

Summer
2017

USI Global Engagement Internships

Center for International Programs

Four (4) partially-funded international internships are available summer 2017 under the auspices of USI's Global Engagement Internship (GEI) Program.

- One (1) internship will take place at the New Lanark World Heritage Site in Scotland.
- Three (3) additional internships are available through a number of approved programs in Costa Rica, Ghana, India, or China.

This competitive internship program is part of USI's global engagement initiative, designed to provide opportunities for USI students to gain a better understanding of global issues/challenges that impact our world. These areas include: 1) Public Health; 2) Education; 3) Poverty Reduction; 4) Environment, Sustainability, and Climate Change; 5) Peace & Human Rights.

The Global Engagement Internship Program covers roundtrip airfare, housing, meals for the length of the program, program fees, immunizations, and visas fees if applicable, up to \$7,500. GEI participants will be expected to pay \$1,000 plus any costs exceeding the award. Participants will also be expected to pay for USI internship credit. GEI participants will be expected to present their experiences at the Global Engagement Forum (tentatively scheduled for November 2017 at USI) and other venues.

The GEI Program is open to fulltime degree-seeking students in all majors. Additional requirements will depend on specific internship opportunities. Preference will be given to juniors and seniors, and to applicants who have not received USI study abroad scholarships in the past.

Applications and supporting documents are due

December 16, 2016:

Center for International Programs

UC East 1234

Phone: 812-465-1248 | Fax: 812-228-5097

Applications submitted via email must be received by the deadline:

mgonnerman@usi.edu



INSTRUCTIONS

Choose your country and program (see Program Description below); research opportunities that are available through that program, and select an internship or volunteer opportunity which fits your interests, background, professional goals, etc. You do not need to apply to the program provider (e.g., World Endeavors) at this time.

Identify a faculty mentor who will work with you throughout your project and determine your final evaluation for the internship credit; discuss the project with your mentor and request a recommendation form and letter of endorsement (page 5 of this packet).

Submit Application and supporting documents by December 16, 2016 to:

Center for International Programs, UC East 1234, USI, 8600 University Boulevard, Evansville, IN 47712;

-or- Electronic submissions must be received by December 16, 2016: mgonnerman@usi.edu

- Part I: Signed application form (page 2 of this packet)
- Part II: Personal Statement and Project Description (see page 3 of this packet)
- Unofficial USI transcript
- Recommendation form and supporting letter from the USI faculty mentor who will monitor your internship (page 4 of this packet)

Program Description

I. **One (1) Internship in New Lanark, Scotland – dates tba (3 hours of USI credit)**

New Lanark World Heritage Site (<http://www.newlanark.org>) is connected to USI's Historic New Harmony through the life and work of Robert Owen. Work experience will be available in a variety of areas related to the operation and management of New Lanark World Heritage Site, such as audience research, on-site and digital interpretation, and development of educational material. The New Lanark Trust is in the process of creating a public search room in order to properly support access to its collection of photographs, maps, drawings, and documents. The internship will include development of this search room, which will also allow the collection at New Lanark to be linked to Historic New Harmony and Rice Library. Appropriate majors include, but are not limited to: Business Administration, History, Public Relations and Advertising, Sociology, Communication Studies, Education, Political Science, International Studies, Management, and Marketing. Further details about the New Lanark opportunity are available from Connie Weinzapfel, Director of Historic New Harmony, at: cwinzap@usi.edu

II. **Three (3) Internship Opportunities in Costa Rica, Ghana, India or China – 4-6 weeks May-August; dates will vary by program (1-3 hours of USI credit)**

Students applying for a Global Engagement Internship in Costa Rica, Ghana, India or China must choose an internship, volunteer or service learning opportunity offered through one of USI's approved programs, including:

- World Endeavors www.worldendeavors.com (Opportunities in Costa Rica, India, and China)
- Cross-Cultural Solutions www.crossculturalsolutions.org (Opportunities in Costa Rica, Ghana, and India)
- ISEP <http://www.isep.org/students/Programs/tsu/> [China only: Summer Service Learning Program (SSLP) July 7th-26th; optional pre-session Chinese Language and Culture Program (CLCP) June 30-July 7th]
- ISA Intern & SL <http://studiesabroad.com/experience/> (Opportunities in Costa Rica and India)

Students should research the opportunities available, before deciding on the location, focus and duration of the program. Students do not have to be admitted to the program (e.g., World Endeavors) by the December 16th application deadline. However, successful GEI applicants will be able to describe the proposed internship or volunteer opportunity in detail.

