



## Dominican Republic Flying Lab - Internship

WeRobotics is an international not-for-profit organization that invests in local experts and entrepreneurs to create equal opportunity around the use of robotics for positive social impact. We do this through the growing network of Flying Labs which are local knowledge hubs led entirely by local professionals who scale humanitarian aid, global development, public health and environmental protection efforts through the use of autonomous robotics. Flying Labs are currently operational in 23 countries across Asia, Africa, Latin America and Oceania. We expect this network to grow to 40 Flying Labs in 2020. Together with our Technology Partners, we match the latest in robotics technology with the needs and priorities of Flying Labs, creating a vibrant and high-tech market and workforce. WeRobotics is funded by numerous donors including The Rockefeller Foundation, Hewlett Foundation, Atlassian Foundation, Omidyar Network, Gates Foundation, Inter-American Development Bank (IADB) and the World Bank, for example. More information on WeRobotics can be found at [WeRobotics.org](http://WeRobotics.org) and [FlyingLabs.org](http://FlyingLabs.org).

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**Position:** DR Flying Labs Intern  
**Location:** Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic  
**Start date:** As soon as possible, latest September  
**Duration:** 3-6 months with possibility of extension  
**Deadline:** Please apply by July 1, 2019 at the latest

### Internship description

DR Flying Labs continues to spearhead the most innovative uses of cargo drones for medical delivery in the Dominican Republic. This work is starting to expand rapidly and now includes the deployment of mapping drones for a wide range of projects. To meet this growing demand for projects and expertise, DR Flying Labs is looking for a highly dedicated intern to work directly with the Executive Director of DR Flying Labs. The Flying Labs is hosted by the Drone Innovation Center based at Cyberpark, right across from the international airport of Santo Domingo. The intern will have a dedicated space (desk, workshop) at DR Flying Labs to support the management and coordination of all operations. This is an excellent opportunity for

someone looking for a career change and/or to rapidly gain first-hand experience in the application of drones in public health and disaster response.

### **Key Responsibilities**

- Support the Executive Director of DR Flying Labs on all operational and administrative duties as well as documentation and public communications.
- Serve as lead focal point for communications with the other 20+ Flying Labs, ensuring that lessons learned and best practices are communicated effectively.
- Support the management of strategic partnerships and develop new partnerships.
- Support project management to ensure implementation of Flying Labs projects in line with timeline, budget and quality expectations.
- Document key activities for blog posts and Social Media presence on the Flying Labs website.
- Support business development and fundraising efforts, including grant writing.

### **Requirements**

- Bilingual English and Spanish
- Strong project management and organizational skills
- Prior professional and/or research experience in the drone space a big asset
- Prior professional experience in Latin America, Central America, Caribbean a distinct advantage
- Bachelors or Masters degree either in Business Administration, IT or related sectors with a strong interest and track-record in project management and business development
- Excellent communication and writing skills
- Responsible, highly reliable, proactive and self-motivated
- Curious, flexible, open-minded and a strong team-player

### **Our Offer**

- The intern will learn about the latest lessons learned and best practices in the use of drones for public health, humanitarian aid and other relevant sectors in the DR. They will gain first hand insights on how to manage Flying Labs and will gain first hand experience in terms of what stakeholders in the DR need vis-a-vis drone solutions. They will be connected to 20+ other Flying Labs around the world and will join regional calls on a monthly basis. This will provide the intern with further insights on how Flying Labs operate in the region along with their respective lessons learned and best practices.
- The intern will be mentored by Orlando Perez, the lead of DR Flying Labs. Orlando will mentor the intern to understand how stakeholders, including donors, approach the drone space for social good applications. The intern will work with Mr. Perez on a daily basis on operations, management and documentation of projects. They will also be given

short, applied research assignments to support the work of DR Flying Labs. Towards the end of the internship, the intern will complete a final project in line with the priorities of DR Flying Labs.

- Free access to professional online course on the use of cargo drones in public health (worth \$700)
- Subsidized return flight to/from Santo Domingo
- Subsidized local accommodation in Santo Domingo or near Cyberpark
- Subsidized lunch at Cyberpark
- Subsidized travel to projects across the DR
- Internship is unpaid and does not guarantee continued employment with WeRobotics

Please send your Cover letter and CV with references to [hr@werobotics.org](mailto:hr@werobotics.org). Should you not hear back from us within 15 days, please consider that you haven't been successful at this time.