How to Find & Fund an International Internship

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AGENDA

» Introductions
» U-M International Internship Opportunities
» Self-arranged vs. Placement Programs for internships and service programs
» Funding opportunities
» Q & A
U-M Global Internship Opportunities

An Overview
U-M Programs to Consider

» **LSA Opportunity Hub** - deadlines vary!

» **College of Engineering** - consult *International Programs in Engineering* office

» **U-M Global Health Design Initiative Internship** - deadlines Jan 30th and Feb 10th.
  ◇ Also, **Global Health Design Academic Program** - deadline passed for this year.

» **International Institute**
  ◇ **WCEE Internship Initiative** - internships in Europe and Eurasia, second deadline Jan 20
  ◇ **Japan Internship Initiative** - deadline passed, email [cjs.internships@umich.edu](mailto:cjs.internships@umich.edu) to be alerted about newly added positions
  ◇ **China Internship Initiative** - deadline January 17th
  ◇ **Summer in South Asia** - deadline passed, but was Jan 2, 2020 for future planning!

» **M-Compass**
China Internship Initiative
Intern with companies in a variety of sectors, develop your language skills and in-country experience, grow your connections and network with U-M alumni in China and Taiwan!
Deadline: January 17

ii.umich.edu/lrccs
chineseinternships@umich.edu

Gain valuable work experience and develop cross-cultural connections. Open to returning LSA students. Funding available!

Japan Internship Initiative
The Japan Internship Initiative connects U-M undergraduates of all language backgrounds and majors with spring/summer internships at companies and organizations in locations across Japan.
Deadline: December 15

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WCEE Internship Initiative
Apply to vetted opportunities sourced and supported by the Weiser Center for Europe & Eurasia (WCEE). Internships available in Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Germany, Italy, Kosovo, Poland, Slovakia, Russia, and more.
Priority Deadline: December 1
Second Deadline: January 20

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wcee.internship.info@umich.edu
VOLUNTEER ABROAD INFORMATION SESSION

Find out more about opportunities to volunteer abroad over the summer! Opportunities are available in countries such as Brazil, Morocco, and more! In the session, attendants will learn about various projects, hear from former participants, and have the chance to apply to opportunities focused on reducing inequalities.

*LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED*  

January 28th  
12pm - 1pm

CEW+ Center  
330 E Liberty St  
2nd floor

RSVP: bit.ly/CEWsession
APPLY: bit.ly/schedoGV

MORE INFO: aiesecus.org•michigan@aiesecus.org
GETTING CREDIT FOR YOUR INTERNSHIP

» LSA Course - ALA 225: Undergraduate Internship Course
  ◊ 1 credit; online
  ◊ Minimum 6 weeks @ 25 hours/week
  ◊ Must sign up before your internship begins
  ◊ Must apply for an override before start of internship (July 1 deadline)

» You can also get credit by taking an Independent Study course
  ◊ Talk to your academic advisor!
  ◊ If you want the credit to count towards your major/minor, talk to your major/minor advisors
Self-Arranged vs. Placement Programs
The Two Main Methods of Arranging Internships & Service Opportunities Abroad
WHAT IS A PLACEMENT PROGRAM?

» A company that streamlines the process of providing you with an internship, for a fee.

» Submit an app -> Accepted? -> Pay fee -> Matched to an internship abroad

» Some placement programs are better than others!
   Things to consider:
   ◊ Cost, level of support in-country, dates, duration, housing, etc.

» Credit vs. Non-for-Credit Internship Programs
EXAMPLE PROGRAMS
BENEFITS OF A PLACEMENT PROGRAM

» Health & Safety
   ◊ Safe housing options, safety tips, local insights, emergency contact

» Orientation
   ◊ Pre-departure and/or in-country

» In-country Resources
   ◊ Help in case the host NGO or company is not fulfilling their responsibility to you
   ◊ In-country transportation
   ◊ Sometimes: local networking events

» Academic Component
   ◊ Some placement programs offer courses that complement your internship
   ◊ Some study abroad organizations have an internship embedded into their program
Group Support
  ◆ Structured Excursions
  ◆ Network of Peers and Potential Friends

However, don’t expect these positions to be paid! Most international internships are unpaid.
HOW TO FIND A PLACEMENT PROGRAM

» Advising at the International Center

» Opportunities through School or College

» Search engines, like goabroad.com
  ◇ gooverseas.com for reviews!

» Future - Fall 2020: International Opportunities Fair
DETERMINING A PROGRAM’S LEGITIMACY

Things to look for and consider:

- 24/7 contact person on the ground
- International Health Insurance
- Airport pick-up
- Housing (Do they provide it? Do they give an address ahead of time?)
- Specific information on the internship/volunteer position (i.e. the organization name, location, etc.)
- Do they have an internet presence (i.e. Facebook, website, etc.)?
- Do they have reviews online? Be careful! Some reviews can be misleading.
- Do they have an onsite orientation?
- Do they have local partners and local people involved in the project?
- Ethical considerations - especially if it’s a service-oriented internship
SELF-ARRANGED INTERNSHIPS

These are opportunities students find for themselves through:

» alumni associations,
» professional networking,
» family connections,
» faculty members,
» personal contacts,
» and websites like Idealist.org, Handshake, AngelList
THINGS TO CONSIDER IN A SELF-ARRANGED INTERNSHIP

» Legitimacy of the potential host organization
» Health & safety
» Logistical arrangements: HOUSING
» The level of independence with which you’d be comfortable
» Expenses: airfare, lodging, transportation, food, visa, organization fees, other independent expenses
» Potential complexities involved in obtaining a visa for an internship abroad (contact the International Center with questions!)
» Large, well-known corporation vs. small company
My International Internship Experience

Manchester

Norway

Wales

Ireland
U-M Travel Registry

- Once travel plans are confirmed, enter your travel dates, locations, and contact info in the Travel Registry.
- U-M will get in touch in case of a local emergency/natural disaster!

