

intern abroad

Madrid Internship Program: Opportunities for Hospitality Industry 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 Hospitality Industry 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.)

- Allied Domecq
- American Airlines
- Council Travel
- Grupo SIGLA
- Hotel Hesperia
- Hotel Suecia
- Hotel Ritz
- Jumbo-Pan de Azucar
- Maes de Flandes
- Travel Leader
- OMT—World Tourism Organization
- Hotel Villa Magna

Guaranteed Internships

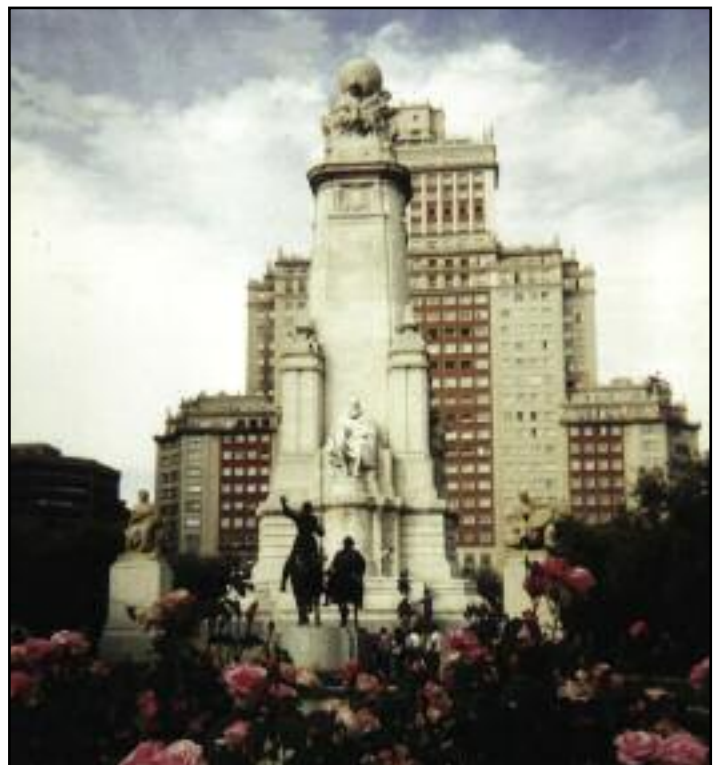
All students are guaranteed an internship placement while abroad with a Boston University international internship program.

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 Madrid Internship Program

"In all the hotels students tend to rotate among departments. Which departments are in part up to the students and in part determined by the hotel's needs. The Ritz demands that students work a minimum of 5 hours per day, five days a week. We have had some students work much more than that, but this schedule often puts the Ritz off-limits during our regular term.

The Hesperia wants students to work every weekday, for at least three months, eliminating the option of our summer program.

The Suecia is the most flexible, and we have had students in house-keeping, concierge, front desk, food and beverage, bar, and restaurant. At the Ritz we had one student working for a month at the in-house gym facility. At the Hesperia, our student worked in catering and banquets, actually doing negotiations with foreigners in Madrid and clients from outside Spain for weddings and other events. We have a bit of everything.

The main thing to remember is that our students are competing for internships against students from major hotel schools in Switzerland (who like to come to Spain for their internships, since tourism is our number one industry) as well as the growing number of Spanish students who are studying in this area.

What sets our students apart is their (usual) prior experience in the industry in the US, and their knowledge of English.

In restaurants we have rarely had students working in dining rooms, but we have had placements with Spain's largest restaurant group - in marketing and in the finance office—as well as with a small, family-owned chain of German-style beerhalls.

We have had students in the past with American Airlines, and have had many with American Express, on the fringes of the hospitality industry."

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