Global Challenge Internship Application Guidance 2018-19

What is the Global Challenge Internship Programme?

The University of Birmingham is making a considerable investment into its institutional employability offering with increased engagement with employers through participation within careers events, mentoring of students and an increase in the number of work experience placements / internships available to our students and the student take up of these.

The Global Challenge Internship Programme supports University of Birmingham students from all year groups (except postgraduates) to undertake a (full or part funded) internship over their summer vacation.

Internships have been sourced from an array of employers worldwide, including some major graduate recruiters/organisations.

The aim of the programme is to encourage students to undertake ambitious internships without being inhibited by financial constraints. Students wishing to apply for one of the Global Challenge Internships must be able to clearly explain why they have chosen the particular internship and what they hope to gain from working with the organisation. You must also be able to demonstrate how the Internship will contribute to your personal and professional development and your chosen career path. If you are unsure of your chosen career path explain how this internship will help make your future choices clearer.

The Programme plays an important role in publicising and promoting the achievements of its Internship winners to demonstrate the value of work experience to other students.

As with all opportunities you must ensure you make a strong application to be considered for the role. Take advantage of a one-to-one discussion with one of our Careers Advisers or Application Advisors and have your CV checked at one of our CV Clinics. Details of these services and how you can book to see an Adviser can be found at www.intranet.birmingham.ac.uk/careers

All applications will go through a selection process and if you are successful you will be invited to attend an interview at the University. Your application will then go to the organisation for their final selection. The final selection by the company may involve a telephone, face to face or skype interview dependant on the employers preference.

You will be provided with all the pre-departure information you need by the University before commencing your Internship as well as the financial support to ensure you have booked all appropriate flights and accommodation and arranged appropriate visas in advance.
You may need a visa in order to undertake any of the internships and you will need to research this as part of your application. If you are asked to attend an interview you will be asked about whether you require a visa so we recommend you research this now. You may find this website useful http://www.fco.gov.uk/en/. If you are a non-UK applicant, you should refer to your own foreign office website for information on visa requirements.

**How and when to apply**

We are now accepting applications for the Global Challenge Internship Programme; this means you can submit an application at any time before the **deadline of 11:59 on Sunday 17th February 2019**. It’s worth noting that all applications will be considered after the closing date.

Did you know that completing an Internship or work experience placement can gain you points on the Personal Skills Award (PSA)?

You can complete the Personal Skills Award in two different ways; through participation in ‘extra curricular activities’ (such as part-time work, voluntary experience, sport and so much more), or by completing three accredited skills modules that appear on your academic transcript.

For more information on the Personal Skills Award, and how to register, please visit [www.intranet.birmingham.ac.uk/psa](http://www.intranet.birmingham.ac.uk/psa)

**Application Process**


   Please note that you are able to save your application before you have completed it and then return to it later. Once you have completed the form, you will then need to submit it. If you experience problems submitting your application online, you may email it to [internships@contacts.bham.ac.uk](mailto:internships@contacts.bham.ac.uk).

   Please note that different application forms may be required for some of the opportunities. Students will be directed to the relevant forms from the Global Challenge homepage.

   Once your application has been received you should be sent email confirmation of its receipt.

   Any queries regarding the application forms should be directed to Harjinder Kundra at [internships@contacts.bham.ac.uk](mailto:internships@contacts.bham.ac.uk). Remember to take advantage of the support provided by Careers Advisors, Application Advisors and CV Clinics.

   2. Your application will be reviewed by Careers Network and if successfully shortlisted, you
will be invited to an **interview early-mid March 2019**. You will need to be available during this period of time (please note that some interviews may take place during other periods dependant on the employers preferences).

**Eligibility**

The Global Challenge Internship Programme is open to full time undergraduate students from the University of Birmingham in any year of their degree. Postgraduate students, recent graduates and students from other Universities are **not** eligible to apply.

You must be available to undertake the internship on any dates specified.
You must make yourself available for pre-departure training that will be notified to you separately if you are successful.
Application form guidance

This section outlines some general guidance on what we are looking for in your Global Challenge Internship application. To increase your chances of being short listed and considered for one of the internships you need to ensure you have addressed the following to the best of your ability.