U-M Travel Abroad Health Insurance

- Only $1.19 per day, plus a $5 registration fee!
- HIGHLY COMPREHENSIVE COVERAGE
- Also available for leisure travel!
Funding for Internships Abroad
Most international internships are unpaid.
SO, HOW DO I FUND THIS? 

**Merit-based funding vs. Need-based funding**

- Numerous U-M funding opportunities (M-Compass)!
  - International Institute (several!)
  - Mark & Myra Sorensen International Travel Scholarship
  - Wallenberg Summer Travel Awards (service-oriented)
  - LSA Internship Scholarship (need-based)
  - Summer in South Asia (India)

- **External Funding**
  - **Gilman Scholarship** (Pell Grant Recipients)
  - **Diversity Abroad**
  - **Fund for Education Abroad**
  - Scholarships offered through Placement Programs

**Helpful U-M Websites**
- International Center
- M-Compass
- Global Michigan
International Institute Student Fellowships
Application Due February 15th, 2020

Money For:
» Internships and Independent Research
» Going OUTSIDE USA

Money to:
» U-M Ann Arbor students regardless of citizenship or major
» Interns/researchers returning to campus for at least one term
» Interns/researchers doing a project between May 1, 2020 and May 31, 2021

How much?
» 5 separate awards
» Between $2.5K to $5K per award

But how?
» [ii.umich.edu/ii/individual-fellowships.html](https://ii.umich.edu/ii/individual-fellowships.html) (video this Fri)
  ◇ Application form
  ◇ One recommendation letter
  ◇ Statement of purpose
  ◇ Project expense sheet
  ◇ Resume or curriculum vitae
  ◇ U-M transcript
  ◇ Letter of invitation OR description of in-country resources

» Apply for multiple awards in one app!
  ◇ Eligibility in each award varies

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TIPS FOR PUTTING A FUNDING PROPOSAL TOGETHER

» Get your **resume** ready!

» Prepare a **personal statement**
  ◊ Draft one that can be reworked and **individualized** for different funding opportunities. Pay attention to the prompt!

» Put together a **budget**
  ◊ Airfare, housing, food, insurance, transportation in-country, etc.
  ◊ Stick to this budget while you’re abroad!

» Obtain a letter/email **confirming your acceptance to the program** or internship

» **Letter of Recommendation**
  ◊ Give recommender ample time to write recommendation
  ◊ Make sure you know the person well

» **Unofficial transcript**
DON’T GIVE UP!

Applying for funding is not easy. You should plan to try to apply for as much as possible (and that takes a lot of work)!

You may not find out about the results of funding opportunities until late in the Winter semester. Make sure you plan accordingly.

Have a backup plan and start saving now!
Global Wolverines: Preparing for your International Experience

» Navigating Funding Resources for International Internships Lab
  ◊ Friday, Jan 24, 1-3 PM

» International Coffee Hour
  ◊ Friday, Jan 24, 3-4 PM

» Tips for Filling out a Budget Sheet (for funding)
  ◊ Thursday, Feb 6, 12-1 PM

» State of Purpose Peer Review Workshop (for funding)
  ◊ Friday, Feb 7, 1-3 PM

» Booking Travel on a Budget
  ◊ Wednesday, Feb 19, 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

» Among others -- check here for updates!
Global Wolverines: Additional Support Track!

Winter Term Commitment
- Attend at least three Global Wolverines Workshops, two of which should include:
  - Staying Safe and Healthy while Abroad - Wednesday, March 18th, 2020
  - Exploring Culture and Respectful Community Engagement - Wednesday, April 8th, 2020
  - If you attended today’s session on Finding/Funding a Non-UM International Internship, it will count, too!
- Attend one Cultural or Social Event (either International Coffee Hour, 60 Minutes Around the Globe event or the Intercultural Leadership Seminar)
- Please be sure to RSVP and Check-in for all sessions that you attend, as this is how we’ll be tracking your attendance!
- Complete this brief form by Friday, March 20 to be part of the Additional Support track!

Summer Term Commitment:
- Maintain a blog and commit to blogging at least three times while abroad over the summer. We suggest one entry at the beginning of your time abroad, one near the middle, and one towards the end.

Fall Term Commitment:
- Attend a re-entry event to debrief your summer experience!

<<< If completed:
- We’ll purchase the Travel Abroad Health Insurance for you for your Summer 2020 program.
- You’ll receive a small stipend of $200 in the Fall
My International Internship Experience

Name: Stacie Vaughn
Organization: WAZA
Internship type: Communications Intern
Timeline for Success

1. Start preparing for your international internship experience!
2. Apply for internships using platforms such as Handshake, AngelList, etc.
3. Apply for funding from departments on campus such as LSA scholarships and even check your major department.
4. Follow-up on all of your applications about 2 weeks after applying and send thank you email after interviews!

Follow Up on the Status of a Job Application:
1. Don't call them if the listing specifies not to.
2. Be polite and professional.
4. Ask follow-up questions.
5. Double-check previous communications for estimated time frame.
Preparation through International Center’s Global Wolverines Program
Finding & Planning an Internship or Volunteer Abroad Experience
THANKS!
Any questions?
You can reach us at
» ic-abroad@umich.edu
» Walk-in advising hours