

selected international internships

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Doing an internship abroad is one of the most valuable experiences you can have. Not only will you learn about another country and culture, but you will integrate into that culture in a way you never can if you are just taking classes. Companies need employees who not only speak another language, but have also developed the intercultural skills to actually work with people from other places.

Often international internships are voluntary rather than paid, but it is possible to earn credit. Consider combining an internship with your study abroad. You can take 3-4 classes and do a part-time internship throughout the whole semester.

Also, remember it is difficult to find an internship in some countries if you do not speak the language. In addition, it is sometimes difficult to find a summer internship because many people are on vacation and the seasons are reversed in the southern hemisphere!

K-State affiliate universities that offer internships with study abroad:

Deakin University, Australia <http://www.deakin.edu.au>

All majors available. These are structured placements which have academic credit attached to them and give you the opportunity to combine work-integrated learning with theoretical knowledge in an Australian context.

Tecnologico de Monterrey, Mexico <http://www.itesm.mx>

Must speak some Spanish, all fields open, including agriculture in Monterrey or Queretaro, tourism in Mazatlan.

Universite Blaise Pascal, France <http://www.univ-bpclermont.fr>

Internships in the chemistry and biology labs in English.

AIU <http://www.aiustudyabroad.com>

Part-time and full-time internships with multinational firms in London.

University College Cork <http://www.ucc.ie/international/>

Offers a few internships for US students in Cork, Ireland.

Providers with internships:

World Endeavors www.worldendeavors.com

Very affordable internships in Ecuador, England, Italy, Spain, and Thailand in many fields. Most last from one to six months and placements are offered year-round.

Sample Programs:

Event Management Internship in Ecuador

A major Public Relations Corporation in the largest city in Ecuador frequently organizes public speaking events throughout the year. Past speakers have included US President Bill Clinton and Vice-President Al Gore. In addition to world leaders, international celebrities and sports stars are also scheduled to speak. Interns are needed to assist in a variety of roles related to Event Management, including marketing, project coordination, and logistics.

Fashion Internship in Italy

Fashion intern positions are available at several fashion companies. Duties vary according to the experience and skills of the intern as well as the needs of the company. Specific responsibilities could include help with research for future inspirations and designs, help with samples and some administration work. Interns must be able to work under time constraints, multi-task, and work effectively independently as well as within a team, flexibility is required especially as the team is preparing a collection.

Environmental Internship in Thailand

With a mission to preserve the invaluable flora resources of the country, the Queen Sirikit Botanic Garden was established in 1994 as the country's first botanic garden at an international level. An internship is available to allow qualified individuals the opportunity to participate in the valuable efforts taking place at the Garden while living among the mountain forests of Northern Thailand. Interns may participate in a variety of hands-on activities that directly and indirectly support research around propagation, cultivation, and conservation techniques, especially of rare, endangered and endemic species; and investigation on ethnobotany and sustainable utilization of indigenous plants.

Aiesec <http://us.aieseonline.net/>

AIIESEC facilitates international exchange of students and recent graduates in traineeships and as volunteers. Primarily for business related fields.

Australearn <http://australearn.org/programs/internship/intern.htm>

Academic credit, custom, and teaching internships in Australia.

Teaching Internships:

International Cooperative Education <http://www.icemenlo.com>

ICE arranges internships with a wide range of employers, from global leaders to small family owned businesses.

InterExchange <http://www.interexchange.org>

Internships available in Belgium, Costa Rica, France and Great Britain.

Internships in Scandinavia <http://www.amscan.org>

Teaching interships in Iceland, Finland, Norway, Sweden, and Denmark. Other possibilities may become available.

Area specific internships:

Internships for engineering, natural sciences and other technical fields <http://www.iaeste.org/>

Over 80 countries available.

Programs in business <http://cibs.tamu.edu/internships/internship.htm>

The Center for International Business Studies at Texas A&M. Also contains additional internship links.

Other internships:

University of Wisconsin International Careers Website <http://go.global.wisc.edu/>

International Cooperative Education <http://www.icemenlo.com>

All areas of study and teaching available.

Department of State http://careers.state.gov/student/programs/student_internships.html

Internships in Washington, DC, and embassies overseas.

Internships in Scandinavia <http://www.amscan.org>

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Summer Internships in Britain www.internshipsinbritain.com

General internship websites:

Website where many programs advertise <http://www.studyabroad.com/>

Website where many programs advertise <http://www.transitionsabroad.com>

Go Abroad <http://www.goabroad.com>