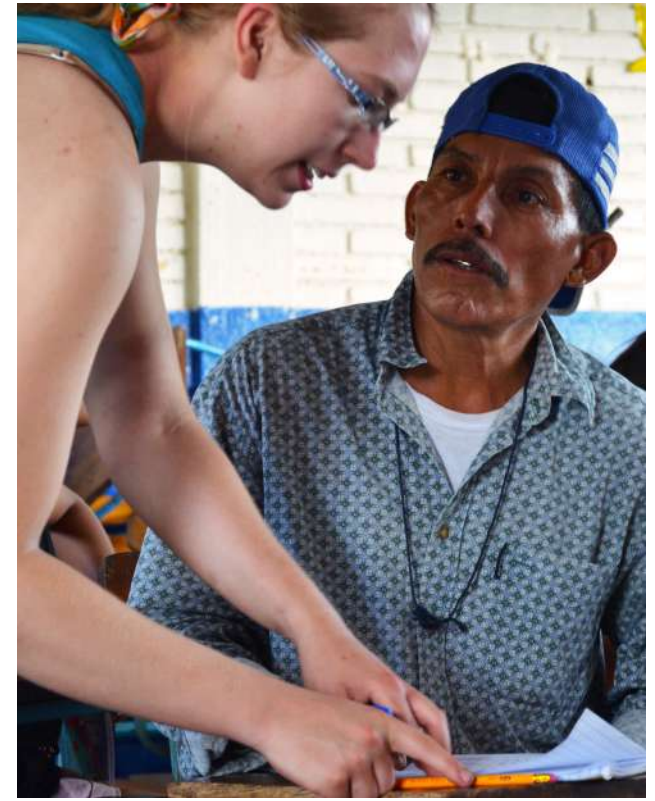




Become an SOS Academic Partner

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Inspiring Global Citizens Since 2008

SOS is a registered charity making enriching cross-cultural experiential learning opportunities affordable and accessible to all.

We'll work with your team to design and deliver custom-built, immersive educational experiences in Latin America. This includes: field schools, faculty-led abroad experiences, long-term student placements, language exchanges, and volunteer abroad opportunities.

Over 1600 participants have participated in global learning opportunities with SOS!


94% say they would recommend the experience to a friend!

Our Approach


- ✓ **LOCALLY LED**
Trips are delivered in partnership with trusted long term partners who are based in the local host community
- ✓ **IMMERSIVE LEARNING**
Participants live, sleep, eat, and learn directly within host communities and undertake pre-departure training to prepare for a reciprocal exchange of learning.
- ✓ **AFFORDABLE & ACCESSIBLE**
As a registered charity, we prioritize accessibility and offer the most economical option of any comparable global travel experiences

- ✓ **SUSTAINABLE IMPACT**
We support trips with ongoing Monitoring & Evaluation to ensure reciprocal, long-term impact for Canadian participants and partner communities
- ✓ **SAFETY**
We've developed an approach through our +10 years experience that ensures every detail is covered when it comes to your students' health, safety, and security

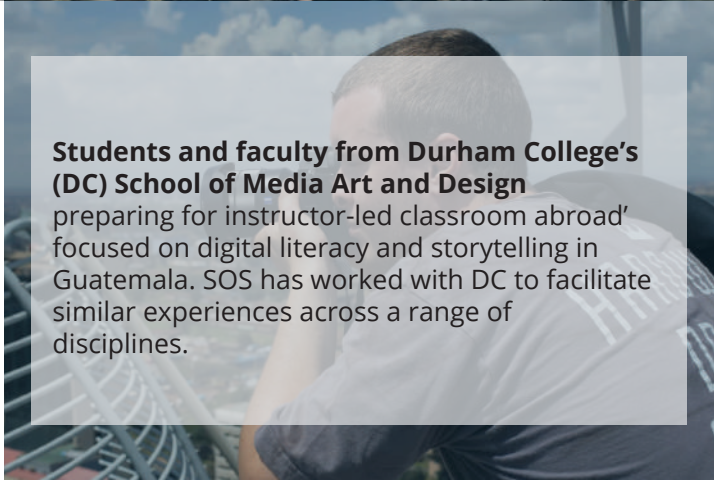
Case Studies



Carleton University students in Costa Rica learning about environmental issues during an Alternative Spring Break (ASB). SOS has worked with the Carleton Student Experience Office since 2012 to support ASB experiences for +50 students annually



Mechanical Engineering students and faculty from the **University of Toronto (UofT)** installing a windmill they designed with community members in Pedro Arauz, Nicaragua, as part of a Capstone course. SOS has worked with UofT since 2015 to facilitate international capstone course experiences.



