



# GENDES

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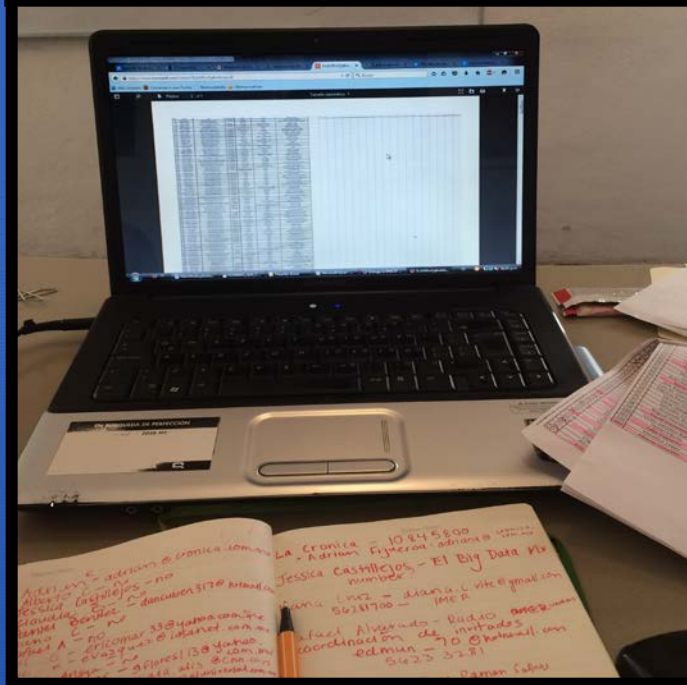
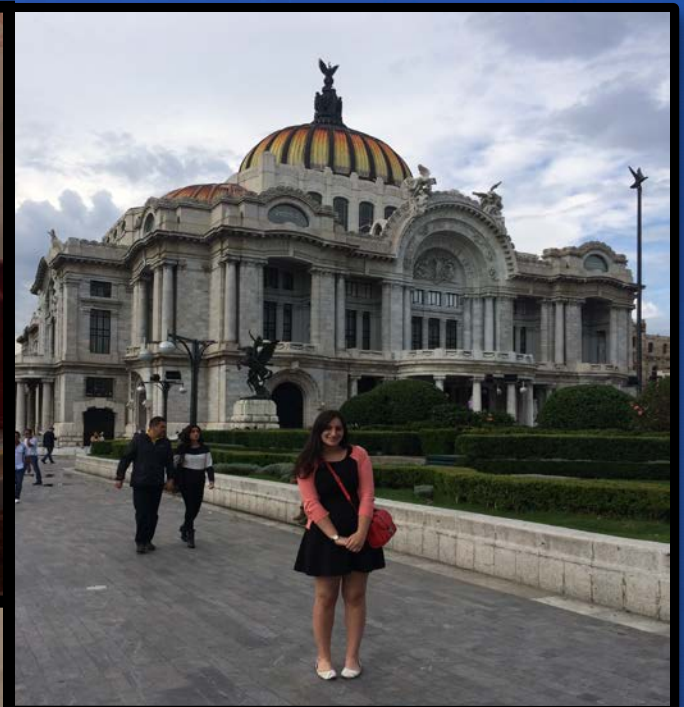


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- GENDES is a Mexican civil society organization that aims to effect gender equality through a focus on healthy masculinities.
- As an intern with GENDES' public positioning program, I worked on a mixture of projects that pertained to public representation and public policy. I also assisted with translation of materials to English.
- Some projects I enjoyed included:
  - Translating and coding an English version of GENDES' website.
  - Planning and executing a GENDES press conference.
  - Writing executive summaries in English of GENDES summaries to share with other civil society organizations on an international scale.



# Working with GENDES



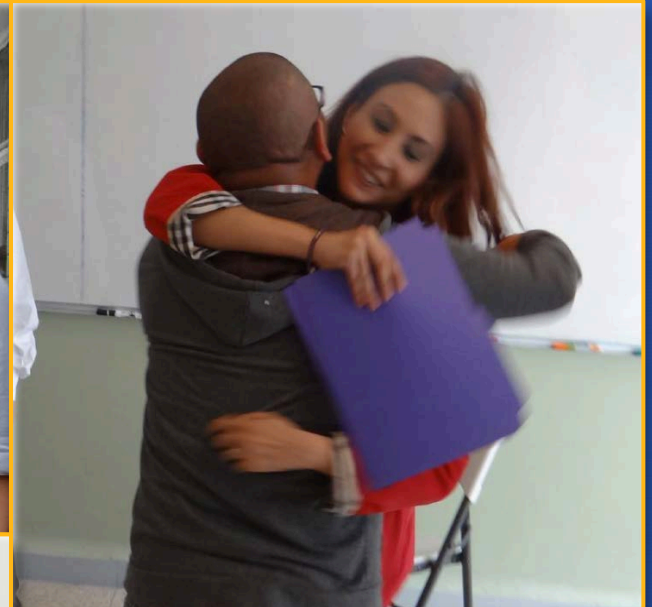
# Most Rewarding Experience

GENDES isn't just another research organization. They work hard to get involved in the community, offering workshops covering topics such as self-esteem, healthy masculinities, and domestic violence. One week I had the opportunity to attend one of those workshops – it was so heartening to see how important and effective GENDES' fieldwork is.





# GENDES at Work



# My Impact

## Outreach

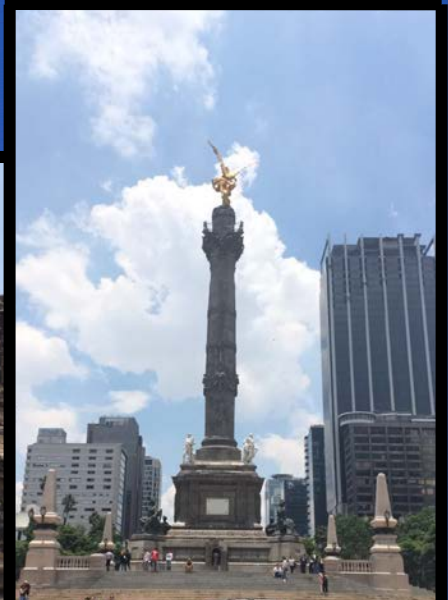
- I did a lot of translation work for GENDES, as well as helped with projects pertaining to the organization's public representation. Due to these efforts, I know that I was able to help GENDES greatly in terms of expanding its outreach. The great work they do is now accessible to audiences, both English and Spanish speaking, all over the world.

## Speed

- For a small NGO like GENDES, one of the biggest problems always at hand is speed. GENDES has a tiny staff and has limited funds, and therefore it is very limited in what it can accomplish. By coming to GENDES for 8 weeks and helping with miscellaneous projects, I know I was able to help the organizations achieve several that they could not have accomplished without my help.



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- Living abroad and experiencing life in a new city and culture was a large part of what made this experience so valuable for me. Not only was I able to explore new career paths, I also got the chance to explore different life paths. I adored getting to know Mexico and Mexico City and I felt so lucky to have that experience.





# Conclusions

- I had such a wonderful time completing my IIP internship this summer. I explored a new country and career path, improved my language skills, made friends, and grew as an individual overall.
- Thank you to Luisa and all those who make IIP possible for allowing me to have such an amazing experience. I am so appreciative of the opportunities that IIP provided to me – I will not forget them.

