

intern abroad

Dublin Internship Program: Opportunities for Health Science Students

International Internship Programs

All Boston University International Programs internship placements are:

- Personalized
- Guaranteed
- Project-based
- Academically directed

Personalized Internships

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 customize an internship placement to the individual student. Each semester, approximately 30% of our internship placements are from new providers.

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List of Past Healthcare & Psychology Internship Providers

(Please note: These are examples of past internship placements only. While we guarantee an internship to program participants, specific placements vary from semester to semester.)

- The Coombe Women's Hospital
- Mount Carmel Hospital
- National Rehabilitation Hospital
- Royal Hospital Donnybrook
- Beaumont Hospital
- St. Mary's Hospital & School
- Adelaide & Meath Hospital/National Children's Hospital
- Virus Reference Library
- European Institute for Women's Health
- Cairde
- Central Mental Hospital
- The Children's Resource Centre-Trinity College Dublin

Guaranteed Internships

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

Project-Based Internships

Students will work on a project (or projects) while at their placement during the semester. Past students with pre-med interests have worked in clinical, research and administrative settings, and in a wide variety of healthcare related fields, populations and communities.

Academically Directed Internships

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.



Comments from the Dublin Internship Program

"We have a few, very interesting options for pre-med students in Dublin. One consistently popular placement is with the Coombe Women's Hospital working in prenatal research. As it is a teaching hospital, our students regularly accompany residents on rounds, observe deliveries, and accompany doctors on transports of sick babies to and from other hospitals throughout Ireland. The supervisor of this placement is extremely good—she really makes students think creatively and is open to designing research projects around the students own interests (provided the student has a well considered proposal).

We have just started working with the Adelaide and Meath/National Children's Hospital biomedical lab this semester. Our student has worked at the level of a lab assistant in the hematology and histology labs and has described the experience as "awesome." This particular hospital incorporates undergraduate training into their labs already, so they are particularly well structured and students have an opportunity to meet Irish medical students their own age.

We have a BU student due to start with Beaumont Hospital on Monday. (They are the national referral center for Neurology and Neuropsychology, the student's particular interest). It looks extremely positive, as they are accustomed to having students and I think ours will integrate nicely.

We placed one student at the Central Mental Hospital, a facility for mentally ill people involved in the criminal justice system. I would only suggest this as suitable for students with a strong interest in forensic psychology and psychiatry and a background working or volunteering in challenging environments. It was a massive success for the student involved—she has repeatedly told us this was the highlight of her undergraduate career—but she was an exceptional candidate for this placement.

Last semester we had a student who split her time between the Dublin Dental Hospital and a family medical practice (she was trying to decide between dental and medical school). There probably isn't a full time placement in dentistry, but family medicine is always a possibility.

We have worked with a number of hospitals and treatment facilities on PT placements. Our students are typically given more direct contact with patients than they would expect in the US.

We also have policy placements with the European Institute for Women's Health, Cairde (providing services for people with HIV), and could probably find health related policy work with any number of other agencies.

Please make students aware that healthcare placement providers in Dublin expect our students to have demonstrated academic success and a level of maturity. As pre-med students are accustomed to planning, I would suggest way for them to ensure a quality placement would be for them to apply to our program a semester in advance so we have ample time to secure the kind of internship experience they require."

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