

London Internship Program Political Science and IR

INTERNATIONAL INTERNSHIP PROGRAMS

All Boston University International Programs internship placements are:

- Personalized
- Guaranteed
- Project-based
- Academically directed

Personalized Placement Process

Boston University International Programs internship coordinators sit with students to understand and assess the student's career goals, prior work experience and skill set, as well as their study abroad and internship expectations. They then contact potential providers and identify the best internship opportunity available for that individual student.

Each semester, approximately 30 percent of our internship placements are from new providers as the internship coordinators look for the closest fit possible for each student.

Guaranteed Internships

All students are guaranteed an internship placement while abroad with a Boston University international internship program.

Project-Based Internships

All students will work on a project (or projects) during their internship. The missions and tasks are based upon the student's past experiences, language levels and availability, as well as the company's needs. The project parameters may be limited to that particular internship, or may be part of a larger, ongoing project within the organization.

Academic Direction

During the internship phase, students will be required to maintain a daily journal about their internship experience and attend an internship tutorial which meets three times over the course of their placement. A number of presentations and written assessments may be required for the final academic internship grade.

PAST IR-RELATED INTERNSHIP PROVIDERS IN LONDON

Past students with politics and international relations interests have worked in Parliament, party organizations, lobbying groups, or political public relations agencies. *(Please note: These are examples of past internship placements only. While we guarantee an internship to program participants, available placements vary from semester to semester.)*

- British Youth Council
- Department of Health
- EveryChild
- Friends of the Earth



- Labour and Conservative Party Headquarters
- Overseas Development Institute
- Policy Studies Institute

COMMENTS FROM THE LONDON INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

"Students interested in international relations and non-party politics have undertaken a wide variety of placements in London with NGO's focused on international politics, economics and development, security and intelligence, European affairs and local British politics. Those with an interest in social aspects have had placements in international as well as British based organizations dealing with such areas as health and poverty, human rights, youth advocacy and environmental issues, to name a few."

— Kate Duffy, Internship Coordinator, London

STUDENT TESTIMONIALS

"I was treated not as an intern but as part of the team. I did a lot of research on international water conservation efforts, which will feed directly into a report to the Water Saving Group. I also helped write a report to BRE and Defra on eco-labeling efforts worldwide. I helped at the Conference (registered delegates), and also worked on putting together a roundtable in Scotland to address water conservation—an amazing experience. The people are great and they treat you as an important team member. It's small (four people) and so you get to do a lot of stuff that matters."

— Student working for an environmental organization

"I worked for a top progressive think tank in the UK. It is an institution that does research for public, private, and nonprofit groups. My responsibilities were to research facts and figures to support the research project, draft policy briefings, and perform administrative and networking tasks. I booked events, drafted invite letters and lists, and took minutes during meetings. They will give you a lot to do, but it is worth taking as much as you can. If you want an internship where you will learn a lot, this is the one. Attend as many seminars and events as possible. These exclusive free events allow you to attend meetings to observe talks from MPs, top media sources, and academia. "

— Student working for a public policy think tank

"This past weekend was the organization National Conference. So in the few weeks leading up to the conference that I was there, I helped a lot preparing for that. This included helping with the program, brainstorming events and workshops, as well as booking speakers and performers. I attended the conference during which I was a youth volunteer and was responsible for the wellbeing of the young people in attendance. Now that the conference is over, my focus is on the campaign concerning unaccompanied minors. This is an organization of university students as well as a youth network of people between the ages of 15-25. I work in the national office which is responsible for supporting the student and youth groups.

I absolutely LOVE my placement! It could not be a more perfect match for my skills and my personal interests. From the very beginning I had a sense of trust between my coworkers and myself. It has been such a great experience for me to be able to combine my passion for human rights with my skills of event planning and my education in politics. I really feel like a part of the team there and it has made such a difference."

— Student working at a youth advocacy programme