

French Study Abroad Internships and Volunteering

Some study abroad programs also include internship or volunteer opportunities. Some programs may offer internships as an optional add on—opportunities are not guaranteed—and others ensure every participant will be given an internship/service learning placement. Hours of internship work also vary by jobs and programs.

Below are some examples of credible programs offering study -internship opportunities categorized by location. Search the [GoAbroad.com](#) [1] database for more specific program opportunities.

Note: There are University Travel Warnings issued on some of destinations listed below. It is the participant's responsibility to research this information & to adhere to the University's [Travel Policy](#) [2] if going to one of these destinations as a University of Michigan student. See the University's Travel Policy for further information, including a current list of countries with travel warnings and restrictions.

U-M Resources for French Study Abroad & Internships

- [M-Compass](#) [3]
Database that includes U-M sponsored education abroad programs. Contact program advisors to find out whether internship or service-learning opportunities are available.
- [LSA Internship Office](#) [4]
Offers internships in France, Belgium, Switzerland, French-speaking Canada and French-speaking Africa. Non-LSA students are also welcome to apply.
- [Study in France](#) [5]
Although not a U-M resource, this website provides useful information about studying in France, the French education system, and information on living in France (cost of living, healthcare, etc.).

Examples of Non-UM Study Abroad Programs with Internship or Service-learning Opportunities

Belgium

- [University of Rochester/EPA \(Brussels, Belgium\)](#) [6]
- [IFE French Field Study & Internship Program \(Brussels, Belgium\)](#) [7]
- [ISA \(Leuven, Belgium\)](#) [8]

France

- [Boston University \(Paris\)](#) [9]
- [Institute for the International Education of Students \(IES\) \(Arles, Nantes, Paris and Morocco\)](#) [10]
- [Syracuse University](#) [11] (Strasbourg, France)
- [IFE Study Abroad \(Paris, Strasbourg\)](#) [12]

Geneva, Switzerland

- [Boston University](#) [13] (international relations focused, internships at United Nations agencies)
- [Kent State University](#) [14] (international relations focused, internships at United Nations agencies)

Senegal, Africa

- [University of Minnesota](#) [15]
- [Kalamazoo College](#) [16]
- [CIEE](#) [17] (Select "Senegal" under City in Program Search)

Other African Locations

- [School for International Training](#) [18] (SIT) offers programs with field placements (rather than internships) in **Cameroon, Madagascar, Morocco, and Senegal.**

Short- Term Volunteer Projects (including Workcamps or Chantiers)

Volunteer projects known as workcamps offer the opportunity to volunteer and live with a group of 10-20 other international volunteers. Workcamps pay only room and board and job descriptions vary. Programs last 2-4 weeks and take place during the summer. Student status is not required.

Apply and register for summer workcamps in February or March. Below is a list of niche workcamp programs for Francophone countries; knowledge of French is almost always necessary.

- [REMPART](#) [19]
Workcamps mainly in France, but also Algeria, Belgium, Morocco, and more. Most involve restoration/construction for awareness of cultural heritage. 12 volunteers per camp, 2-3 weeks in duration. Registration fee good for one year; pay room and board directly to individual camp's association (information is in French).
- [La Sabranenque](#) [20]
Volunteer restoration projects in Provence, France (and Italy) for preservation of the rural Mediterranean habitat. Two-week sessions held March-October. French skills not required.
- [SCI-IVS](#) [21]
A worldwide volunteer organization which offers unusual projects, typically with activist themes. Fees are low. Countries available include Belgium, Burkina Faso, France, Switzerland, Canada, North Africa, Togo and Senegal. Volunteers are provided food, housing, and insurance. Most programs in Europe require only beginning French and programs in Africa require fluent French. For U.S. residents **only**.
- [Volunteers for Peace](#) [22] (VFP)
Over 3000 projects offered in more than 100 countries, including Belgium, Canada, France, Haiti, Morocco, Switzerland, Senegal, Tunisia, and Togo. Fees vary. Over 300 projects offered yearly in France alone. No foreign language proficiency required for most camps.
- [Operation Crossroads Africa](#) [23]
Not a workcamp program. Projects offered in Francophone countries including Benin, Niger, Senegal

and Togo. Program runs eight weeks with projects in agriculture, community service, education/teaching, women's development, community health/medical outreach. The program fee includes tuition, housing, all meals, and international airfare.

Internships

- [AIESEC United States](#) [24]
A worldwide organization offering over 6,000 internships per year. Applications must go through a **local chapter** of AIESEC U-M students should contact the [U-M AIESEC chapter](#) [25].
- [French-American Center](#) [26]
Offers placement as an unpaid intern in a French organization, usually based in the south of France. For 4, 8 or 12 weeks Assistance with accommodations in French host family or private residence.
- [French-American Chamber of Commerce \(FACC\)](#) [27]
Offers training visas for American students and recent graduates (under 35 years old) to work in France. Also provides tools and resources to assist Americans in seeking employment in France.
- [Cultural Vistas: International Association for the Exchange of Students for Technical Experience \(IAESTE\)](#) [28]
Paid Internships for students of engineering and sciences. IAESTE can also assist with work permits if you have a job offer. For juniors, seniors, and graduate students. Apply by early December.
- [U.S. Department of State, Student Intern Program](#) [29]
Student Intern Program in U.S. embassies abroad or in Washington, D.C. Internships are unpaid. Participant must be a continuing student, either junior, senior or graduate student and must be a U.S. citizen. Application deadline for summer: November 1; for fall: March 1; for spring: July 1. Apply online through the [U.S. Department of State Career web site](#) [30]. Click on "Student Programs".

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Links

- [1] <https://www.goabroad.com/>
- [2] <https://global.umich.edu/travel-resources/warnings-restrictions/>
- [3] <https://mcompass.umich.edu/>
- [4] <https://lsa.umich.edu/opportunityhub/students/internships11.html>
- [5] <http://www.studying-in-france.org/>
- [6] https://www.epa-internships.org/course_internship/brussels-courses-internships/
- [7] <http://www.ife-edu.eu/BRUSSELS-Field-Study>
- [8] <https://studiesabroad.com/destinations/europe/belgium/leuven>
- [9] <http://www.bu.edu/abroad/programs/paris-internship-program/>
- [10] <https://www.iesabroad.org/program-language/66>
- [11] <http://suabroad.syr.edu/>
- [12] <https://www.ife-edu.eu/PARIS-Field-Study>
- [13] <http://www.bu.edu/abroad/programs/geneva-internship-program/>
- [14] <https://www.kent.edu/Geneva>
- [15] <https://umabroad.umn.edu/programs/africa/msid-senegal>
- [16] <https://reason.kzoo.edu/cip/>
- [17] <https://www.ciee.org/go-abroad/college-study-abroad/program-search>
- [18] <https://www.sit.edu/>
- [19] <https://www.rempart.com/>
- [20] <http://www.sabranenque.com/eng/index.html>
- [21] <https://www.sci.ngo/>
- [22] <https://vfp.org/>
- [23] <https://operationcrossroadsafrica.org/>

- [24] <https://www.aiesecus.org/>
- [25] <https://maizepages.umich.edu/organization/AIESEC>
- [26] <http://www.frenchamericancenter.com/english/internship.asp>
- [27] <http://www.faccnyc.org/american-outbound>
- [28] <http://www.iaesteunitedstates.org/>
- [29] <https://careers.state.gov/intern/student-internships/>
- [30] <https://careers.state.gov/work/available-jobs/>