**Rehearsing Change: Empowering Locally, Educating Globally**

**FROM THE CRACKS**

**Official Student Application**

Before proceeding with the application, please read the following:

1. For the Methodology-Based courses, we require a “medium-high” level of conversational Spanish, which usually means the student has completed 4 semesters of college-level Spanish or passes our Spanish proficiency video conference call.
2. Our School of Record is Juniata College (PA), from which all students will receive an official transcript. It is extremely important that each student speak with his/her study abroad office to assure that Juniata College credits will transfer to your institution. It is possible that your institution will require a petition for you to participate in our program.

An application is considered complete upon receipt of this form (Pages 2 & 3) and the following documentation:

* Unofficial Transcripts (please include all university level transcripts).
* 2 letters of recommendation (or 1 letter from your Study Abroad office + a brief interview with a Pachaysana team member)
* A written essay (750 to 1500 words) explaining why you want to study in From the Cracks. You may write in English or Spanish, but please include the following:
  + A brief personal history and how that relates to From the Cracks.
  + A brief academic history, highlighting classes and other experiences that have prepared you for this program.
  + Personal and academic goals. What do you want to learn during the semester?
  + Your experiences in dealing with cultural and/or social differences
  + What is unique about you? What can you (or do you want to) contribute to the cohort?
  + In summary, we want to hear your story and how this story relates to your academic experiences so far. How do you envision From the Cracks being part of this story and how will you be part of our cohort’s story? Please do not consider this an academic exercise or write what you think we want to hear. Be honest, be creative and have fun.

NOTE: In place of the essay, you may elect a video conference call with a Pachaysana team member.

Please complete with legible handwriting, or type.

**Personal Information**

Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Gender: Female \_\_\_ Male \_\_\_ Non-binary/third gender \_\_\_ Prefer to self-describe \_\_\_ Prefer not to say\_\_\_

Birth date (Month/Day/Year) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Preferred Email \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

¿How do you rate your level of overall Spanish, from 1 to 9? (Beginning: 1 to 3; Intermediate: 4 to 6; Advanced: 7 to 9. 1 represents early beginner level and a 9 is fluency.) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

What other Spanish-learning experiences do you expect to have before beginning Rehearsing Change (or share any comments with regards to your Spanish level/abilities)?

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**Reference/Recommendation Instructions**

**Instructions for Applicant:**

If you are applying from an institution with which Pachaysana does not maintain a longstanding partnership, we ask you to submit two letters of recommendation (one can be a faculty member or academic advisor, and the other can be a reference of your choice). If you are applying from one of our regular partner institutions, you may simply have your Study Abroad office’s representative send us an email that serves as an overall reference. For all applicants, we will ask to meet with you briefly via video conference call so that we can more fully get to know you and answer your questions.

**Instructions to Recommender:**

In addition to covering the applicant’s academic qualities, we request that you comment, to the best of your knowledge, on their communication skills, initiative, multicultural/cross-cultural ability (or potential), experience (or promise) in confronting challenges and/or managing unusual/uncomfortable situations, aptitude for working in groups and whether you believe that they use sound judgment.

Please write a letter (or email) and send it from your professional email address to [info@rehearsingchange.org](mailto:info@rehearsingchange.org)

Subject heading should be “Reference-STUDENT LAST NAME-HOME COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY”