

## London Internship Program Pre-Law

### 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. By the end of the semester, all students will produce a comprehensive, academically directed portfolio about their internship project and their experience working with the placement provider.

### PAST LAW-RELATED INTERNSHIP PROVIDERS IN LONDON

Past students with pre-law interests have studied the history and practice of law in both the US and Great Britain and participate in the daily life of a British law firm or commercial legal department. *(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.)*

#### Civil (across a variety of areas including property, family, matrimonial, immigration, environmental, etc.)

- Dawson Cornwell
- Lomax Lloyd Jones
- Miles & Partners
- Van Baaren and Wright

#### Corporate

- Beechcroft Wansbroughs
- Forbes Hall
- GE Europe
- Silverman Sherliker

#### Criminal (many internships involve court attendance, prison and police station visits, etc.)

- Farrell, Matthews & Weir
- JD Spicer & Co
- O'Keefes
- Powell Spencer

### COMMENTS FROM THE LONDON INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

"The London Internship Program provides a number of placement options to students and offers relevant work experience and insight for their future legal aspirations. This programme works particularly well for American undergraduate students who often are unable to gain any practical law experience back in the US before they have taken some law classes.

We work with a variety of Law firms and Law departments in the Civil, Criminal and Corporate Law fields. Many of these will give students the

invaluable experience they need when making the decision to pursue a career in law once they return to the US.

With many law contacts we have built up an excellent working relationship with them over the course of many years thanks very much to the calibre and enthusiasm of our students."

— Kate Duffy, Internship Coordinator, London

## STUDENT TESTIMONIALS

"As an intern in the commercial property department of BW I had the opportunity to work with both the commercial property team, which drafts leases, purchase and sale agreements, and negotiates land sales, as well as the litigation team, which deals with issues arising between tenants and landlords and represents clients in court. I edited draft leases, produced schedules of deeds and documents using a system known as digital dictation, researched topics such as court injunctions and case law relating to the purchase and refurbishment of nursing homes, entered deals reports into the network's database, photocopied and bound documents in preparation for presentations, sat in on an inquiry ordered to be conducted by the Secretary of State, and much more."

— Student working at a Corporate Law firm

"Because my firm is so small, I had a large range of responsibilities. I did do some photocopying, faxing, and I did the post every day, but I also did a lot of legal work. The trainee solicitor was only in three days a week, so I helped her with a lot of her cases. By the end of my placement, I was responsible for taking witness statements, drafting briefs to counsel, composing chronologies and summaries for trial, and writing letters to clients for various issues. I also spoke to clients and other solicitors a lot by telephone. All of these tasks are ones that my supervisor would normally have done; they were definitely not menial."

— Student working at a Civil Law firm

"Serving as a clerk for this firm over the past eight weeks has most certainly been an ineffably rewarding experience. I reflect on my time with the firm not as an onerous requirement or a compulsory service, but as an invaluable learning experience that will carry me through with imparted knowledge for years to come. My daily roles as a clerk included attending court hearings - preliminary hearings, mentions and fixes, plea and case management hearings (PCMH), sentencing- at various crown and magistrates' courts throughout London, transcribing exactly what was said in and out of the courtroom, liaising for the defense counsel and solicitor, and meeting with defendants (in holding cells as well as prison) to obtain testimony, evidence and instructions. On two occasions, I acted as a solicitor's representative in trial cases, advising and discussing with counsel strategy and legal procedure, obtaining and serving legal documents, and meeting with judges in chambers, all the while, acquiring a newfound language: legalese.

In the office, I frequently reviewed client files, depositions and evidence on CCTV tapes, listened to recordings of testimony in juxtaposition with written transcripts, worked on financial and administrative projects, and performed a fair-share of clerical duties."

— Student working at a Criminal Law firm