



How to Find & Fund an International Internship

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U-M Global Internship Opportunities

An Overview





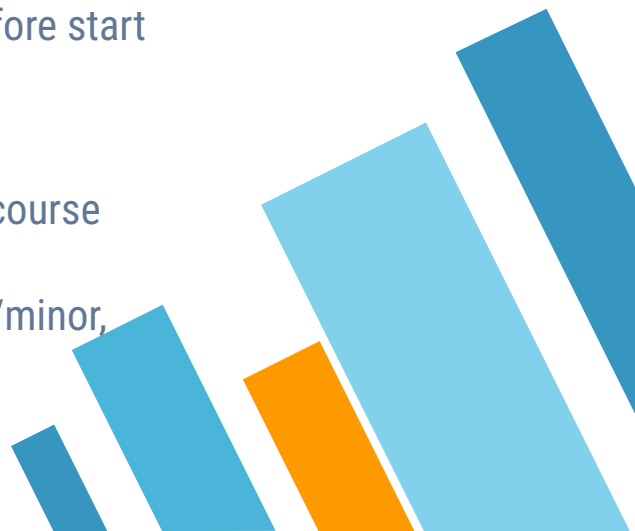
U-M Programs to Consider

- » Center for Global & Intercultural Study - deadline February 1
 - ◇ Drop-in Advising Session: January 30 - [register here!](#)
 - » College of Engineering International Programs in Engineering
 - ◇ Entrepreneurship in Copenhagen, Denmark (*open to all undergraduates!*) - deadline February 8
 - » International Institute
 - ◇ WCEE Internship Initiative - internships in Europe and Eurasia (deadline February 4 - recently extended!)
 - ◇ Japan Internship Initiative - deadline January 31
 - ◇ Summer in South Asia (India) - deadline February 16
 - » Global Health Design Initiative (Ghana) - priority deadline passed; final deadline is Jan 19!
 - » M-Compass
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GETTING CREDIT FOR YOUR INTERNSHIP

- » LSA Course - [ALA 225: Undergraduate Internship Course](#)
 - ◇ 1 credit; online
 - ◇ Minimum 6 weeks @ 25 hours/week
 - ◇ Must secure internship before enrolling
 - ◇ Must enroll before your internship begins
 - ◇ Must apply for an override before enrolling and 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.
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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 -> Interview with employer -> Go abroad
 - ◇ Example: AIFS [Global Experiences](#)
 - » Some placement programs are better than others!
Things to consider:
 - ◇ Cost, level of in-country support, dates, duration, housing, etc.
 - » Credit vs. Non-for-Credit Internship Programs
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EXAMPLE PROGRAMS

Programs in Partnership with CGIS



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Boston University
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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
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BENEFITS OF A PLACEMENT PROGRAM, Continued

» 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
 - ◇ Example: LSA CGIS or the International Institute
 - » Search engines, like [goabroad.com](#)
 - ◇ [gooverseas.com](#) for reviews!
 - » Future - Fall 2024: International Opportunities Fair
 - ◇ (Part of the Fall Job & Internship Fair)
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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. social media, 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
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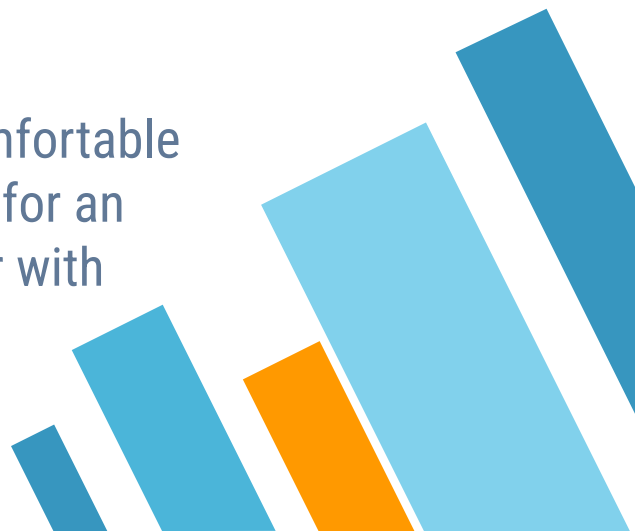
SELF-ARRANGED INTERNSHIPS

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 (start-ups), [GoinGlobal](#).
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THINGS TO CONSIDER IN A SELF-ARRANGED INTERNSHIP

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

[Register Your Travel](#)[About](#) [Explore Opportunities Abroad](#) [Preparing for your Travel](#) [Travel Safety and Wellness](#) [International Collaborations](#) [News and Stories](#)[/ Preparing for your Travel](#) [/ Register Your Travel](#)

Register Your Travel

The University Travel Registry is a confidential and secure database for maintaining critical international travel information for faculty, staff, and students. This database's contents are kept per the University of Michigan's [privacy policy](#), and information is gathered to locate and communicate with travelers, respond to emergencies, and serve as the central source of anonymous, aggregated travel abroad data for institutional reporting. The University does not share travel registry data outside of these stated business purposes.

Students

Register your international travel and find other important information at M-Compass.

[➔ Student Registration](#)

Faculty & Staff

U-M faculty and staff — and individuals who are not U-M employees, but are traveling on University of Michigan-related business — may also use this registry.

[➔ Faculty & Staff Registration](#)

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 an local emergency/natural disaster!

U-M Travel Abroad Health Insurance

- Only \$1.62 per day, plus a \$5 registration fee!
- HIGHLY COMPREHENSIVE COVERAGE
- Also available for leisure travel!



