

# GLOBAL EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING



## Interning, Volunteering, and Fieldwork Opportunities in NYU's Global Network

- ▶ Abu Dhabi\*
- ▶ Accra
- ▶ Berlin
- ▶ Buenos Aires
- ▶ Florence
- ▶ London
- ▶ Los Angeles\*
- ▶ Madrid
- ▶ Paris
- ▶ Prague
- ▶ Sydney\*
- ▶ Tel Aviv
- ▶ Washington, DC

\*Open only to NYU students.

As you prepare to enter the workforce, nothing on your résumé better demonstrates to prospective employers your ability to adapt in a variety of situations and work in a global context than international experience. Taking part in an internship, a volunteer opportunity, or fieldwork while you study at one of NYU's global locations is a perfect way to develop these competencies. These experiences, facilitated by NYU's Office of Global Programs and the Wasserman Center for Career Development, will enable you to engage more deeply with the culture of your chosen city, make meaningful connections, exchange perspectives, and gain invaluable understanding of today's interconnected global economy.

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## COMPETE IN TODAY'S GLOBAL ECONOMY

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Employers view global experience as evidence that you have many of the marketable qualities they are searching for. Below is a list of the attributes employers seek in job candidates based on the National Association of Colleges and Employers' definition of competencies:

- ▶ Critical thinking and problem-solving skills
- ▶ Oral and written communication skills
- ▶ Teamwork and collaboration
- ▶ Digital technology skills
- ▶ Leadership skills
- ▶ Professionalism and a strong work ethic
- ▶ Career management skills
- ▶ Global and intercultural fluency

### ACADEMIC INTERNSHIPS

Students who seek academic credit for their internships will enroll in a four-credit course and fulfill requirements through reflection on and analysis of the learning opportunities presented by their community placements. Internship placements are guaranteed if you participate in an academic internship program. Academic internships are available during the fall and spring semesters as well as Summer Sessions.

### APPLICATION PROCESS

If an internship is not a requirement of the study abroad program, students may have to submit a separate interest form to participate in NYU for-credit academic internships. In such cases, the internship interest form will be visible in the Study Away Application Portal. All applications for internships require a résumé review by a career coach. You are strongly encouraged to apply well in advance of the program deadlines to ensure you can submit a complete form. For answers to any questions you may have, email [global.internships@nyu.edu](mailto:global.internships@nyu.edu).

### VISA REGULATIONS

Visa regulations and costs vary by country. Some countries require a special visa for students to intern, work, or volunteer abroad. If you are planning to intern abroad, contact the NYU Office of Global Services at [ogs.outbound@nyu.edu](mailto:ogs.outbound@nyu.edu) to begin the visa application process.

### NONCREDIT OPPORTUNITIES

Students often source their own noncredit placements; however, some sites have more formal noncredit internship programs. Certain types of paid and unpaid work may be prohibited based on visa requirements. To learn more about noncredit internship placements, schedule a career coaching appointment with the NYU Wasserman Center for Career Development at [nyu.edu/careerdevelopment](http://nyu.edu/careerdevelopment) or with the career centers at NYU Abu Dhabi and NYU Shanghai.

### TIME COMMITMENT

The academic internship programs at most sites require you to intern between 10 and 20 hours per week and participate in a weekly seminar. The number of hours may be higher for those attending NYU Los Angeles or NYU Washington, DC. Noncredit internship placements usually have more flexible arrangements.

### LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT

The academic internship programs in Berlin, Buenos Aires, Florence, Madrid, and Paris require you to have knowledge of the local language. Consider taking language classes before you travel abroad. You will have access to more opportunities if your language skills are advanced.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

Visit the Study Away Internships page at [nyu.edu/global-programs/internships](http://nyu.edu/global-programs/internships) or email [global.internships@nyu.edu](mailto:global.internships@nyu.edu).

## SAMPLE INDUSTRIES IN NYU'S GLOBAL NETWORK

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Internship placements are available in a range of industries across all NYU locations. Areas in which students have completed internships include:

- ▶ Arts and entertainment
- ▶ Business and finance
- ▶ Education
- ▶ Government and politics
- ▶ Human rights and advocacy
- ▶ Media and communications
- ▶ Public health and human services
- ▶ Science and technology
- ▶ Sustainability and conservation

For more examples, go to [nyu.edu/global-programs/internships](http://nyu.edu/global-programs/internships).