**Question 1a: Why have you chosen this particular internship? How did you research the organisation and the internship role? (maximum 300 words) Max 4 points**

**Question 1b: How will working with this organisation benefit you in the future, and what do you hope to gain from the experience? (maximum 300 words) Max 4 points**

 Explain why you are interested in this internship (as opposed to others either within Global Challenge or elsewhere) what is it about this internship that attracts you, what is it about this organisation that attracts you. Applications that show obvious research of the company but also refer to what you will gain from working with them will score higher marks. If you are too general or vague about the internship the judging panel may not be convinced that you have a genuine desire to undertake the opportunity and have not carried out any research into the organisation. Short and vague answers are unlikely to be successfully short listed.

**Question 2a: How will this internship contribute to your personal and professional development and future career aspirations? Please explain the types of skills you will develop, how the experience will help you achieve your career goals and why this Internship is challenging and ambitious for you as an individual. (maximum 750 words) Max 8 points**

When preparing your answer think about the skills and experiences you need to acquire to increase your career prospects in your chosen field and why this particular internship will enable this to happen. Talk about your personal as well as your professional development, describe the skills and attributes you have and those you want to develop. It is ok to refer to cultural differences you may encounter but avoid concentrating too much on the overall cultural experience you will gain(for example, on how exciting it will be to live in the particular country or city or making comments that indicate the reason for doing the internship is more about travelling than gaining work experience). Instead aim to ensure you convey your excitement and enthusiasm for the internship and the company within the answer.

This question also asks you to explain why you believe the internship is challenging and ambitious for you as an individual. Thinking again about your skills and development areas, tell us why you believe this opportunity will push and develop you. If you have undertaken work experience in the past, tell us how this internship will enable you to develop different and additional skills and experiences.

**Question 2b: CV (Max 2 points)**

You should provide a copy of your CV which is tailored to the particular internship you are
applying for. **If you do not provide a CV (and not explanation as to why you cannot provide this) your application will not progress any further.** For information on writing a CV and details of workshops to support with writing a CV visit the Careers Network website.

If you do not provide a CV but can explain the reason for not providing one, you should send this as soon as possible afterwards.

**Supporting Letter** – you will also be asked for a letter of support from a tutor/supervisor – this document will not carry any marks toward your application, but it is **recommended you include this letter.**

**Question 3 *** only for students applying to Museum Victoria opportunity **** (Max 4 points)**

*If you are applying for the internship with Museum Victoria please explain why you have chosen this project and describe how you have researched it. Please also explain any work experience you have had previously in the field, or what experience and skills you would bring to the project (maximum 500 words)*

To support this question, you will need to do some research into the museum and the projects that they offering, and state how they are relevant to your interests, skills, experience and potential career path. Think about what skills are required to do the projects outlined and how you can actively contribute to them.

**Budget (max 4 points)**

The purpose of this question is to help you plan out a budget for your internship and to demonstrate to Careers Network that you have sensibly considered your budget spend

**IMPORTANT NOTICE: The maximum amount students can apply for is £3000 to cover expenses associated with their internship. Please utilise the budget planner template when submitting your budget.**

You should insert all the costs you will incur as a result of going on your internship in the template provided. Appendix 1 is a good example of how to present your budget.

To support the costs identified in your budget you must include evidence to confirm these are legitimate. For example, should your costs for renting appropriate accommodation and flights result in an overall expense of £1000, you can include screenshots of this within your budget to demonstrate the figures are a true reflection of real prices. If your evidence (e.g. screenshot) does not immediately reflect the figure included in your budget, you must include calculations demonstrating how you reached the final amount.

Ensure any accommodation included is in a safe area and use the Foreign and Commonwealth Office website to assist you with country information at [http://www.fco.gov.uk/en/](http://www.fco.gov.uk/en/).
You should estimate an amount that will cover your living costs whilst undertaking the internship, and including evidence to support this amount. The Careers Network will also seek advice on this from the employer and the International Office to ensure you have sufficient funds whilst overseas.

