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Academic or Activist Reference Form

Applicant: Please complete the top half of this form and ask an academic or activist reference who knows you well to complete the bottom half. Please submit two reference forms with your application. Please ask your references to submit completed forms to ausm@mexicosolidarity.org.

Applicant

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, state, zip: _____

Email: _____

I am applying for (program dates): _____

Reference

The Autonomous University of Social Movements Cuba program is a 13-week (during the spring or fall semester) or 5-week (during the summer semester) interdisciplinary course of study based in Cuba. The program is focused on the investigation of the history, culture, and politics of Cuba. Students will read materials drawn from sociology, political science, anthropology, economics, history, literature, and other relevant disciplines. Experiential workshops may include visits to public schools, medical centers, cooperatives, NGOs, and popular organizations. To succeed, the applicant must be flexible, open to new experiences and self-motivated. We appreciate your frank and honest appraisal of the applicant. We accept applicants into the program on a first come, first serve basis and class capacity is often filled before deadline dates. We encourage you to complete this reference as quickly as possible. If you have any questions, please contact the Autonomous University of Social Movements at ausm@mexicosolidarity.org or 773-583-7728.



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Name: _____

Institution/Organization: _____

Position/Title: _____

Written Evaluation

Please answer the following questions in the space below (the form is a fillable .pdf):

What are the applicant's strengths and weaknesses in the context of a study abroad program?

Please evaluate the applicant's Spanish language skills. Is the applicant flexible? Self-motivated? Inquisitive? Does the applicant demonstrate good judgment and common sense? How does the applicant deal with uncomfortable or unusual situations? Please evaluate the applicant's work in community, grassroots, university and/or social groups.