## SITE SPOTLIGHTS

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Most NYU global locations offer for-credit and/or noncredit internships, giving you a variety of options to choose from. Many sites also offer volunteer opportunities and fieldwork components. Below is a sampling of what is available to you.

### NYU ACCRA

The gateway to West Africa, Ghana's capital, Accra, is a thriving and cosmopolitan city. At NYU Accra, students with an interest in the developing world can participate in a broad range of internships and noncredit volunteer opportunities. In addition, many courses have a built-in fieldwork component involving trips throughout the Accra metropolitan area and other regional capitals.

#### STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: IMANI JOHNSON



At NYU Accra, students have a chance to pursue their own reporting, create documentary films, and get an in-depth understanding of how media functions in West Africa. For Imani Johnson, an Africana Studies and Journalism dual major, those practices were put to the test when she interned at a local radio station. "I learned how to put together a show and even had on-air conversations with the host and local artists," Imani says. "I also learned so much about Ghanaian culture through discussions in the workplace." In the process, Imani realized that studying abroad was an asset to her major. "Being a journalist means getting out of your comfort zone and learning how to connect with people outside the norms you're used to," she says.

### NYU BUENOS AIRES

A sophisticated and fast-paced metropolis with old-world charm, Buenos Aires is the largest city in Argentina and one of the most important financial and cultural centers in South America. Through an extensive network of institutional partners, you have access to for-credit internships and noncredit volunteer opportunities.

### NYU LONDON

At once grandly ancient and strikingly modern, London remains one of the most historically significant cities and a culturally diverse financial and artistic powerhouse. In partnership with EUSA, an internship placement organization, NYU London offers for-credit internships in many industries. You may also participate in noncredit community service placements.

#### STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: REBECCA BRETT



While at NYU London, Rebecca Brett was an awards intern at the US-UK Fulbright Commission, which provides funding opportunities for international higher education study. "Coming from a rural background in northern Florida, I truly believe a lot can be gained from a better understanding of other nations," says Rebecca, "so the Fulbright mission is near and dear to my heart!" Analyzing data regarding the diversity of Fulbright applicants and recipients was her favorite project. "It raised important questions about who is applying, who isn't, and how we can do more to reach the populations who would benefit most from this type of opportunity," she explains. She also notes that her interview and application writing skills grew tremendously during her internship. "And the experience inspired me to dream big when it comes to my own postgraduate education."

## NYU SYDNEY

NYU Sydney is located in Australia's most internationally sophisticated city. As a hub of commerce, culture, and communication, Sydney is a great place for students to gain professional experience. All NYU Sydney students enroll in the Industry and Community Project Unit at the University of Sydney, where they collaborate with an industry partner from a range of disciplinary areas to address real-world problems.

## NYU TEL AVIV

A modern society in a region of geopolitical importance, Israel continues to shape the culture, politics, and economy of the 21st century. At NYU Tel Aviv, you can pursue for-credit and noncredit internships in many sectors, including nonprofits and social change organizations.

## NYU WASHINGTON, DC

As the seat of the US government, Washington, DC, is an ideal destination for students eager to gain real-world experience in a broad range of fields. NYU Washington, DC, integrates coursework with the city's wealth of institutions, many of which offer an unparalleled selection of for-credit internship opportunities.

## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: HARRY WANG



“During my semester at NYU Washington, DC, I interned at BUILD, a nonprofit organization that empowers under-resourced high school students through entrepreneurship education,” says Harry Wang, an Economics and Data Science major at NYU Shanghai. “I visited local high schools and spoke with students, and I was able to plan an event that invited Microsoft employees to coach the students in entrepreneurial and business skills.” As someone who wants to use business to make a positive impact, Harry found his experiences at BUILD invaluable. “They gave me a deeper understanding of how nonprofits can make a difference for students by providing experiential learning opportunities.”