When submitting evidence please make sure you highlight (or that it is obvious) what specific information we should be referring to and what relates directly to the budget figures. Do not include entire documents as evidence should the majority of the information not be relevant; select the most appropriate sections and include this. Do not only include web addresses redirecting to budget evidence available online; the panel will not have the capacity to check individual links. Relevant screenshots and electronic evidence are acceptable and should be provided.
If you require a visa for your internship please include the cost of this within the budget. **Please note that for internships in the USA** the University will be using a company called IST Plus who work with CIEE in the US. Check out their information at [www.istplus.co.uk](http://www.istplus.co.uk). We will provide the funding to cover the cost of the visa process with IST Plus so just insert this cost into your budget planner.

With applications for visas to any country, please note that it is **your** responsibility to ensure you have all the necessary paperwork/passport/visa documentation requirements. We will cover the cost of the visa application itself, but not additional expenses such as renewing your passport.

The University provides insurance cover for you during this internship. Please see [www.travel.bham.ac.uk](http://www.travel.bham.ac.uk) for further details. It does not cover personal possessions such as laptops or extreme sports. If you feel you have anything that might require additional cover please include this in your budget. If you are unsure check this with our Insurance Manager.

Failure to supply comprehensive budget information and evidence will have a detrimental affect on your application as this element of the application is also marked. The more comprehensive your budget the more it demonstrates to the judging panel that you have planned and researched the internship in depth.

Please note that the judging panel are not seeking to fund students with the cheapest budget and the success of your application will not be based on the amount you request. However we expect you to provide a realistic budget which demonstrates you have researched the most appropriate and cost effective amenities required for the experience. The judging panel appreciate that costs may vary considerably between locations. All funding allocations will be based on the amount the student has identified within their budget planner. The maximum students are eligible to apply for is £3000 which should be taken into consideration when budget planning.

**Funding is not available for:**
- Sightseeing or internal travel (other than commutes to and from work or any other travel required by the company)
- Work clothes
- Toiletries or similar items that you would purchase regardless of undertaking this internship
- Medication
- Additional costs in order to secure your visa other than the visa application itself (with the exception of internships in the US as above).

**What’s next?**

If you are successfully shortlisted for an interview you will also be asked to do a 5 minute presentation. Careers Network will provide training on this which you will be required to attend. Details will be sent if you are invited to attend an interview. Do not let this put you off applying, consideration will be given for nerves and the fact that some students will have had
more experience of presenting than others. You will be asked to describe how the internship will support your personal and professional development by building on your current skills/skill gaps and how it will contribute to your future career aspirations.

If you are successful at the interview stage your application details and CV will be sent to the internship provider to make the final decision. You may be asked to take part in a face to face, telephone or Skype discussion or interview with the internship organisation before their final selection is made. You will be notified ASAP afterwards whether you have been successful or not.
APPENDIX 1

Student Name: Stuart Jack Jones
Student ID: 123578
Internship opportunity: Joe Bloggs Limited

Global Challenge Budget Planner (Example)

Budget costing overview

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Detailed budget evidence

Accommodation

**TOTAL COST = £645**

Please include screenshot(s) here to evidence your costing. Include screenshots of alternative considered (if relevant). Please ensure there is a direct link from the screenshots to the total cost identified.

![Map of Company Location]
If it’s not clearly evident from the screenshot(s) please include any calculations to demonstrate how you arrived at the total cost.

- Location of the company in Rio de Janeiro is: insert address of company
- Looking to stay in (please ensure the area is safe and within commutable distance from your place of work):
- The duration of stay would be XX weeks.
- House shares per month are, on average, R$600 per month. This is the equivalent to £215 a month.
- For 12 weeks, this comes to £645.

Please include your rationale for selecting your final accommodation, including detail of any alternatives considered.

