

Videographer

General requirements

We seek interns and volunteers who are physically, mentally, and emotionally fit and do not back down from a challenge. Working in the Amazon is not for the faint of heart. The weather is hot and humid, there are often many bugs and mosquitoes. River travel is not the most comfortable form of transportation, though it is the most common. You are expected to work hard, with a high level of autonomy and initiative. When staying in indigenous communities, there is no running water or flushing toilets. While you may not permanently live in a community, you might be there for lengths of time depending on your role. Flexibility and patience are also extremely important. Things happen at their own pace here in the Amazon, and patience is definitely a virtue.

That being said, the rewards of persevering and facing these challenges yield innumerable opportunities for growth and learning.

Overall Role

Location: Pucallpa, Peru.

An exciting opportunity to work closely with local Shipibo people and the entire Alianza Arkana team in documenting activity on the ground here in Pucallpa and neighboring indigenous communities as part of our visual media strategy.

We also welcome and support videographers who are interested in running participatory video projects with Shipibo people, and shooting documentary film on topics relating to our work here.

Main Duties and Responsibilities

- Work closely with the entire team to stay up to date with what activities are happening when.
- Work with the Communications Coordinator to produce content for new short form video blog series on specific projects and initiatives in communities.
- Work with Grant Writer, Development Coordinator, and/or Communications Coordinator to shoot and edit videos for grants, applications, and fundraising purposes.
- Travel to/ stay in Shipibo communities to film and photograph projects.
- Host workshops to train interested Shipibo youth in media, filmmaking, photography, sound editing, etc.
- Commit to a minimum of **THREE MONTHS**.

Other responsibilities may include but are not limited to

- Keep organized and being responsible for accessible archive footage.
- Contribute to (visual) social media.
- Run workshops with Shipibo youth on the benefits of digital media for a democratic voice - how to shoot and edit video with their camera phones and conduct interviews.
- Make contact with local documentary makers.
- Be prepared to stay in communities for periods of time (upwards of 2 days).

Personal Projects

- Participatory video projects working sensitively and closely with Shipibo culture, with the intention to educate Shipibo people on the filming process, and enabling them to shoot and edit their own videos after the videographer has left.
- Documentary filmmaking projects on any of the issues addressed through Alianza Arkana projects.
- Keep up to date with film festivals and grants for cultural and environmental filmmaking.

Qualifications and skills

- Intermediate level Spanish or higher.
- Sensitivity to working with Indigenous and economically disadvantaged people-- experience is a huge benefit.
- Technical experience using video equipment, editing software (Adobe Photoshop, Premiere Pro and Lightroom or other editing software), and/or digital media control software.
- Strong knowledge in production techniques including videography, compression, and file delivery as well as other production formats.
- Broad knowledge of all aspects of broadcast quality productions, including field and studio camera, lighting, sound, and editing.
- Understanding of online video environment and online distribution.
- Ability to adapt equipment setup and provide alternative setup or workarounds if necessary.
- You will need to bring all of your own equipment including computer and software, and be responsible for your own insurance.

****PLEASE SUBMIT REEL/LINKS WITH YOUR RESUME****

Details

Please read all of the text on the 'Get Involved' page of our website for specific details about this role.

How to Apply

Please send the following information to info@alianzaarkana.org with 'Get Involved' in the subject heading.

- Your curriculum vitae or resumé.
- A cover letter explaining in more detail your interest in partnering with Alianza Arkana.
- A completed Volunteer and Internship Questionnaire (see below).

Volunteer and Internship Questionnaire

Please respond to the questions below, keeping each of your responses within the limit of 150 words.

- Name:
- Age:
- Position you are applying for:
- When you would like to begin and for how long?
- What is your level of Spanish fluency?
- Describe what skills you possess that would be beneficial to our work.
- What experiences do you have working with diversity, and what have you learned based on these experiences?
- What experience do you have working with indigenous peoples, if any?
- What do you think the role of an NGO/Non-profit should be in working with indigenous peoples?
- How do you think creativity and the arts can be useful in work with indigenous peoples?
- What do you enjoy doing outside of work?
- Describe a peak experience when you thought life couldn't possibly get any better.
- How do you deal with conflict and discomfort?
- What would you like to learn from your time here?
- What do you need to unlearn?

We are happy you are interested in coming to the Peruvian Amazon to collaborate with Alianza Arkana!