

Purdue Summer Internships

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What are the eligibility requirements?

You must have a GPA of 2.5 or higher and be of junior or senior standing by the start of the program. Current sophomores (by semester, not credit hours) are eligible to apply since you should be juniors by the start of the program. Check the list of available majors for each location to ensure your major is available. If you are from the UK or Australia you are not eligible to apply for the program in your home country, but are eligible to apply for the other location.

2. What is required for the application?

- You will first apply online through our website. Find the program you wish to apply for under “Programs” and click the link to apply online.
- Transcript
- Essay
- One academic reference (must be from a Purdue professor or academic advisor)
- One work reference (must be on letterhead and signed by the employer)
- Copy of passport, or copy of receipt of applying for a passport

3. Is a work reference required?

Yes, your application will not be reviewed without a work reference. References from current or past employers or internship supervisors are acceptable. The work experience does not have to be related to your major.

4. When is the deadline?

February 1st, 2023.

5. When will I find out if I’m accepted?

After ALL the above materials are received, we will review your application and you will hear from us within a week or so. We do our best to review applications in a timely manner, but please be patient. If it has been over a week, you may email us for an update. No applications will be reviewed until fall grades have posted and your GPA is updated.

6. What if I get accepted and then decide not to go?

After acceptance, you will have to pay a non-refundable deposit and read and sign our cancellation policy. The cancellation policy is VERY strict and if you withdraw after certain deadlines, you will still be required to pay some or all of the fees associated with the program. If you withdraw before paying your deposit, you are not responsible for any fees and there are no other consequences.

7. Are scholarships available? Can I use my financial aid?

Students participating on this program may be eligible for the Purdue Moves Study Abroad Scholarship. After applying to the program, the scholarship application will become available to you online. Students who have already received a Purdue Moves for a previous summer or short-term program cannot receive the scholarship again.

Some guidelines on using financial aid for this program can be found on DFA's website:

www.purdue.edu/dfa/other/abroad.php

Please note the internships are PURDUE ADMINISTERED programs. Students expecting to use financial aid to help cover costs will need to fill out a Summer Financial Aid form, available from DFA in January.

8. What is included/not included in the program fee?

The program fee includes tuition and fees for six credit hours, housing for the duration of the program, internship placement, insurance, local transportation pass, on-site support from CAPA and a Purdue faculty member, a half-day guided tour of the city and one full-day excursion outside of the city. Your plane ticket, books and supplies, visa, passport, meals, personal expenses, and other travel are NOT included.

9. Do I have to complete an internship in my major?

Yes. If you are double-majoring, you can pick which major to use if both are available. You cannot do an internship in your minor or an area outside of your major.

10. Do I have to find my own internship?

No. We work with a provider called CAPA that places students for us. You will submit your application materials to us and CAPA will forward them to potential internship sites. CAPA has many contacts in each location and has successfully placed Purdue students for many years.

11. Will there be an interview?

There is not an interview to be accepted into the program. Some students will be asked to do a Skype or phone interview for their internship site prior to arriving. Most students will interview in person on the first day of their placement. All students will do some sort of interview before being formally accepted at the internship site.

12. Where will I be interning?

Interns will be at a variety of locations and you will list three areas of interest (within your major) on the paperwork you fill out after being accepted. CAPA will place each student individually based on their preferences. You will not know your internship site location before applying. You are guaranteed an internship if you are accepted into the program. Some students will receive their placements sooner than others, but students generally receive their placements anywhere from one month to two weeks before departing. Some students may not receive placements until they arrive. You are not allowed to request specific companies and we do not have a list of companies to choose from.

13. What will my internship hours be?

You will be required to intern for 20-24 hours a week for a total of 140 hours. Failure to meet this requirement will be reflected in your grade. Work hours will vary based on the internship site needs and your class schedule. Some sites may require you to work some evenings and/or weekends.

14. Do I have to take a class in addition to my internship?

You are required to take one three-credit course as well as complete your internship for three-credits for a total of six credits. There are two classes available in each location, and you will pick only ONE of these to take. One course may fill before the other and you will be notified if your first choice is not available. You are NOT allowed to take both courses AND the internship. The internship includes an internship focus session that you will attend once a week.

15. Will I need a visa?

Yes, we will provide instructions for obtaining a visa after acceptance.

16. What should I pack? / When should I buy my plane ticket? / What is the dress code for my internship?

You will be given more detailed information about these things AFTER acceptance. Students should not book plane tickets until they are fully accepted into the program and have been told to do so.

17. Will this meet my language requirement for my degree?

If your major allows study abroad to meet a language requirement and this program meets their approved criteria, then it may. Many majors require the program to be at least 6 weeks, and this program is 7.5 weeks. This program has been approved to meet the College of Science Language and Culture Requirement. Please check with your academic advisor to confirm.

18. Can this meet my capstone requirement for ENTR?

Yes. ENTR students must do an internship related to ENTR to meet the capstone requirement and will earn ENTR credit instead of credit within their major.

19. Who can I contact with questions/concerns?

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To make an appointment to discuss these programs please call 765-494-2383 or come to YONG 105.

For detailed program information, please visit

www.studyabroad.purdue.edu