GEI Application: Part I

Name: _____ **USI ID #:** ____/____/____

Preferred Email: _____ **Current Level:** FR SOPH JR SR GRAD

Major: _____ **Cumulative GPA:** _____ **When will you graduate:** _____

Faculty mentor for your GEI Program: _____

Name	USI Academic Department
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Internship Location:
(Choose one)

- New Lanark, Scotland
- Costa Rica (Min. Language Requirement: SPAN 102 or equiv.)
- Ghana
- India
- China

Proposed dates of internship:

- New Lanark, Scotland: dates TBA
- Costa Rica, Ghana, India or China: From _____ until _____ Total # of weeks: _____

Internship Program Provider: (e.g., New Lanark, World Endeavors, etc): _____

For programs other than New Lanark, please indicate the sponsoring agency program fee: \$ _____

What does this fee include?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Housing
<input type="checkbox"/> Meals or <input type="checkbox"/> Some Meals
<input type="checkbox"/> Internship placement
<input type="checkbox"/> On-site orientation
<input type="checkbox"/> Airport pick-up
<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Intern services and learning support services
<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-departure handbook and pre-trip guidance
<input type="checkbox"/> Representative in-country for your assistance
<input type="checkbox"/> Local Transportation
<input type="checkbox"/> Health insurance |
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Optional: Do you currently receive a Pell Grant? _____

Please list your ethnicity/racial category:

- African American _____
- Hispanic _____
- American Indian / Alaskan _____
- Asian Pacific Islander _____
- White _____
- International _____

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- I understand the responsibilities of the Global Engagement Internship and I will be available to complete these responsibilities within 6 months of my internship program.
 - I acknowledge that all information on this application is complete and accurate to the best of my ability.

Printed name	Student signature	Date
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GEI Application: Part II

Personal Statement (1-2 pages):

- What initially inspired you to want to travel to this particular country or region?
- What impact will your choice of program have on your experience abroad? Are there unique components, such as home-stays, that will impact your experience abroad?
- What impact will the GEI program have on you personally? On your academic goals?
- What challenges do you anticipate with the transition to your host culture and your specific work setting? Please describe your strengths (e.g., adaptability, cross-cultural communication skills, and tolerance for ambiguity) which will ensure your success in this program.
- Please describe your leadership experience/skills. Provide specific examples of your leadership ability, initiative, and/or creative problem solving skills.

Global Engagement Internship Project Description (1-2 pages)

- Which of these global issues does your project address:
 - a. Public Health;
 - b. Education
 - c. Poverty Reduction
 - d. Environment, Sustainability, and Climate Change
 - e. Peace and Human Rights
- Describe your proposed Internship. What are the specific focus and duration of the program you have chosen? What specific activities do you envision as part of the internship? Why did you choose this experience and what do you expect to learn?
- What unique opportunities do the program and/or the region provide that will assist with your project?
- What challenges do you anticipate in carrying out your project? Do you anticipate any difficulties due to a language barrier with the host population? Does the program make allowances for these difficulties?
- How does your program relate to your future professional goals? How will you be able to apply the skills and knowledge that you gain in your future career?
- Why is it important for the USI community to be aware of global issues that impact people around the world? What are ways that you can bring local awareness of your experiences and what you learn to your community at home?

GEI Applicant (Student) to complete this section:

Faculty Mentor Recommendation for: _____
Student First Name Last Name

Under the US federal law (Section 438 of Public Law 90-247, as amended) students are permitted access to certain education records. Section 438(a)(2)(B) provides that a student may waive the right to inspect confidential letters of recommendation. Many applicants have found that a recommendation letter written in confidence has a greater impact than one to which the applicant also has access. If you waive your right to inspect the information requested by this form, please sign below.

 Applicant's signature Date

Faculty Mentor to complete this section:

A. Thank you for your willingness to serve as a Faculty Mentor for the 2016 Summer Global Engagement Internship Program. We assume the student has discussed his/her plans and the type of internship/volunteer experience he/she would like to pursue. International Programs will contact you with further information about the faculty mentor's role if this student is selected for the 2016 program. Please indicate the student's ability and academic competence in comparison with other individuals whom you have known at similar stages in their academic careers.

	Below average	Average	Above average	Outstanding	Inadequate opportunity to observe
Knowledge in area of specialization					
Motivation and seriousness of purpose					
Ability to plan and carry out independent study/research					
Ability to express thoughts in speech and writing					
Emotional stability and maturity					
Self-reliance and independence					

B. Please submit a reference letter to answer the following questions on USI letterhead.

- How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant?
- Please comment specifically on the applicant in terms of the following: (a) academic suitability for the proposed internship; (b) personal suitability for living abroad; (c) how participation in the Global Engagement Internship program will be of benefit, both academically and personally; (d) weaknesses; (e) linguistic preparation, if applicable; and (f) any other factors that you believe may affect a successful experience.

I agree to serve as Faculty Mentor for the above named student and I endorse the student's proposed Global Engagement Internship for summer 2017.

 Faculty Name Signature Date

Please return this form and your letter of recommendation to the Center for International Programs, UC East 1234, -- or -- email the recommendation/application to mgonnerman@usi.edu by December 16, 2016. Please contact Melissa Gonnerman if you have questions at mgonnerman@usi.edu or (812) 465-7183
Thank you for your interest and participation.