

# **Global Internships & Volunteering 2025/26**

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#### **Global Internships & Volunteering**

The Global Internships & Volunteering programme supports Widening Participation students at Durham to build skills and gain international experience via organised placements with trusted partner organisations.

- Boost employability.
- Build your CV.
- Gain work experience.
- Meet people from across the UK and around the world.
- Improve inter-cultural fluency.
- Develop problem solving.
- Increase self-confidence





#### **Student Feedback**

Olivia, Brazil: "It was really interesting to be immersed in such a starkly different culture... It really pushed me and allowed me to see a part of the world I never would have."

Sabrin, Bali: "I have learnt to go out of my comfort zone, collaborate better with new people, immerse myself in the culture, presentation and researching skills."

Megan, St Lucia: "I would recommend this opportunity to anyone, it provides valuable work experience, cultural immersion and an opportunity to network and meet wonderful people all whilst being in a tropical destination."



#### **Eligibility Criteria**



- 1. Household income of under £47,200 per year.
- 2. Current undergraduate student.
- 3. Not in your final year.
- UK students need to have applied to and been means-tested by student finance.
- International students must be able to show evidence of their household income. Example: Parents' pay slips, tax returns.
- ★ Final year and Postgraduate students can participate in term time virtual internships, detailed later in the presentation.★



#### **Internship Destinations**





#### USA: New York

3 internships available. Facilitated by The Intern Group.



#### Portugal: Lisbon

20 internships available. Facilitated by Absolute Internship.



#### Virtual Internships

5 Part-time, online internships available.



#### South Korea: Seoul

10 internships available. Facilitated by CRCC Asia.



#### Sweden: Stockholm

10 internships available. Facilitated by Absolute Internship.





#### **Volunteering Destinations**



Brazil: Belo Horizonte Indonesia: Bali

5 places available with BHZ Connection.

10 places available with

Think Pacific.

Saint Lucia

15 places available with Caribbean Elective.

Thailand: Chiang Mai

5 places available with Think Pacific.







#### **SCHEME**

#### What funding is available?

**Programme Fees:** No programme fees for GI&V participants - Durham covers the programme fee that the provider (e.g. CRCC Asia) would charge you.

**Turing Grant:** The Turing grant provides funding to contribute towards the cost of participation. The grant includes a travel bursary and cost of living grant. Grant amounts depend on duration and destination. Example on next slide.

**Purchasing Flights:** The University offers a bridging-loan scheme to help with initial travel costs. The loan is an advance of your Turing grant travel bursary and will automatically be repaid when you complete your arrival requirements.

**Vaccinations:** The University can reimburse students for the cost of required travel vaccines, up to the value of £250.



#### **Turing Grant Example**

### TURING SCHEME

#### **Brazil – Volunteering with BHZ Connection**

- **Grant rate**: £21 per day x 28 days = £588.
- **Travel allowance:** Destination is between 8,000km and 12,000km away = up to £905 (receipts required).
- Total possible Turing grant = £1,493.

**Before activity:** Bridging Loan gives access to £905 in advance to assist with purchasing flights.

During activity: Participants receive £588 upon completion of requirements.

Examples for all destinations are available on the GI&V SharePoint site.



#### How do I apply?

#### **Application Deadline: 04 December 2025**

You can apply for up to **3** different opportunities, with a maximum of 2 internship opportunities within your 3 choices.

Apply to the GI&V programme via the link on SharePoint: Global Internships & Volunteering

Submit a 3-minute video file answering the following three questions:

- 1. Why would you like to participate in the Global Internships & Volunteering programme.
- 2. What three attributes or skills could you bring to the programme?
- 3. What would you find most challenging about participating in the programme?

## How do I apply and when is the deadline?

Please read the Application Guidance document below.

Deadline: 04 December, 12:00 midday.

#### **Application & Guidance**



GI&V: Application Guidance



25/26 Applications will open on 24 October.

Image shows application section of SharePoint page.







- 1. Shortlisting: Students that progress will be invited to a panel interview on campus/ online with DU & partner staff, in February.
- 2. Successful students are required to pay a £150 refundable deposit to secure their place.
- Meetings with placement provider teams re: projects / internships.
- 4. Completion of a Pre-departure module:

[Health declaration, Risk assessment, Travel approval and cover process]

- 5. Turing grant & bridging loan application.
- 6. Arrange flights, visas, vaccinations.

Each partner has their own onboarding steps for completion. Student will be guided through the steps by their individual teams.



#### **Other Opportunities**

#### **★ Virtual Internships ★**

- 5 virtual internships available.
- WP: UG, final year and PG are eligible.
- 12 weeks, 10hrs/week.
- Complete during term time.
- Start date 09 February.
- Application deadline 26 November.

#### Webinar: Wednesday, 6th November at 1 pm



Register here to sign up for a webinar! Topics include:

- Program Timeline & Inclusions
- Application Process
- Participation Eligibility

#### **Non-WP students**

Other students who aren't eligible for the GI&V programme are able to apply directly to our Trusted Partners but must self-fund.

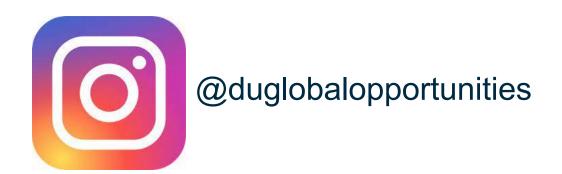




#### How can I learn more about the GI&V programme?

#### SharePoint site: Global Internships & Volunteering

- Programme Details page.
- Check the partner websites for specific projects.
- FAQs.
- Application Guidance & Funding Information.



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# Thank you. Any Questions?



