Global Internships & Volunteering 2026/27

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Session Overview

- What is the Global Internships & Volunteering program?
- Eligibility Criteria.
- Available Destinations.
- Funding.
- Application Process.
- Other Opportunities.
- Online Resources.
- Q&A.

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The Global Internships & Volunteering programme supports Widening Participation students at Durham to build skills and gain international experience via organised placements with trusted partner organisations.

- Boost employability.
- Build your CV.
- Gain work experience.
- Meet people from across the UK and around the world.
- Improve inter-cultural fluency.
- Develop problem solving.
- Increase self-confidence

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Student Feedback

Olivia, Brazil: *“It was really interesting to be immersed in such a starkly different culture... It really pushed me and allowed me to see a part of the world I never would have."*

James, Sweden: *“Fantastic. The cultural experience is invaluable, spending this time abroad really widened my perspectives and gave me an insight into what my future career could look like.”*

Megan, St Lucia: *“I would recommend this opportunity to anyone, it provides valuable work experience, cultural immersion and an opportunity to network and meet wonderful people all whilst being in a tropical destination.”*

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Eligibility Criteria

1. **Household income of under £47,200 per year.**
2. **Current undergraduate student.**
3. **Not in your final year.**

- UK students need to have applied to and been means-tested by student finance.
- International students must be able to show evidence of their household income. Example: Parents' pay slips, tax returns.

★ Final year and Postgraduate students can participate in term time virtual internships, detailed later in the presentation. ★

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Internship Destinations

Germany: Berlin

5 internships available. Facilitated by CRCC Global.

Portugal: Lisbon

20 internships available. Facilitated by Absolute Internship.

Virtual Internships

5 Part-time, online internships available.

South Korea: Seoul

10 internships available. Facilitated by CRCC Global.

Sweden: Stockholm

10 internships available. Facilitated by Absolute Internship.

Spain: Madrid

5 internships available. Facilitated by Absolute Internship.

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Volunteering Destinations

Brazil: Belo Horizonte

5 places available with BHZ Connection.

Thailand: Chiang Mai

10 places available with Think Pacific.

Saint Lucia

12 places available with Caribbean Elective.

Image from BHZ Connection.

Daisy, Brazil: *"This process has matured me and made me a lot more adaptable… I realise now that socialising and working outside of your own bubble is far more rewarding and provides you a unique opportunity to grow."*

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What funding is available?

TURING SCHEME

Program Fees: No program fees for GI&V participants - Durham covers the program fee that the provider (e.g. CRCC Global) would charge you.

Turing Grant: The Turing grant provides funding to contribute towards the cost of participation. The grant includes a travel bursary and cost of living grant. Grant amounts depend on duration and destination. Example on next slide.

Purchasing Flights: The University offers a bridging-loan scheme to help with initial travel costs. The loan is an advance of your Turing grant travel bursary and will automatically be repaid when you complete your arrival requirements.

Vaccinations: The University can reimburse students for the cost of required travel vaccines, up to the value of £250.

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Turing Grant Example

Brazil – Volunteering with BHZ Connection

- **Grant rate:** £21 per day x 28 days = £588.
- **Travel allowance:** Destination is between 8,000km and 12,000km away = up to £905 (receipts required).
- **Total possible Turing grant = £1,493.**

Before activity: Bridging Loan gives access to £905 in advance to assist with purchasing flights.

During activity: Participants receive £588 upon completion of requirements.

Examples for all destinations are available on the GI&V SharePoint site.

How do I apply?

Application Deadline: 01 December 2026

You can apply for up to **3** different opportunities, with a maximum of 2 internship opportunities within your 3 choices.

Apply to the GI&V program via the link on SharePoint: Global Internships & Volunteering

Submit a 3-minute video file answering the following three questions:

1. Why would you like to participate in the Global Internships & Volunteering program?
2. What three attributes or skills could you bring to the program?
3. What would you find most challenging about participating in the program?

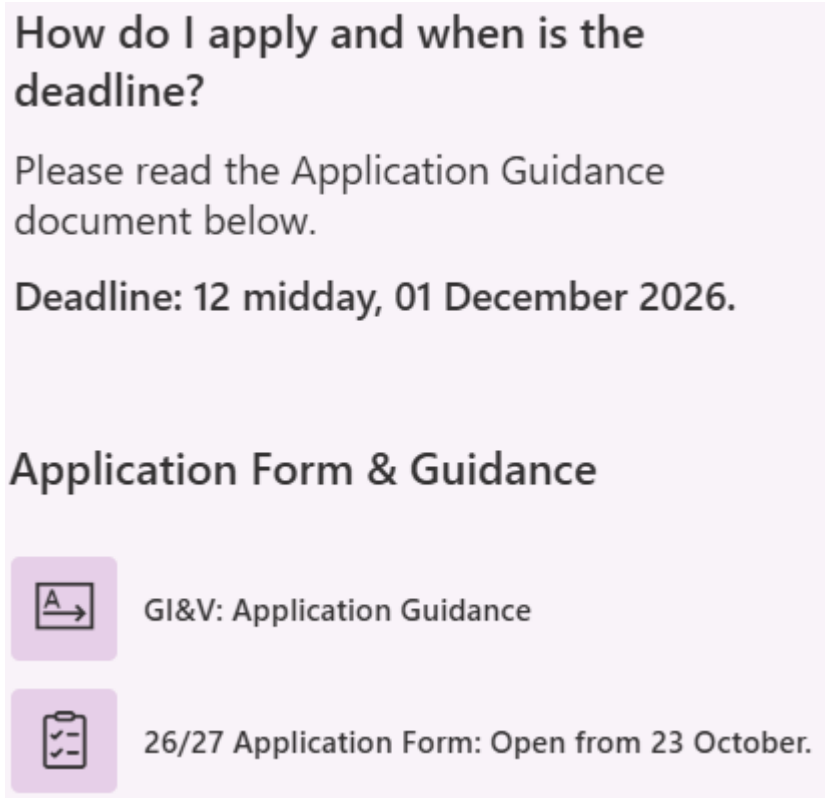

Image shows application section of SharePoint page.

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What happens after I apply?

1. Shortlisting: Students that progress will be invited to a panel interview on campus/ online with DU & partner staff, in February.
2. Successful students are required to pay a £150 refundable deposit to secure their place.
3. Meetings with placement provider teams re: projects / internships.
4. Completion of a Pre-departure requirements:

   [Health declaration, Risk assessment, Travel approval and cover process]
5. Turing grant & bridging loan registration.
6. Arrange flights, visas, vaccinations.

Each partner has their own onboarding steps for completion. Student will be guided through the steps by their individual teams.

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Other Opportunities

★ Virtual Internships ★

- 5 virtual internships available.
- WP: UG, final year and PG are eligible.
- Financial eligibility criteria applies.
- 12 weeks, 10hrs/week.
- Complete during term time.
- Start date 08 February.
- Application deadline 25 November.
- Separate application link, on GI&V SharePoint.

Non-WP students

Other students who aren't eligible for the GI&V program are able to apply directly to our Trusted Partners but must self-fund.

How can I learn more about the GI&V programme?

SharePoint site: Global Internships & Volunteering

- Program Details page.
- Check the partner websites for specific projects.
- FAQs.
- Application Guidance & Funding Information.

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Thank you.
Any questions?

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