

Application for Play Around the World (PAW) 2024

A. Application/Selection Process

The application process is outlined in this document for the PAW Team 2024, consisting of up to 20 participants for a variety of possible service-learning locations. Applications are to be received by **November 20th, 2023 by 4:00pm** by email to Mary Ann Rintoul maryann.rintoul@ualberta.ca After the selection committee reviews the applications, there will be interviews within the following 2 weeks for short-listed candidates. By the start of December, applicants will be notified and are asked to commit to participating in the PAW program by submitting a \$500 mandatory non-refundable non-instructional fee payable to the University of Alberta. PAW participants must acknowledge that they will be responsible for the total costs (estimated to be approximately \$5,500 plus tuition). Opportunities for fundraising will be organized by the PAW program and carried out by the team with assistance from the management committee. In the past, students have been successful in raising most of the funds in advance of travel. If selected, students are required to have their First Aid Certification by March 1st, 2024. A current (within 6 months) Criminal Record Check will also be required. Students will also be responsible for their own visa costs.

B. Selection Criteria

1. Completion of 2 years post-secondary education in a related discipline.
2. Knowledge of theory and research areas related to the PAW vision and mission including, but not restricted to play, child development, cultural studies, adapted physical activity/education.
3. Experience in working effectively with a diverse range of individuals and/or groups in a variety of physical activities and settings.
4. Experience working collaboratively and effectively within a team (e.g. leadership, followership, communication skills).
5. Demonstrate qualities such as initiative, adaptability, compassion, respect for diversity, dedication to purpose and willingness to understand other perspectives.
6. A grade point average of 2.3 or higher for the last 12 months of academic study.
7. Peru Prerequisite: Basic Spanish language is required for the Peru location. Preference will be given during selections to students who have conversational Spanish skills. Spanish lessons/courses may also be taken during the PAW year on the students' own time and at their own expense. Please indicate in your application your current Spanish level or intent to enroll in a course, in order to learn conversational Spanish before departure.

C. Application Requirements

- 1] A personal statement of 500 words or less, substantiating how your personal and interpersonal skills and qualities (relating to numbers 4 & 5 in part B above) would be an asset to the PAW team. Where possible please provide examples.

2] An up-to-date resume listing the educational, work and volunteer experiences that support your eligibility as per the selection criteria. Please provide details – e.g. course name, length of time worked (or volunteered) description of duties and responsibilities etc. Point form is acceptable.

3] A transcript of post-secondary course work (can be unofficial and printed from beartracks). *Note: Some Grants may require specific GPA in order for students to receive funds.

4] References: Please ask two people who know you well to fill out the reference forms. Provide them with a copy of the Play Around the World information sheet so that they have an understanding of the nature of the course experience. After completing the reference forms, the referee can email the form and letter directly to Mary Ann Rintoul (mrintoul@ualberta.ca). It is recommended that one of your referees be someone who has supervised you in your experiences working with children/youth and/or has seen you work as part of a team.

Before submitting your application, ensure that you have completed the following:

- Complete, Print and Sign Application Form (next page)
- Attached a personal statement – maximum of 500 words (see C.1 of Application Requirements).
- Attached a resume of educational, work, and volunteer experiences (see C.2 of Application Requirements).
- Attached a University of Alberta transcript (can be unofficial and/or a photocopy) C.3.
- Have 2 referees email their references directly to mrintoul@ualberta.ca (see C.4 of Application Requirements).

Please submit your documents in the above order if possible.

Please email with any special circumstances or requests requiring attention. Thank you.

Please email your completed application forms by the due date to the following email mrintoul@ualberta.ca

Application Form for Student Participation in Play Around the World 2024

Although there are no guarantees of location, please indicate your location preferences in order.
(You may select just one box OR you may select 2 or 3 boxes, indicating your preference with numbers 1, 2, and 3 in the boxes if you are interested in all/any).

Northern Canada Southeast Asia
(Thailand and Cambodia) South America
(Cusco, Peru)

Name: _____
First *Middle Initial* *Last*

Pronouns: (optional) _____

Mailing address: _____

City *Province* *Postal Code*

(_____) _____ (_____) _____ _____
Phone *Cell* *E mail*

Permanent address: _____

City *Province* *Postal Code*

(_____) _____ (_____) _____ _____
Phone *Cell* *E mail*

Gender: _____ Birth Date: _____ (year/m/d)

U of A Program: _____ ID # _____

Year of Study: _____ Number of credits completed: _____

Number of Credits in past 12 months: _____ Average GPA during this period: _____

Spanish Prerequisite (*South America location only): Please indicate your current Spanish level or intent to enroll in a course.

Signature of Applicant: _____ *Date:* _____

As of September 1, 1999, the University of Alberta is subject to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIPP) Act. Personal information on this application form is collected under authority of Section 32C of the FOIPP Act for the purposes of administering the Play Around the World Project and is protected under Part II of the FOIPP Act.