SUMMER STUDY INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

This summer, earn 10 credits while you gain valuable experience as an intern.

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The Boston University Summer Study Internship Program offers an excellent opportunity to complete coursework relevant to your future career—and to apply that knowledge directly in practice as an intern in your field. If you’re looking for an incredible summer experience, this is it.

By participating in the Summer Study Internship Program, you’ll benefit from interaction with Boston University’s highly regarded faculty. You’ll choose from an array of engaging courses—some of which may not be offered at your home university. You’ll meet other motivated students from around the country. You’ll learn how to prepare a standout résumé, and how to put your best foot forward in a winning interview.

You’ll gain professional experience as an intern in Boston—one of the most dynamic, energetic, and exciting cities in the U.S. You might find yourself working with public policy experts at a think tank, at one of the city’s esteemed cultural or academic organizations, in a state-of-the-art research laboratory, or alongside a group of innovative entrepreneurs. Our internship placement team will help find the internship that’s right for you.

The sights and sounds of Boston also await you. Think baseball at Fenway Park, Shakespeare on the Common, and fireworks on the Charles River Esplanade. BU’s Summer Study Internship Program is a chance to make your summer really count.
PROGRAM DETAILS

The Basics
For the first six weeks of the Summer Study Internship Program, you’ll take two Boston University courses and begin the Internship Course. While you’re studying, we will be hard at work finding the right internship opportunity for you.

During the second six weeks of the program, you’ll work as a full-time intern and complete our Internship Course. In total, you’ll earn 10 academic credits.

The Details
Choose an Academic Track
All Summer Study interns select one of the following academic tracks:

- Arts & Culture
- Business & Management
- Communication
- Graphic & Web Design
- International Studies
- Politics, Public Policy & Law
- Psychology Research & Practice
- Public Health & Social Policy

Summer Session 1: The Academic Phase
May 23–June 30, 2017
Once you’ve chosen your track, you’re ready for the first phase of the Summer Study Internship Program: the Academic Phase. During this segment, which lasts for six weeks, you’ll take two Boston University courses relevant to your track. You’ll earn 4 credits for each course completed during the Academic Phase—that’s 8 credits total during this phase of the program. A grade of C or higher in each course is required to continue in the program.

Internship Placement
Throughout the Academic Phase, you will meet with representatives from the Academic Internship Council (AIC), a professional internship placement organization. AIC will work with you on skills such as interviewing and networking, and will also take the time to get to know you.

With AIC’s help, you will assess your prior academic and work experience, your personality, and your career interests. The goal? Finding the company or organization—and the internship—that best matches your aims and ability. Based on the information you provide, AIC will pursue internship opportunities on your behalf. Although your placement will be finalized after you arrive on campus, you can be sure that you will be placed in an internship that suits you.

Summer Sessions 1 and 2: The Internship Course
May 26–August 18, 2017
The 2-credit Internship Course meets on Friday mornings throughout Summer 1 and two evenings in Summer 2. The course explores links between your academic track and your on-site professional experience, and provides support and guidance as you prepare for your internship placement. The Internship Course instructor will serve as your faculty advisor, helping you make the most of your internship experience. Topics covered in this course include professional development, self-assessment, interviewing skills, workplace culture, and networking.

You will be given course assignments throughout the summer. For your final project, you will be required to complete a paper or presentation based on your internship experience. Attendance in all course activities is mandatory and a part of your final grade.

Summer Session 2: The Internship Phase
July 10–August 18, 2017
For the final six weeks of the program, you will work in a professional internship with a Boston-area company or organization that matches your career interests. Your internship will be full-time—you should expect to work 35 hours per week.

Please note: Program participants must complete six weeks of internship. If your fall classes at your home institution begin before August 18, you will not be able to meet the requirements of the program.
“I took interesting courses that count toward my major, and I gained valuable work experience while living in an exciting city.”

