

## Study Tour for Educator Application

Dear Study Tours for Educators Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in Heifer International's Study Tour for College and University Faculty and Staff! Please complete this application packet and return it by February 1, 2012 to the Community Education Office. This is a highly competitive program and you will be notified in early February if you have been accepted.

This Study Tour is designed for faculty, staff and administrators from colleges, universities and other higher-education institutions. Pre- and post-trip commitments are expected of each participant, as this program is designed to provide selected individuals with experience that will enrich their teaching, research and outreach relating to issues surrounding hunger, poverty and environmental degradation and Heifer's sustainable development model.

Accepted applicants will receive a grant from Heifer International which pays for all items listed in the tour's itinerary, including shared accommodations, meals, tour leaders and guides, workshops, resource materials, project and cultural site visits, transportation between activities, and emergency evacuation insurance. International air transportation to Honduras is also included, but all participants are responsible for their own transportation to and from the selected U.S. departure city and for any incidental costs such as snacks and souvenirs.

We recognize that travel is not without risk, and we take the safety of our participants very seriously. If deemed advisable, we reserve the right to cancel or interrupt a trip at any time. ***Trip itineraries are subject to change***, even after a trip commences. Upon acceptance, you must complete a waiver form.

For any further information, visit [www.heifer.org/colleges](http://www.heifer.org/colleges), contact the Community Education Office at [collegeprograms@heifer.org](mailto:collegeprograms@heifer.org) or call 501-907-2865. For your application to be considered, you must complete all of the attached forms and mail this packet to: Heifer International, **Attn: College Programs/Todd Montgomery**, 1 World Avenue, Little Rock, AR 72202 or email it to [collegeprograms@heifer.org](mailto:collegeprograms@heifer.org).

\* Heifer uses its best efforts to obtain emergency medical evacuation services ("SOS") for all study tour groups. **However, in the event Heifer is unable to obtain SOS for you, you will be required to (a) obtain your own emergency medical evacuation services, acceptable to Heifer in its reasonable discretion, and (b) provide Heifer with proof thereof prior to the Study Tour.**



# Honduras: Study Tour for College & University Faculty & Staff

Dates: June 15 - 22, 2012

Application Deadline: February 1, 2012

Name (as it appears on Passport): \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
Passport Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Expiration: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address (street, city, state, zip): \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work/Day Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
List any health or dietary restrictions here: \_\_\_\_\_  
Have you applied for a Study Tour before?  
If yes, when: \_\_\_\_\_

## Professional Background

Current Position (i.e. teacher, college or university faculty, administrator, retiree, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_  
College/University: \_\_\_\_\_  
Professional Organization Memberships: \_\_\_\_\_

Because of the demanding nature of a Study Tour, it is essential that participants are mentally and physically fit. Do you feel prepared to deal with stressful situations such as lack of sleep, physical exertion, sudden changes in itinerary and emotional responses to witnessing the conditions of extreme poverty? Yes / No

If you have concerns, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

This tour may be in remote areas reached by long rides over bumpy roads, moderate to strenuous walks and long periods of standing, so participants should be physically independent. A "Waiver and Release" form will be sent for you to sign before departure. Please initial here to verify that you have read the preceding statements: \_\_\_\_\_

## Passing on the Gift

I understand that by participating in a Heifer International Study Tour, I am responsible for sharing my experience with others upon my return. I pledge to become an advocate for Heifer's mission and to educate people about the root causes of hunger and poverty and how caring for the Earth can alleviate these problems. I pledge to pass on the gift of this experience to my students, peers and colleagues, and to incorporate the lessons learned during this Study Tour into my curriculum and on my campus. I also understand that by signing this application, I agree to complete a Heifer Study Tour evaluation form as well as any subsequent Study Tour evaluation documents.

Participant Signature/Date: \_\_\_\_\_



# Study Tour for Educators Questionnaire

Please answer the following questions completely and honestly to allow us a better understanding of the depth of your affiliation with Heifer and your existing views on hunger and poverty. These answers will help us determine if you should be selected to participate in a Study Tour for Educators.

**Name** (as it should appear on name tag): \_\_\_\_\_

Provide the requested information below for any of the Heifer Education programs that you have participated in previously:

Heifer U (Month/Year Attended): \_\_\_\_\_

Heifer U for Educators (Year Attended): \_\_\_\_\_

Heifer Volunteer Training (Month/Year/Location Attended): \_\_\_\_\_

Heifer Learning Center Program (Program/Year/Location Attended): \_\_\_\_\_

Heifer Education Professional Development Workshop (Month/Year/Location Attended): \_\_\_\_\_

Conference/Workshop on Heifer Programs (Month/Year/Conference Attended): \_\_\_\_\_

Have you participated in a Heifer Study Tour before? Yes / No  
If yes, where and how have you shared your experience?

In your own words, describe Heifer International's mission.

Have you worked with/volunteered for Heifer? Yes/No If yes, describe your experience(s).

After this trip is completed, are you willing to continue to collaborate with Heifer's Education Team to provide outreach and training to other educators and students?

On a separate sheet of paper, please answer the following question:

What do you see as the primary purpose and value of Heifer's educational offerings and/or methodology and development approach to the curricular programming and student engagement at your academic institution?

Also please provide us with a Curriculum Vitae that includes:

- Current and/or previous research, focused on service learning, engagement, poverty, hunger, community development or other relevant areas.
- Recently authored presentations and/or articles regarding the issues above.
- Curriculum integration or classes/sessions created and/or taught that utilize service-learning projects, field work or research, extension or engagement examples.
- Previous integration of Heifer into research, teaching and/or outreach.
- A 500-1,000 word statement of purpose explaining how this Study Tour experience will inform research, teaching, and outreach; future ideas and actions for advocacy and facilitation of Heifer's college and university outreach.
- You may also include letters of recommendation from a supervisor, collaborator, colleague or student.

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

