



January 2017 (Jamaica, Nicaragua, US/Mexico Border) Immersion Participant Essay Questions

Please preview these questions before you begin your online application and have responses prepared to copy and paste into your application. Responses are limited to 350 words or less.

- Please explain your first and second choice preferences and why these would be a good fit for your interests. What aspects of these experiences appeal to you?
- SERVICE
“If we are to share our lives with others and generously give of ourselves, we also have to realize that every person is worthy of our giving... We achieve fulfillment when we break down walls and our heart is filled with faces and names!”

How has your life experience shaped or deepened your understanding of the connection between human dignity and service? In what way does this inspire you to participate in an immersion experience?
- COMMUNITY
During an immersion experience, team members are a part of both the JCU team and the host community they visit. What are important ways that you hope to engage in both of these communities?
- SOCIAL JUSTICE
What is an issue of social justice which you are passionate about? What spiritual or religious principles (ex. Catholic Social Teaching or similar teachings from other traditions) most inform your reason to act on behalf of another and why?
- EDUCATION
What are two issues of injustice that you would potentially encounter in the country or region where your immersion takes place? How will your immersion experience inform you about potential solutions to these issues of injustice? (Ex: being with the people of Nepal post-earthquake has given me a greater awareness and sense of mission to help victims of any natural disaster in my sphere of influence).
- SPIRITUALITY
Please respond to ONE of the following:

A. As part of the immersion program, team members participate in daily reflection and are encouraged to share how the immersion is impacting their spiritual lives. Share a bit about your own spirituality and how you interact with others who have beliefs different from your own.

B. At JCU, we promote "a faith that does justice." What does this statement mean to you?