Meredith Rankin

The arts play a vital role in Boston’s daily life. The city’s cultural offerings include everything from small gallery shows and world-class museum exhibits to productions in the Theatre District, historic preservation projects in the Back Bay, outdoor concerts at the Esplanade’s Hatch Shell, and summer festivals on the Boston Common.

Sample Courses
• Shakespeare I
• Impressionism
• Introduction to Art History II: Renaissance to Today
• Photography I

Internship Opportunities
Internship placement opportunities in past years have included commercial galleries, auction houses, museums, design or architectural firms, arts campaigning groups, art centers, and theatre, music, and dance companies.

Meredith Rankin

COURSES
Modern Art from 1940 to 1980
Art of Classical Greece

INTERNSHIP SITE
Diana Levine Fine Art Gallery

ON THE JOB
I enhanced the gallery’s online visibility through social networking sites and an e-newsletter. I helped with special projects for clients, such as selecting artwork they might be interested in for corporate or residential settings. I also assisted with designing a window display to exhibit a new artist. My job was to convey the theme and mood of the artwork while also attracting the attention of passersby.

perspectives
I would never have known where to start looking in Boston for the kind of work I was interested in, and the program guided my way. Interviewing at different galleries gave me a better sense of the art scene in Boston, as well as of the variations among galleries in general.
BUSINESS & MANAGEMENT TRACK

Boston began its commercial life as a center for maritime trade; it later evolved into a leader of the Industrial Revolution, with textile mills dominating the New England landscape. Today, with an economy driven by industries such as financial services, health care and life sciences, technology, higher education, consulting, and visitor services, the city boasts a thriving business community with strong national and international ties.

Sample Courses for Non-Business Majors

- Business, Society, and Ethics
- Introduction to Marketing
- Introduction to Management
- Finance for Non-Management Students

Sample Courses for Business Majors

- Monetary and Banking Institutions
- Real Estate Finance
- Advanced Marketing Strategy
- Innovating with Information Technology

Internship Opportunities

Internship placement opportunities in past years have included local and regional businesses and start-up enterprises, with a focus on finance and accounting, marketing and business development, and human resources.

“\textit{The people, the internship, and the coursework were all excellent. I would not trade this summer for anything.}”

Carey Spanos

Carey Spanos

COURSES

Accounting I
Introduction to Business

INTERNSHIP SITE

MarketMeSuite

ON THE JOB

MarketMeSuite allows businesses to manage and monitor their social media presence, target leads, and build engagement with new and existing customers. At my internship, I was treated like a real employee and had legitimate responsibilities. I learned skills that I can easily apply to any work experience I have in the future, and have successfully narrowed down my interests to the sales and marketing industry. My internship deserves full responsibility for that.

PERSPECTIVES

I enrolled in the program because it offered everything I was looking for. I wanted to take courses in business that I was unable to take at my school, and I wanted to gain real work experience in the business field that would be necessary to achieve my future goals. Plus, Boston is the greatest city in the world, and living five minutes from Fenway Park was too good to be true!
"By standing witness to the efforts put into the compilation and performance of rehabilitation programs, I have become more deeply invested in the progress of each patient."

Lauren Campbell

Along with other patriots of the Revolutionary Era, Paul Revere and Samuel Adams established the Boston Dispensary in 1796, the first permanent medical facility in New England, and one of the first in the nation. Over 200 years later, the tradition of medical excellence continues, which is probably why the health care industry is one of the largest—and fastest growing—segments of Boston’s economy.

Sample Courses
- Introduction to Global Health
- Drugs and Behavior
- Sociology of Health Care
- Medical Anthropology

Internship Opportunities
Internship placement opportunities in past years have included local non-profits, social services agencies, counseling and mentoring organizations, and health providers.

Lauren Campbell

COURSES
Medical Anthropology
Exercise Physiology

INTERNSHIP SITE
Blue Hills Sports and Spine Rehabilitation

ON THE JOB
I [was] given the opportunity to actively communicate with both patients and the physical therapists, guiding patients through rehabilitative exercise through personal demonstration and verbal correction, as well as participate in treatment-related discussions led by primary physical therapists.