2023-24 Travel Abroad Health Insurance

Traveling abroad? This inexpensive health insurance plan can provide peace of mind for travelers from all three U-M campuses.

Quick links

- [Important requirement](#)
- [How to purchase / sign-in](#)
 - Students on educational activities (e.g. travel abroad)
 - Personal/leisure travel
 - Faculty and staff on university business
- [Effective dates \(for Student and Leisure Plans only\)](#)
- [How to extend coverage beyond the original purchase \(for Student and Leisure Plans only\)](#)
- [Using your benefits](#)
- [Political and Natural Disaster Evacuation Coverage](#)
- [There's an app for that!](#)
- [For more information](#)





A Student's Perspective!

Internship vs. Experiential Studying



- **Name:** Val Malashevich
- **Organizations:**
 - **IES Abroad Berlin:** Moabit hilft e.V.
 - **SFS – Turks and Caicos**
 - **SFS – Paro, Bhutan**
- **Internship:**
 - Can combine study abroad classes with internship experience
 - Tailored internship seminar
 - Program restrictions
- **Experiential studying:**
 - Hands-on research with faculty
 - Volunteer service and community bonding
 - Qualifies for academic credit, but not necessarily work experience (but on my resume nonetheless!)





Funding for Internships Abroad





FACT

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!)
- ◇ LSA Internship Scholarship (need-based)
- ◇ Mark & Myra Sorensen International Travel Scholarship
- ◇ Summer in South Asia (India)

Helpful U-M Websites

- [International Center](#)
- [M-Compass](#)
- [Global Michigan](#)
- [Rackham Database](#)

» External Funding

- ◇ [Gilman Scholarship](#) (Pell Grant Recipients - Deadline: Thurs, March 7)
 - ◇ [Boren Fellowship](#) (Graduate student funding for academic internships, research - UM application support available!)
 - ◇ [Fund for Education Abroad](#) (Deadline: Weds, Feb 7)
 - ◇ Scholarships offered through Provider Placement Programs
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International Institute Student Fellowships

Application Due February 15, 2024

Eligibility:

- » U-M Ann Arbor students at all levels *regardless of citizenship or major*
- » Recipients must **return to degree program for at least one term**
- » Project between May 1, 2024 and May 31, 2025*
- » At least 30 days outside 50 states and US territories
- » Amount: Up to \$5,000 (varies by award)

Details:

- » <https://ii.umich.edu/ii/funding/iisf.html> for application components
- » Upcoming Info Sessions: 1/26, 1/31, 2/8

Awards for Internships:

- » **Global Individual Grant (GIG)**
 - » African Studies Center Funding for Research or Internship Support in Africa
 - » Center for Armenian Studies Summer Research Grants
 - » Weiser Center for Europe & Eurasia Summer Grants for Research and Internships in Europe & Eurasia
 - » Boyce Family Caribbean Studies Grant
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II Center Scholarships & Fellowships

Center for Japanese Studies

- » Graduate Students: [CJS Summer Research/Internship Fellowships](#)
- » Undergraduate Students: [CJS Undergraduate Internship Scholarship](#)

Center for South Asian Studies

- » [Summer in South Asia Undergraduate Fellowship](#)

[Center for Southeast Asian Studies](#)


- » Graduate Students: Thai Studies Graduate Student Grants
- » Undergraduate Students: Thai Studies Internship Scholarship

Lieberthal-Rogel Center for Chinese Studies

- » Graduate Students: [LRCCS Summer Research-Internship Fellowships](#)
 - » Undergraduate Students: [Undergraduate Internship Scholarship](#)
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TIPS FOR PUTTING A FUNDING PROPOSAL TOGETHER

- » Do your **research**: Check that you meet the **eligibility requirements**
 - » Prepare a **proposal statement**
 - ◇ Read and follow instructions: topics to address, length, formatting
 - ◇ Relevance to academics and career; what do you hope to learn?
 - ◇ Why you? Skills, preparation
 - ◇ Writing quality matters!
 - » Put together a **budget**
 - ◇ Airfare, housing, food, insurance, daily commuting, etc.
 - ◇ Use a reasonable estimate; ask people with experience
 - ◇ Stick to this budget while you're abroad!
 - » Obtain a letter/email **confirming your application or acceptance to the program/internship**
 - » **Recommendation** from someone who knows you well
 - ◇ Give recommender ample time to write recommendation
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DON'T GIVE UP!

- » Applying for funding is **not easy**. You should plan to try to apply for as much as possible, and as early as possible (and that takes a lot of work)!
 - » **Do your own research**. You may find a very unique opportunity that suits you, just by googling or consulting your networks.
 - » Apply **even if you don't have a confirmed internship position**. Many awards have deadlines well before positions are finalized, and waiting until you have a confirmed internship may be too late.
 - » You may not find out about the results of funding opportunities until late in the Winter semester. Make sure you **plan accordingly**.
 - » Don't be afraid to **hit submit**! You never know what you'll get.
 - » Have a **backup plan** and start saving now!
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IC Global Wolverines

- » Series of events to prepare students for international internships over the summer.
- » Peer Support Group Option:
 - ◇ Gatherings with dinner provided
 - ◇ 1/23 from 6 - 7 PM
 - ◇ Work on internship/funding apps
 - ◇ Chat about your travel plans
 - ◇ Led by IC Graduate Peer Advisor
 - ◇ [Complete this form to register!](#)



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THANKS!

Any questions?

You can reach us at

- » ic-abroad@umich.edu
- » Virtual [advising hours](#)

