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Program hosts global summers

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The APPLES service-learning program offers summer opportunities for students who want to gain professional experience, learn about new cultures abroad — and make money at the same time.

"Every summer we offer summer internships, which are opportunities for students to work in non-profit organizations while earning a stipend," said Jenny Huq, the director of APPLES.

These service learning internships give students a chance to earn \$2,500 throughout the summer, she said.

The campus organization also teams up with the Office of Undergraduate Research to provide three Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowships. This summer, students are headed to Sierra Leone, Northern Thailand and Guanajuato, Mexico, on three \$3,000 fellowships, Huq said.

This year, fellowship applications had to be in by Feb. 28,

and students could request to go anywhere.

"In terms of planning for summer opportunities, it begins pretty early in the spring semester with APPLES as well as with other groups across the campus," Huq said.

APPLES also gives students who want to spend their summer in Guadalajara, Mexico, an opportunity to study abroad through the Global Service Learning Program.

This year, 11 students plan to participate.

The program lasts for nine weeks during the summer and focuses on service learning in Mexico. It is the only APPLES summer program that has a fee, similar to other study abroad programs where all expenses are paid by the student, Huq said.

"We offer all of these opportunities every summer," she added. "For each of these there are interviews and selection processes that take place early in spring semester."

At the end of the summer, the

Service Learning Initiative aims to provide a way for freshmen to find their niche in service within the college environment.

"The students arrive a few days early and participate in different service events within the community," Huq said. "It gets them acquainted with service at UNC and the Chapel Hill-Durham community."

Freshman attendees usually arrive about three days before classes start and participate in social and service activities, receive six meals and get a chance to establish friendships before school begins — all for \$30.

And APPLES officials are already planning for next fall. In the days following welcome week, the organization will co-sponsor an event with Stop Hunger Now, a nonprofit organization in Raleigh.

The goal of the event is to package one million meals, and those interested in helping can do so in locations throughout the state.

ON THE BALL



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The North Carolina men's baseball team reached the finals of the College World Series for the second straight year in 2007. This year the men have started with a 29-7 record and currently are third in the ACC. If the Tar Heels can continue their run in the post-season, they could again see home games at the USA Baseball National Training Complex in Cary during the opening rounds in late May. The finals again will be held in Omaha, Neb.

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