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guide to the 2010-2011 program director application

Hiking volcanoes. Learning about new cultures. Running your own innovative development initiative. All of these things are part of the life of a Manna Project International Program Director.

If you're reading this right now, odds are that you are considering applying to join the MPI community in the role of Program Director. As a PD, you could spend thirteen months living on location at one of our permanent sites in a community of like-minded, driven, and passionate young adults dedicated to the pursuit of international development. You could take charge of one of our ongoing initiatives in the fields of education, health & wellness, or business development, to name a few. Or, you could design your own initiative, drawing from your passions and experiences to contribute your own program to MPI's constantly growing approach to holistic community development.

At the end of the day, Manna Project International is all about opportunity: the opportunity to grow as a person, to experience new cultures, to learn new things about yourself and the world around you, and most importantly, the opportunity to effect significant and impact-oriented change in the developing world. If this sounds like your cup of tea, then you might just be Program Director material. Read the below information, and then begin your application. We look forward to reading it.

What do I need before I begin my application?

- An up-to-date resume that includes all relevant work experience, in PDF format.
- A copy of your transcript from your university, scanned and in PDF format.
Please submit both your resume and your transcript in PDF format via e-mail to apply@mannaproject.org. Your subject line should be 'Last Name, First Name - Resume and Transcript.'
- Prepared answers to the application questions.
As our current online application software does not permit users to save their progress and return to it later, the application must be completed in one session. As such, we advise our applicants to prepare answers to the application questions in advance. These questions can be found on page 2 of this guide.
- The contact information for two references (e-mail address, physical address, and phone number).



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The Program Director Application: An Overview

The MPI Program Director Application consists of eight basic sections:

1. Basic Information

Here you will be asked to fill in basic contact information.

2. Academic Record

In this section, you will be asked for information regarding your academic career, such as your major(s), minor(s), and GPA.

3. The Program Director Experience

This section focuses on on-site logistics, such as site preference and level of Spanish fluency. You will be asked to indicate and explain your site preference, so please be sure to review the information on both our [Ecuador](#) and [Nicaragua](#) sites available on our website.

4. Program Specifics

In this section, you will be asked to specify which programs you are most interested in becoming a part of. As with site preference, please review all available information regarding our programs in [Ecuador](#) and [Nicaragua](#) in order to make and explain your choices. There is also an optional portion of the application in this section, in which you are able to explain any possible new program(s) that you may want to implement. If you have an idea for a program that you would like to create, please have a brief explanation of this program prepared.

5. Personal Statement

This is the main essay portion of the application. You will be required to respond to the following prompt: "Address your fit with MPI's selection criteria: commitment to service, community focus, holistic development, and living/working abroad (1-2 pages)." This space is for you to highlight how you would fit into the MPI community. We advise that you draw from specific examples of past experiences that illustrate the ways in which you would contribute to MPI as a Program Director. To help with the preparation of your answer, we suggest that you review MPI's [mission/vision statement](#) and [foundational principles](#), as well as [what we look for in a Program Director](#).

6. Resume and Transcript

You will be asked to confirm that you have submitted the appropriate PDFs to apply@mannaproject.org.

7. Recommendations

Here you will be asked for the contact information of two references. We will then contact these references and provide them with a recommendation form. Please select individuals who have worked with you in a professional or academic setting and who will be able to accurately evaluate your personal work habits, talents, and skills.

8. Complete Your Application

In the final section, you will be asked a few more basic questions, after which you will verify and submit your application.