- I conducted a comparison of different hotel options (in the screen shot above), I selected accommodation that was not only the cheapest but closest to my internship organisation as well. In addition, through conducting further research at [www.brazilplacestogo.com](http://www.brazilplacestogo.com) – the area I was staying at was deemed safe and had positive feedback from previous visitors/including students in the area.
Food and essential living expenses

**TOTAL COST = £760.16**

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- As I would be trying local delicacies during my time there, I would be eating out around 2 times a week. The average cost of an inexpensive meal out is £4.59. (£4.59 x 12 weeks x 2 meals out = £110.16).
- Essential living expenses – as water/TV/internet is covered in utilities. As I would be new to the country, I would be inexperienced in the cheapest or best places to buy groceries. Therefore, I am budgeting £450 for groceries for the duration of the 3 months (based on the below Numbeo screenshot), and £200 for essential living costs.
- Total costs therefore are £110.16+£450+£200=£760.16

*Please include your rationale for selecting your final food costs including detail of any alternatives considered*

- It is difficult to make comparison of costs for this, but I have used Numbeo a recommended visitor resource to work out these costs. I also reached out to some friends that went to Brazil and they confirmed costs on this website were accurate.
Utilities

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- For work clothes etc., I will need around 2 washes a week. For 12 weeks this would cost a total of £50.40. As I will be inexperienced in the local Laundromats, I am budgeting £60 for laundry, giving allowances for extra washes.

**PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR RATIONALE FOR SELECTING YOUR FINAL UTILITIES COSTS, INCLUDING DETAIL OF ANY ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED**

- This is the most economic option as it is located next to my accommodation. Other similar companies offer the service at the same price, so I would not be saving by going to an alternative/further company.
Costs of travelling in the UK

**TOTAL COST = £4.20**

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![Trainline screenshot](image)

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- I will need a return ticket from University to BHX – the train line lists a range of prices, I have selected the most economical of these (off-peak)

*Please include your rationale for selecting your final travelling costs including detail of any alternatives considered*

- I researched a taxi, but was quite expensive £32 to/from the airport. Therefore a train was the most economical option – as it was a direct train to the airport and I would have one suitcase, practically this would be fine.
### Costs of travelling abroad

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- STA, a student travel company, offer a flight comparator section on their website. This is available from: ([http://book.statravel.co.uk/staglobe/AirFlightSearchResult.do;jsessionid=F21737E2DC7D65764665E7B56CA73F67?followAction=AirFlightSearch](http://book.statravel.co.uk/staglobe/AirFlightSearchResult.do;jsessionid=F21737E2DC7D65764665E7B56CA73F67?followAction=AirFlightSearch))
- The internship starts 1\(^{st}\) July and finishes 18\(^{th}\) September
- The following screenshot shows the results from the comparator website above.
- Prices are given on 11\(^{th}\) March 2012 for flying there on the 29\(^{th}\) June and departing 20\(^{th}\) September. Flying out before the internship starts gives time for acclimation and jet lag, and flying out 2 days after it finishes
- I added on £100 as the prices will increase by approximately this much when the time comes for booking the flights.

**Please include your rationale for selecting your final travelling costs, including detail of any alternatives considered**

- Please see above and the flight comparator section, which was used to determine the final cost
Medical requirements/vaccinations

**TOTAL COST = £50**

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![Other vaccines to consider: tetanus; diphtheria; typhoid; hepatitis B; rabies; yellow fever (mainly for Western and Amazonian areas and Iguazu Falls).](http://www.fitfortravel.nhs.uk/destinations/south-america/brazil.aspx)

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- I would require vaccinations for Yellow Fever as I am currently unprotected for it.
- Yellow Fever vaccinations cost £50, as quoted by my doctors, the University Medical Practice. 0121 6873055.
- The rest of my vaccinations are up to date.
- Rio de Janeiro is not in a malaria area. Most of Brazil is malaria free.

**Please include your rationale for selecting your final medical costs, including detail of any alternatives considered**
**Insurance**

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<td>• My travel insurance is annually paid for by my parents as we get a good family deal.</td>
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![Brazil business visa is not required for citizens of United Kingdom for a stay up to 90 days. NOT REQUIRED](image)

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‘Business visa’ - This visa is required if during any portion of your visit you intend to conduct business or commercial activities. Please note such visas can only be issued to travellers not being paid for work by an entity within Brazil. If you intend to undertake paid work in Brazil you will need to obtain a work visa.’

- As I will not be paid for my working hours whilst in Brazil, I do not need a Visa.
- As, I will be in the country for 84 days, I do not exceed the 90 day period.

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