace Corps application. The scholarships are through a generous gift of the Mundt Memorial Trust to the SDSU Peacemakers Foundation. The Mundt Trust seeks to encourage SDSU students to have an impact in the community and to consider serving as Peace Corps volunteers through this scholarship-internship program. Intercultural learning and community volunteer experience significantly increase the likelihood of a successful Peace Corps application.

Seven scholarships of $1900.00 will be available for the spring semester 2020. Students from all majors are encouraged to apply. Successful applicants should be considering Peace Corps service after graduation, and are encouraged to explore opportunities at the Peace Corps website https://www.peacecorps.gov/. Selected students will work with scholarship administrators to arrange volunteer positions in immigrant-aid agencies in San Diego County. These internships are supervised by Dr. Hank Johnston, Hansen Chair of Peace and Nonviolence Studies, through a 3-unit civic engagement internship course, GenS 400, for which recipients will register in spring semester 2020. Professor Johnston will work with students to satisfy the academic dimensions of the internships for course credit, which will include a short report, journal entries, and monthly class meetings to discuss the challenges of immigrant assimilation. These scholarships are not only opportunities to gain experience in crosscultural settings, and have a positive effect on helping immigrant families in San Diego, but also to increase the impact of your Peace Corps application.

Interested students are encouraged to contact Hank.Johnston@sdsu.edu for an application form. The application is short and requires a brief essay about future aspirations, motivations for the scholarship, and especially thoughts about Peace Corps service. Deadline to apply is November 4, 2018.

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