

5. Study Abroad Plus

London's status as a global city in the arts, commerce, education, entertainment, finance, healthcare, media, professional services and research means it's the perfect place to undertake an internship.

The Study Abroad *Plus* programme gives study abroad students the opportunity to experience the world-of-work in the buzzing capital by taking an accredited internship in the Liberal Arts and Cultural sector, as part of their studies at King's College London.

Students on Study Abroad *Plus* secure and complete their own suitable internship placement with the support of King's Careers & Employability and their academic department at King's, and all internships are quality-assured, monitored and evaluated.

Overview

Building on the distinguished reputation of teaching at King's, the Study Abroad Plus programme offers students the chance to undertake an accredited internship module that focuses on work-based learning, as part of their academic studies.

This accredited internship module uses an internship placement to equip students with an understanding of the skills, attributes and behaviours needed for a career in the Liberal Arts & Cultural sector. The focus is on experiential learning and self-reflection, with students being guided through the process of researching, securing, engaging in and evaluating their own internship placement to help them make connections between the skills and knowledge they have learned in their academic programme and those needed in an organisational context.

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of the internship module, you should be able to-

- Display basic conceptual understanding of internships, employability and the internship placement cycle
- Critically reflect on the skills, attributes and behaviours required for successful professional conduct in an organisational context
- Understand and reflect on the goals, objectives and culture of a specific organisation, through closely guided and first-hand experience
- Make connections between knowledge and skills developed thus far as part of the degree programme, and the skills required to operate effectively in an organisation
- Critically assess personal and professional development over the course of the internship module, with particular emphasis on securing an appropriate internship project
- Analyse and evaluate the internship placement, through close guidance

Eligibility

Study Abroad Plus is open to undergraduate students participating in the Study Abroad Programme at King's for either a full year or Spring Semester (January-June).

Students must have completed at least one year of an undergraduate degree programme at their home institution and are required to meet all King's study abroad requirements, including GPA (or equivalent) and English language.

Visa

To be able to undertake an internship as part of your studies in the UK, non-EU students on this programme are required to have a [Student visa](#) which is valid for the full duration of their stay in London.

5.1. Finding an internship via Study Abroad Plus

Students on Study Abroad *Plus* are not automatically placed on pre-selected internships; they are responsible for finding and completing their own suitable internship placement. This means that although you will be eligible to apply for any suitable internship made available to you via the Study Abroad *Plus* programme, internship placement is not guaranteed.

You may undertake any internship that meets your own personal career goals as long as it meets the university's requirements of quality assurance and is approved for academic credit by your academic department. A significant investment of time and effort is required in researching and applying to suitable internship host organisations, either speculatively or in direct response to advertisements.

Your academic department will assist by sharing any relevant contacts directly, and by being a student on the programme you will gain direct access to a network of organisations in the Liberal Arts and Cultural sector.

King's Careers & Employability have a wide selection of resources and support to find opportunities as well, offering comprehensive information, guidance and routes to application for many types of internship placement.

Types of Internship

Your internship placement should offer you the opportunity to learn and apply your academic knowledge in a professional, practical setting within the Liberal Arts and Cultural sector.

All internships are different and they may take on specific forms with differing levels of complexity.

Types of internship placement include:

- Specific work-based project
- Specific research project
- Contributions towards on-going project
- Policy reviews or surveys
- Case study
- Basis towards academic dissertation

Length of Internship

During term time, students on a Student visa can work a maximum of 20 hours a week. Outside of term time, students can work full time.

Students are recommended to complete their placement during the three-week Spring break or immediately after classes end in June (dependent on the end date on their visa).

Internship placements undertaken as part of Study Abroad *Plus* must be a minimum of 15 working days (120 hours). A longer period of three months is recommended.

Your Student visa will allow you to do no more than 20 hours per week on internship placement during term-time, although you are allowed to do this full-time during vacation breaks.

Hours on internship placement may be accumulated over a longer period during term (as for part-time internships of 1-3 days per week), or via full-time blocks during vacation breaks, and can under no circumstances exceed a year in overall length.

Assessment

The written assessment for the accredited internship module is designed to demonstrate that you have met the learning outcomes of the module in a way which will support you to develop an

understanding of the employment market in your field, the necessary skills to secure and to benefit from professional internship placements; and the ability to reflect on the qualities required of practitioners.

You must pass your internship module assessment in order to gain the credit required for the module towards your degree programme at your home institution.

Further details of your assessment will be provided upon arrival in London.