



Global Internships & Volunteering 2025/26

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Session Overview

- What is the Global Internships & Volunteering programme?
- Eligibility Criteria.
- Available Destinations.
- Funding.
- Application Process.
- Other Opportunities.
- Online Resources.
- Q&A.





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

5 places available with
BHZ Connection.



Saint Lucia

15 places available with
Caribbean Elective.



Indonesia: Bali

10 places available with
Think Pacific.



Thailand: Chiang Mai

5 places available with
Think Pacific.



Image from BHZ Connection.

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

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.



What happens after I apply?

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.
3. 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.

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.

Webinar: Wednesday, 6th November at 1 pm



Register here to sign up for a webinar!

Topics include:

- Program Timeline & Inclusions
- Application Process
- Participation Eligibility



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?



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