My time showed me the necessity of individualized health care, the benefits of open communication, and the effectiveness of attention to detail.

PERSPECTIVES
Boston’s close-knit yet scientifically renowned community allows for expedited professional growth. With a concentration of easily accessible resources linked to the health industry, Boston served as an environment conductive to exploring my curiosities regarding public health and social policy.
student profile

Brennan Hicks

COURSES
Introduction to Counseling
Counseling and Motivational Interviewing

INTERNSHIP SITE
Boston Treatment Center

ON THE JOB
In my role as a case manager at a detox clinic, I assisted clients in selecting their further treatment options and worked on referring them to various aftercare programs. Additionally, I completed biopsychosocial assessments with clients and facilitated client-directed group therapy sessions on topics including trust and acceptance, health and well-being, the next step, and HIV and Narcan.

PERSPECTIVES
It was the perfect blend of academic exploration and practical field experience, giving me the opportunity to take two unique psychology courses not offered by my institution, as well as engage in a hands-on internship that broadened my understanding of mental health and substance abuse treatment.

Having applied my classroom teachings to the daily schedules and plans I made while experiencing the city life only made my summer that much more involved.

“I not only gained friends through the program’s activities but also gained an appreciation for life in a diverse and lively city full of institutions doing work in mental health care and research.”

Brennan Hicks

Home to some of the world’s most respected research hospitals, universities, and institutes, Boston is a leader in the study of the mind and behavior. For hundreds of years, the region has been a launching pad for advancing knowledge about the psychology and psychiatry of both groups and individuals. Boston’s many labs and health and medical centers flourish with a wide range of clinical, educational, and research activities.

Sample Courses
• Developmental Psychology
• Abnormal Psychology
• Psychology of Personality: Theories and Application
• Neuropsychology

Internship Opportunities
Internship placement opportunities in past years have included counseling services and mental health centers, early childhood development programs, and labs and research departments in fields such as neurodevelopment, vision, cognition, education, socio-emotional intelligence, and degenerative diseases and disorders.
“The faculty I had the opportunity to learn from are experts in their field who engaged the students and provided us with valuable feedback.”

Sophia Geanacopoulos

From the introduction of the first printing press to the colonies in 1639 to the technology of today’s digital age, Boston has long been a site for innovations in communication and design. Students in the Graphic & Web Design track explore the fundamentals of graphic design and interactive media through creative projects and assignments.

Sample Courses
• Graphic Design Elective
• Design Ignites Change
• Introduction to Programming
• Electronic Commerce, Systems, and Web Design

Internship Opportunities
Internship placement opportunities in past years have included graphic and web design firms, publishing companies, advertising and creative agencies, non-profits, and local businesses.

Sophia Geanacopoulos
COURSES
Design and New Media
Graphic Design Studio

INTERNSHIP SITE
451 Marketing

ON THE JOB
I completed a wide range of tasks at my site, from completing research and creating mood boards to writing design briefs and sketching wireframes. I appreciated the responsibility I was given and the opportunity to work on real client projects. The work allowed me to integrate my passion for nonprofits with the design skills I learned at BU in the first part of the program.

PERSPECTIVES
I am looking forward to applying the skills that I learned during my classes at BU and at my internship to my graphic design coursework at my home university. Both my classes and my internship gave me new skills and helped to further my understanding of graphic design, which will help me as I begin my career in the creative industry.
The late Tip O’Neill, Boston congressman and Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, was fond of saying that all politics is local—and there is no more interesting mix of local, state, and national politics than in Boston. As the urban hub of the metropolitan region and as the capital of Massachusetts, Boston plays a major role in local and state politics. It is also the center of federal government for New England, home to numerous federal agencies, the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit, and the First District of the Federal Reserve.

