



IIP Penn's International Internship Program

A central goal of Penn's global engagement is to prepare students for an increasingly globalized society. One of the key strategies to achieve this goal is to increase the number of students with a deep and sustained global engagement spending time overseas on internships. These global opportunities will allow students to apply the academic knowledge they have obtained, while enriching their overall Penn experience with diverse cultural and international exposure.

The University of Pennsylvania's International Internship Program provides opportunities for outstanding undergraduate and graduate students to intern with an organization for eight to twelve weeks over the summer. In the past, IIP has sent students to Argentina, Bangladesh, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, China, El Salvador, England, France, Ghana, Guatemala, Hong Kong, India, Italy, Kenya, Malawi, Nicaragua, Senegal, Rwanda, and Tanzania.

For the past three years Penn's International Internship Program has placed over one hundred and fifty highly qualified students in defined internship opportunities. In 2012, the program received over two hundred inquiries for fifty positions. We are hoping to grow the program over the next few years to offer more than one hundred internships each summer. We also plan to broaden the range of internships that we offer to include new opportunities in media, business, and health.

Types of Internships

IIP is known for the breadth of its internship offerings. Some IIP placements require office work, while others require hands-on work at field sites, schools, or clinics. The internships offered can be in any field, ranging from healthcare to business, education, or design. Our goal is to partner with organizations where our students will have the opportunity to positively contribute using all the academic, managerial and other skills they have learned at Penn.

We will work with your organization to craft project descriptions for the internships you would like to offer. The internships are meant to complement the students' course of study with more hands-on professional experience.

Funding for Students

For internships with non-profit organizations:

Each intern will receive a modest stipend to cover their internship-related expenses, including flight, visa expenses, housing and food, which will be funded by the University of Pennsylvania.

For internships with for-profit organizations:

We ask our partner organizations to provide each intern with a stipend to cover the internship-related expenses described above.

Application and Admissions

Students apply to the program through an online application that requires a resume, two letters of recommendation, a language proficiency questionnaire, and a personal statement. The Penn leadership team reviews applications and schedules interviews with top candidates. After these interviews, the Penn team will match students with internships, and rank the students. Each organization that sponsors an internship will be sent the application information of the top candidates. The organization will be

given a chance to interview the candidates themselves before they make the final selection of the candidate they wish to make an offer to. The target date for final selection of candidates is early March.

Requirements for Partner Organizations

We ask each of our partner organizations to identify a qualified member of their in-country staff to supervise each intern, provide pre-departure advice regarding housing options and living expenses in the field site area, as well as reasonably priced housing or provide in-kind housing for each intern.

Alumni Support

The International Internship Program is always looking for alumni support, including in-country mentoring for interns, opportunities for students to speak to alumni groups, internship opportunities in alumni owned or operated organizations, or financial support in the form of stipends for interns.

Internship Specifications:

Duration	8-12 weeks over the summer (between early May and late August)
Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• In-country supervisor• Defined project• Housing provided or assistance in finding housing• In-country orientation upon arrival

For More Information

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