

intern abroad

London Internship Program: Opportunities for International Relations Students

International Internship Programs

All Boston University International Programs internship placements feature:

- A personalized placement process
- An internship guarantee
- Academic direction

Personalized Placement Process

Boston University International Programs internship coordinators put the student first. Before contacting potential employers to set up interviews, our internship coordinators speak individually with each student in order to discuss and assess that student's career goals, prior work experience and skill set, and their study abroad and internship expectations.

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Past IR-Related Internship Providers

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

Our Guarantee

Every student enrolled in a Boston University International Programs internship program is guaranteed an internship while abroad. We provide all students with a professional work experience as a key part of their experience in London. We couldn't call it an internship program otherwise.

Academic Direction

The internship is also a 4-credit course, taken along with other courses to provide a full semester worth of credit (shorter summer-term programs are also available). During the internship phase of the program, students will be required to maintain a daily journal reflecting on their internship experience. By the end of the semester, all students will produce a comprehensive, academic portfolio based on their internship experience, and graded by program faculty members.



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

For further information, please contact londonadmin@usa-edu.com



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 (4 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 in 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 well being 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