Sample Courses
- Introduction to American Politics
- International Human Rights
- Introduction to Law
- Reasoning and Argumentation

Internship Opportunities
Internship placement opportunities in past years have included state, local, and federal government agencies, legal centers and law organizations, international agencies and organizations, think tanks, lobbying organizations, political action groups, and political parties.

“The staff and professors at BU were fun to work with and be in class with, and Boston provided an excellent summer backdrop to the academic and professional development I was looking for in a summer program.”

Trevor Nicks

COURSES
Politics and Philosophy
Introduction to American Politics

INTERNSHIP SITE
AquaFresco

ON THE JOB
I worked at a startup company and was truly able to share in the shaping of the business. The internship combined several of my interests, including political science, engineering, and business administration. In addition to research projects, I worked with the CEO in developing presentations and value propositions for possible investors, applying my prior classroom experience to a real world situation.

PERSPECTIVES
It was amazing to see the new ideas that are shaping today’s society. I worked alongside some of the most innovative people from not only Boston and the U.S., but from the world. My BU classes were thought-provoking, and the program helped me decide on a future career path.
International Studies Track

“[The program] helped me to gain a lot of clarity on where I want my career to go and it helped me meet people that will become an important part of my network.”

Alexandra Fissler

Boston was once a major hub of colonial trade and continues as a thriving center of international commerce and services, as well as a gateway for immigrants from around the world. The International Studies track offers internships with an international dimension, and emphasizes a global perspective with courses in economics, international relations, political science, and international management.

Sample Courses

• International Economics
• Introduction to International Relations
• History of International Relations, 1900-1945
• International Marketing

Internship Opportunities

Internship placement opportunities in past years have included international non-governmental organizations, global trade companies, state and federal agencies, foreign policy think tanks, commercial import/export firms, and cultural exchange and educational institutions.

Student Profile

Alexandra Fissler

Courses

History of International Relations, 1900-1945
U.S.-Latin American Relations

Internship Site

Year Up

On the Job

My internship consisted of meeting one-on-one with students to offer guidance on schools, shedding light on the importance of college, assisting in applying for financial aid and scholarships, the management of scholarships including finding students to apply, helping them through the process, and ordering checks, as well as tracking the progress of alumni scholarship recipients.

Perspectives

I really enjoyed the work environment. Everyone was incredibly kind, welcoming, and helpful. [The internship] helped provide me with clarity on what I want to do after graduation. It also connected me with a lot of people that have given me great advice and will be an important part of my network.
COMMUNICATION TRACK

student profile

Gabrielle Bernstein

COURSES
Production I
Storytelling for Film and Television

INTERNSHIP SITE
Boston Neighborhood Network Television

ON THE JOB
My internship was at a local television station that tapes shows for non-profit organizations. I directed, filmed, and worked audio for the shows. It was a very hands-on experience. I felt the pressures of a workplace and learned how to handle that stress and remain focused.

PERSPECTIVES
I wanted to have a productive summer, and the program allowed me to take classes and intern, all while having a great time. The coursework was challenging and engaging, my internship was enjoyable, and I loved the city and the people.

“Learning more about myself was the best part. Over the summer, I grew as a student, a writer, and a person.”
Gabrielle Bernstein

From film production to public relations to journalism, there’s no disputing that Boston boasts a thriving communication industry. Boston is home to a vibrant creative economy that features some of the best minds in newspaper reporting, broadcasting, advertising, and filmmaking.

Sample Courses
• New Media and Public Relations
• International Marketing
• Public Relations in Nonprofit Settings
• Professional Presentation

Internship Opportunities
Internship placement opportunities in past years have included film and television companies, radio stations, independent production companies, news services, newspapers, magazines, and advertising, marketing, and public relations agencies.
Boston University has a dedicated team of experts and a process in place to find the right internship for you. Remember, internship placement is a key element of our program—so you can be sure you’re going to get the practical, hands-on experience you’re seeking.