Students and faculty from Durham College's (DC) School of Media Art and Design preparing for instructor-led classroom abroad' focused on digital literacy and storytelling in Guatemala. SOS has worked with DC to facilitate similar experiences across a range of disciplines.

Past Partners



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Pricing

7-14 day experiences are available, starting from \$2,000.00 per student.*

*Based on your specific trip itinerary (including its location, type of activities, and length of travel, and flight costs) SOS will provide a unique quote per participant.

TOTAL FEE INCLUDES:

- All meals and clean drinking water
- Living arrangements in a community facility
- Pre/during/post trip support, including all Pre Departure Training
- Support from a bilingual Trip Leader 24/7 during the trip
- Pre-departure training
- Required Trip Gear (including SOS journal, First Aid Kit, medical supplies, etc)
- SOS staff support throughout the trip experience, including 24/7 on-call engagement during Trip*
- Reintegration Program Support for Trip Participants upon return
- Management, Monitoring, and Evaluation of NGO partner projects
- Additional Program Support (eg. Communication & IT systems, Printing & Postage of Trip Supplies, etc)
- Rest Day Activities
- Flights

TOTAL FEE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Checked baggage fees from Airline
- Travel Visas, if necessary
- Immunizations, medication, or any fees incurred from a travel doctor
- Entry and exit fees
- Additional required supplies, such as; mosquito net, pillow, sleeping blanket, etc.

Wherever possible, we encourage institutions to make travel bursaries available to assist their students' participation. We can adapt trip planning and payment timelines to suit your bursary approval process.

What SOS Provides

	SOS	EDUCATIONAL PARTNERS
Engagement in Stakeholder Consultations	✓	✓
Development of Trip Proposal (including itinerary, pricing, risk mitigation strategies)	✓	
Approval of Trip Proposal (including itinerary, pricing, risk mitigation strategies)		✓
Preparation of Recruitment & Promotional Materials	✓	
Distribution of Recruitment & Promotional Materials		✓
Collecting and Vetting of Participant Applications (including itinerary onboarding calls with every approved applicant, and assessment of any required accommodations)	✓	
Participant Pre-departure Training & Preparation (includes collection of required travel documents, online training, and live webinars)	✓	
Oversight of Trip Preparation Logistics (includes coordination with host communities to prepare food, lodging, and ground transportation, and coordination with approved travel services providers to arrange flight schedules and travel insurance)	✓	
Registration of participants with ROCA (Registration of Canadians Abroad)	✓	
On-Trip Support (includes facilitation by bilingual guide 24 hours a day, on-call Assistance from SOS Head Office)	✓	
Reintegration Support Upon Return	✓	
Post-Trip Survey	✓	

What's Involved

1 Stakeholder Consultation

SOS works with your team and our international partners to define student learning objectives and match them with collaborating organizations in Latin America

3 Risk Management and Mitigation

Ensuring every detail is covered when it comes to your students' health, safety, and security and working with your team to align with internal risk mitigation strategies of your institution

5 Pre-departure Training and Preparation

We offer online training videos, quizzes, and facilitate live web seminars to help students prepare for truly reciprocal cross-cultural learning experiences

7 Post-trip Support

Facilitation of surveys and focus groups to assess achievement of objectives and to capture lessons learned; every trip will receive a full report with pictures and testimonials with all partners

2 Itinerary Planning

To establish a detailed itinerary of activities suited to your learning goals, as well as coordination of transportation logistics, lodging, food arrangements and more

4 Student Recruitment & Communications

We support your team to find and select participants by providing promotional materials, as well as easy to use system for students to submit all required information to travel

6 On Trip Support

Every trip includes support from a trained, bilingual (or trilingual) guide, who is with participants 24/7 throughout their experience and is supported by on-call assistance from SOS Head Office staff

ELEVATING EDUCATION. IGNITING LEADERS.

Testimonials

"I would highly recommend SOS to other institutions looking to develop international community-engaged learning partnerships. The team at SOS is incredibly organized, provides valuable pre-departure support for coordinators and students, and is responsive and accommodating when questions or concerns arise. One of the best aspects of our partnership has been SOS' willingness to evaluate and innovate to continuously enhance student learning and community outcomes. Carleton students who participate in an SOS experience appreciate the immersive nature of the program, the opportunities for engagement with the community, and the chance to contribute to meaningful, community-identified projects."



Niamh O'Shea, former Student Development and Community Outreach Coordinator, Carleton University

"We've been able to facilitate valuable exchange experiences for our students, while supporting renewable energy development. SOS' has been a valuable partner in helping to enable the development and growth of this award-winning initiative."



Dr. Amy Bilton, Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering, University of Toronto