## POSITION YOURSELF FOR SUCCESS

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### BEFORE YOU GO

- ▶ Meet with a Wasserman Center career coach to discuss how to best use your time abroad.
- ▶ Join the weekly global and international industry LISTSERVs on Handshake, Wasserman's career development platform.
- ▶ Update your résumé with all your recent positions, leadership roles, and volunteer experiences. Then have a Wasserman career coach review your changes during drop-in hours.
- ▶ Research career-related opportunities available at your study abroad location, including internships, part-time work, community service, and leadership positions. Visit [nyu.edu/global-programs/internships](https://nyu.edu/global-programs/internships) to learn more.

### WHILE YOU ARE AWAY

- ▶ Read the monthly Wasserman Study Away e-newsletter, which highlights virtual services such as webinars, career fairs, and workshops.
- ▶ Schedule a virtual appointment via Handshake for career-coaching advice while you actively apply for positions.
- ▶ Attend Global Career Week, a week of virtual Wasserman-hosted career development seminars focused on US and global job-search strategies.
- ▶ Immerse yourself thoroughly in the local culture through participation in site-run programs, internships, volunteer opportunities, leadership positions, mentorship by local alumni and professionals, and part-time work. All of these activities can lead to the development of transferable skills you can highlight on your résumé and discuss with future employers.
- ▶ Build a local network by meeting NYU alumni who are living in your study abroad country. Find these professionals on LinkedIn or the Violet Network and arrange informational interviews to learn more about the working environment and culture in that location.
- ▶ Maintain contact with your home network for an easier professional transition upon your return.

### WHEN YOU RETURN

- ▶ Attend the Telling Your Global Story seminar to learn how to market your international experience to employers through your résumé, interviews, and networking events.
- ▶ Strategize your job and internship search with a Wasserman Center career coach.
- ▶ Update your résumé and cover letter to reflect all that you achieved during your time away.
- ▶ Attend career development seminars and events and network with your job-related contacts.



	Academic For-Credit Internship Program*	Noncredit Internship Program	Independent Internship/ Part-Time Work (PAID)	Independent Internship/ Part-Time Work (UNPAID)	On-Campus Work Opportunities <sup>x</sup>
NYU Abu Dhabi	No	Yes	Yes <sup>o</sup>	Yes <sup>o</sup>	Yes
NYU Accra	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No
NYU Berlin	Yes	No	Yes <sup>o</sup>	No	Limited <sup>o</sup>
NYU Buenos Aires	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
NYU Florence	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Limited
NYU London	Yes <sup>o</sup>	No	Yes <sup>o</sup>	Yes <sup>o</sup>	Limited <sup>o</sup>
NYU Los Angeles	Yes <sup>o</sup>	No	No	No	Limited
NYU Madrid	Yes	No	No	No	No
NYU Paris	Yes	No	No	No	Limited <sup>o</sup>
NYU Prague	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No
NYU Shanghai <sup>Δ</sup>	No	No	No	No	No
NYU Sydney <sup>1</sup>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Limited
NYU Tel Aviv	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No
NYU Washington, DC	Yes <sup>o</sup>	No	Yes <sup>o</sup>	Yes	Limited

Volunteer opportunities are available at all global locations. The type and extent of volunteer experiences vary.

\*Students must be admitted to and enrolled in the Experiential Learning Seminar. For application deadlines and materials, go to the Internships page of each global location's website. Global Liberal Studies majors should email [global.internships@nyu.edu](mailto:global.internships@nyu.edu) regarding course enrollment differences.

<sup>o</sup>Consult with the Office of Global Services regarding visa requirements.

<sup>x</sup>Information is based on the previous semester. Availability varies by semester.

<sup>Δ</sup>Must be a Chinese citizen. Noncitizens who are studying in China for at least a year may apply for work permissions. Permissions and internships cannot be secured in advance. Students must contact the Career Development Center upon arrival in China.

<sup>1</sup>NYU Sydney offers the required Industry and Community Project Unit (ICPU), an experiential learning partnership with the University of Sydney. Although the ICPU is a required for-credit experiential learning opportunity, students should consult their academic adviser to ensure it meets departmental experiential requirements.

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