Receive Expert Assistance
Your internship placement will be facilitated by AIC, an experienced, non-profit organization that has worked in partnership with Boston University for many years. AIC’s knowledgeable staff take considerable care in matching each student to an appropriate position, and provide support throughout the internship on an individualized basis.

The steps in this process are as follows:

1. **Defining your interests.** You will participate in a Career Assessment Interview with an AIC representative by telephone, in which you will discuss your interests, skills, and experience.

2. **Finding the right placement.** Based on information gathered through the telephone discussion, AIC’s application, and your résumé, your AIC representative will conduct a search for relevant internships. Here, AIC’s expertise is vital: they have an extensive database of available opportunities, in addition to close contacts with many firms and organizations.

3. **Interviewing for the job.** AIC will provide feedback based on the steps above, and then forward your résumé to specific companies that might be interested in hiring you as an intern. When an organization expresses an interest in your résumé and application, AIC or the company in question will contact you to schedule an interview. The number of interviews each student completes will vary.

4. **Starting your internship.** Once you and a potential employer agree that you’ll be a good fit for the organization, you will then spend your summer gaining valuable experience in your field of interest.

About AIC
The Academic Internship Council’s mission is “to provide academic institutions with internship programs that help their students achieve personal and professional growth and competitive advantage in the global workforce.”

Students have the benefit of working closely with a professional firm whose purpose is the placement of interns in successful, relevant environments. AIC has pursued this goal since 1984 and has had a relationship with Boston University for over 25 years. Drawing from this experience, AIC is committed to providing high quality internships and other professional development-related services.
GETTING STARTED

Admission
The Summer Study Internship Program is open to undergraduate students who are U.S. citizens or permanent residents, and who have completed at least one year of college by the start of the program. Students must be in good academic and judicial standing. A minimum GPA of 3.0 is required.

Please note that admission to the Psychology Research & Practice track is especially competitive. Students applying to this track must have completed a minimum of three years of college coursework by the start of the program.

Students are accepted into one of eight academic program tracks and must enroll in the full 10-credit program: two Summer 1 courses, the Internship Course, and a Summer 2 internship.

Application Deadline
Applications to the Summer Study Internship Program are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Students are encouraged to submit applications as early as possible. The deadline for all applications is April 21, 2017.

Students who are accepted into the Summer Study Internship Program will receive written materials that provide further details about how to prepare and what to expect upon arriving on campus.

How to Apply
Apply online at bu.edu/summer/internship.

A complete application consists of the online application form (which includes a personal statement and résumé), a $50 application fee, and official college transcript(s).

Orientation and Activities
The Summer Study Internship Program fosters a close-knit community of students. Participants can expect a social calendar featuring outings and gatherings that include everything from Red Sox games to day trips to New England beaches and nearby locales. We'll begin the program with an orientation, which will allow students to meet fellow participants, program administrators, faculty, and internship placement staff. Later in the first week students will enjoy a welcome luncheon on campus or at a local restaurant.

Housing
On-campus housing and dining are available for an additional fee. In the residences, dining areas, and classrooms, students will experience the spirit of the Boston University community.

Cost
Program Fee: $7,970
Application Fee: $50
Non-Refundable Deposit: $250
Housing Fee (optional):
$4,277 (with A/C)
$3,822 (without A/C)
Note: There is a limited availability of apartments with A/C.
PROGRAM CALENDAR 2017

Application Deadline .................................................................................................................. April 21
Orientation.................................................................................................................................... May 22
Welcome Luncheon........................................................................................................................ May 26
Summer Session 1: The Academic Phase .................................................................................. May 23–June 30
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Mid-Summer Break ..................................................................................................................... July 3–7
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“My biggest accomplishment this summer has been being able to establish myself as a young professional in my field. Each aspect of this program has given me more knowledge, experience, and confidence to accomplish my goals.”

—Kaitlyn Roose, Psychology Research & Practice