

## **Ignatian Immersion Companion Positions for IMAP and M.A.P.**

Ignatian Immersion Companions (IIC) are faculty, and staff at Marquette University who accompany our immersion programs (domestic and international) and participate fully in the program. Serving as an IIC is a unique opportunity to grow with students while engaging in the themes of social justice, privilege, simplicity, spirituality and community living, through shared experience and reflection. It is an opportunity to participate personally in an impactful immersion program while also mentoring and supporting students.

### **Role and Responsibilities**

The primary role of the IIC is to be present to the student group and share from her/his own experience and talents. The Immersion Director and/or Campus Minister and/or student facilitator coordinates the majority of the logistical components of IMAP or M.A.P. The IIC participates fully in all aspects of the trip, shares his/her life experience with the students, and co-facilitates reflection experiences. In the event of a student emergency or incapacity of the supportive staff leadership, the IIC undertakes responsibility for leading the group.

Specifically, IIC's are expected to engage in the following activities:

#### **Pre-travel meetings**

- For IMAP, the companion should join the group for all of the scheduled pre-travel meetings to learn about the program and to be able to build trust and rapport with the group prior to departure. If possible, the companion may offer their expertise to the pre-travel preparation program through lecture or activity.
- For M.A.P., the IIC should join the group of M.A.P. Facilitators for all mandatory training sessions to be able to build trust and rapport with the group, as well as to learn the philosophy and expectations of servant leadership for the program.

#### **During Immersion**

- Participate in all activities including group reflections while traveling. Activities vary between different programs but may include; group work projects, educational talks, visits to different individuals/families, various educational activities, service activity, etc. The IIC (or anyone in the program) is not allowed to separate from the group for any reason (unless discussed previous to departure).
- Model appropriate behavior throughout the immersion experience. Immersion Companions are expected to follow the immersion conduct agreement, the expectation of simple living (including abstinence from drinking and most technology), and to support the Immersion Director in holding students accountable to these expectations. Just as the students are expected to follow all conduct policy of the University, the IIC are also expected to comply with professionalism and policy of the University.
- Help to handle any emergency situations that may arise on the immersion, in communication with the Immersion Director or Campus Ministry, and host organization.

### **Post-travel**

- Attend post-travel meetings held following the immersion (if scheduled) to help students integrate the experience into life back on campus.
- Be a conversation partner with students upon return as they deal with the challenge of integrating their immersion experience into their lives at Marquette University and beyond.
- Assist in the process of evaluation/assessment of the program.

### **Throughout**

- Model mature and honest sharing during reflections (students will follow your lead in openness and dialogue)
- Be available for 1-1 mentoring and support to participants as the need arises.
- Reflect and dialogue about your own beliefs within the immersion experience. Be willing to share these with the group, as appropriate.

**Cost** associated with the program, including travel, lodging, food and any program fees will be the responsibility of the companion and/or the office/department supporting the companion. Unfortunately, Campus Ministry has no ability to help sponsor faculty and staff. Both IMAP and M.A.P. are student funded programs.

### **Applications**

If you are interested in applying to serve as an IIC for M.A.P. or IMAP, please complete the following steps:

1. Review the M.A.P. and/or IMAP webpages to get a sense of program offerings.
2. Apply online on the website that this form was found or contact Ann Mulgrew, Director of Immersions, to inquire further about upcoming opportunities. [ann.mulgrew@mu.edu](mailto:ann.mulgrew@mu.edu) or 414-288-3694