

2025 STUDENT SUMMER PROGRAM

Mexico City, Mexico



Students: Are you ready to grow your leadership skills, learn about water scarcity, and take action on one of Mexico's most urgent environmental challenges?

Join us on this transformative, hands-on journey where you'll not only explore the complexities of water scarcity in Mexico but also actively contribute to the solution by installing rainwater harvesting systems.

Over the course of a week, you'll work alongside Isla Urbana team members to immerse yourself in Mexico City's vibrant culture, learn the region's rich history, connect with local communities, and become a leading changemaker in the fight for water justice!

During the trip you will:

○ Get Your Hands Dirty

Work alongside the Isla Urbana team to install life-changing rainwater harvesting systems. This will deepen your understanding of environmental solutions and strengthen your ability to advocate for such initiatives in the future.

○ Participate in Cultural Activities

Dive into Mexico's rich history and vibrant culture. Explore the awe-inspiring pyramids of Teotihuacán and visit at least two other iconic landmarks, such as the historic Zócalo, the colorful canals of Xochimilco, the lush beauty of Chapultepec, and more!

○ Experience a Rainwater Harvesting System in Action!

Join us for an exclusive visit to a school with a working rainwater harvesting system. A portion of your registration directly supports the installation of a new system at another school, expanding access to clean water. Meet the students and staff, hear their stories, and explore the surrounding community.

○ Take a Deeper Look into Sustainable Water Access

Join us on field visits where to meet past and future beneficiaries of our rainwater harvesting systems! You'll also meet community organizers and see the water scarcity problem in Mexico through a different lens.

High School & University Students Welcome!

High school students aged 16 and up, as well as university students, are welcome to join. University students will have the opportunity to take on a leadership role as mentors during the program. They will share their college experiences, wisdom, and insights, while serving as role models to other program participants.



Please note that university students will not be responsible for the safety of other students involved.

Chaperones Too!

Chaperone opportunities are available with a 1 to 5 student/chaperone ratio per program. Priority will be given on a first-come first-served basis, and in accordance with the same deadlines. Chaperones are required to cover the same costs as the students.

Registration deadlines:

EARLY Registration (March) - \$1,600 USD + Flight
Lock in a special rate and secure your spot by completing your payment by the end of March 2025. Flight is not included in the price.

LATE Registration (April) - \$1,800 USD + Flight
Secure your spot by completing your payment by the end of April 2025. Flight is not included in the price.

Date of Program: July 7th - 14th, 2025

The registration fee includes:

- Transportation
- Meals and housing
- Community visits
- Installation of rainwater harvesting systems by students
- A rainwater harvesting system for a public school
- Entry to museums, workshops, activities, and all program-related costs
- Flight is **not** included in the price

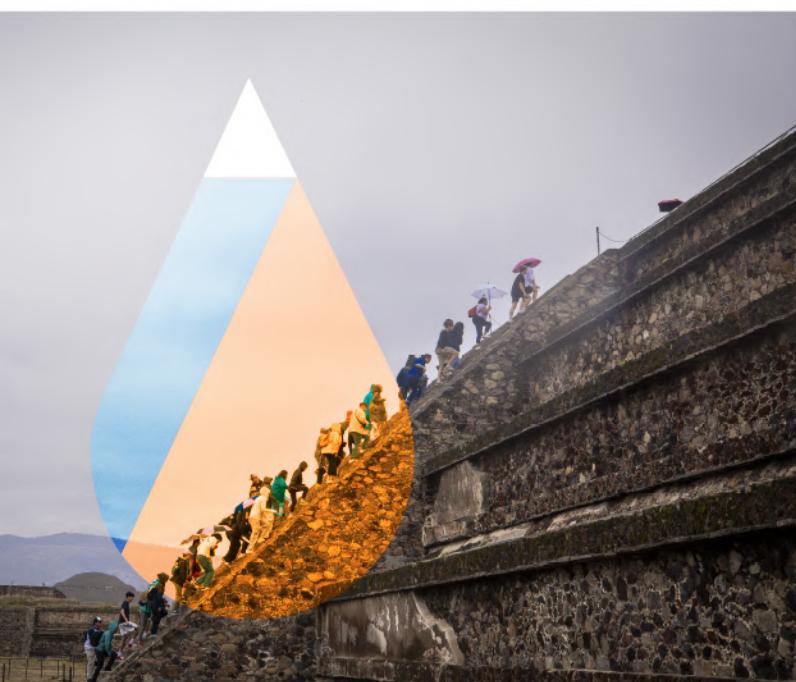


Health and safety:

Parents, rest assured—this is a structured, supervised program designed with safety, learning, and leadership growth in mind. Your student will gain invaluable global experience, enhance their problem-solving skills, and deepen their understanding of sustainability—all while making a real impact!

Living arrangements include a private floor within a hostel, where participants will have minimal contact with outsiders. Additionally, students will be transported from site to site in a well-ventilated vehicle with spaced seating. Installation and school-visit days will primarily take place outdoors in safe communities.

Supervisors will be on-hand to address any health concerns and follow proper protocols if a student feels sick or is injured. Waivers with additional details will be provided to the student and their guardians.



The Heart of the Program: Building Connections, Creating Impact, and Fostering Young Leadership.

For young people, opportunities like this are about more than just the work—they're about creating meaningful connections and memories that transcend borders. Traveling, experiencing new cultures, and meeting people with perspectives different from their own enriches these students' worldviews, shaping them into more compassionate, thoughtful, and understanding leaders. The memories and bonds forged through this program will lay a powerful foundation for inspiring future leaders who will undoubtedly drive positive environmental change.

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The Summer Program put life into perspective and made me want to start a chapter. I would love to continue to work with Isla in any way I can. It inspired me to give back to my community.”

— Evelyn, 2024 program participant

“Talking to the other students, who all come from different backgrounds, was especially very impactful. Learning about their endeavors was inspiring and encouraged me. I also feel that actually speaking to the members of the community and the school and hearing their story was quite valuable and an experience that you can't get elsewhere.”

— Anusri, 2024 program participant

“I loved meeting everyone! It was a dream of a program, so inspiring, fun, enriching, and motivating. Thank you!”

— Tia, 2023 program participant

“I would strongly recommend the program.

— Celinda, 2023 program participant

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For more information, contact us at programs@islaurbana.org or learn more about Isla Urbana at www.islaurbana.org/en.

Together, we can shape the future of sustainable water access, empower communities, and drive long-term positive change.

#Rainmakers #RainForAll