

Studying and interning abroad remain among the most positive, challenging, and rewarding experiences college students engage in. It is important to research the programs you want to participate in and consult your academic department/faculty adviser as well as the Center for International Programs office located in Mitchell Hall (3<sup>rd</sup> floor) if you have any questions. This list is a great start, but there are many other possibilities – so talk to your adviser about your options!

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### WCU-Affiliated Programs

*The organizations listed below have formal partnerships agreements with West Chester University. They are all organizations that WCU students have utilized in the past and they have been vetted by the University.*

#### **Athena Study Abroad**

<http://www.athenaabroad.com/what-to-study/internships>

This program offers two programs that combine taking classes and participating in an internship into one program. The two locations are Florence, Italy and Rome, Italy. Students can visit either location and take classes related to their academic goals. Internships can be arranged in a number of different academic majors.

#### **CIS Abroad**

[www.cisabroad.com](http://www.cisabroad.com)

CIS offers three summer internships. The locations are in England, Ireland or Spain. Internships in London require that the student be receiving credit for participating in an internship from their home institution. The programs in Spain require students to participate in a two week language class before beginning their internship. Each program is able to work with the students to find an internship that relates to the student's academic major and country of choice.

#### **International Studies Abroad (ISA)**

<http://studiesabroad.com/>

In addition to taking classes, ISA offers multiple internship programs. Students may elect to study abroad through ISA, intern abroad, or do a combination of both. ISA offers internship placements in over 18 fields in Australia, Chile, China, England, Hong Kong, New Zealand, and Spain. They also provide service-learning opportunities in Chile, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, India, Jordan, Morocco, Peru, and South Africa.

#### **Arcadia University**

<http://studyabroad.arcadia.edu/>

Arcadia University offers 16 internship programs which combine classroom and work experience. Internship placements are located in: Greece, Australia, Ireland, Scotland, Turkey, England, and Italy. Internships are in a variety of majors and run a full academic year, a semester, or a summer depending on the program.

#### **IAU College**

<http://iaufrance.org>

IAU provides access to unpaid, for-credit internships available at local enterprises for Fall and Spring semester students. Interested students should have at least four semesters of college French and provide their resume before the start of the semester. While placement cannot be guaranteed for those without upper-level French language experience, it is possible for students with lower-level French to be placed.

## **Non-Affiliated Internships**

*The following organizations are a few examples of additional groups that provide internship placement services to university students. These organizations are in no way affiliated with WCU and have not been vetted by the university. We recommend that you do research on the groups before committing to utilizing them.*

### **Academic Programs International (API)**

<http://www.apistudyabroad.com/intern/>

API offers internships in a variety of programs and countries. Internships can be either a 6 week or 8 week experience. Students can also opt for the 'Internship "plus" Academic credit' experience as well. Arrangement for housing is available. Workplace and Cultural Orientation is provided once you arrive aboard.

### **BCA Study Abroad**

<http://bcastudyabroad.org/>

The programs offered through BCA also offer internships however these internships are going to vary depending on where the students want to study. Internships can be completed for credit or not for credit. Once the student arrives at the study centers in their chosen location, the BCA resident director will help find a placement for the student. However please note that they cannot guarantee a placement every semester.

### **Boston University Internship**

<http://www.bu.edu/abroad/about/why-intern-abroad/>

Students interested in the BU internship program must be accepted to the Study Abroad program first. Once accepted, BU will find you an internship based on your interests and past experience. The internship combines coursework in a particular academic area with professional work experience. Academic credit will be given by BU, and it is up to the student to have the credit converted to their home institution.

### **CIEE**

<http://www.ciee.org/>

8 week, full-time internships are designed for students who want an academic internship that offers the opportunity for professional and specific skills development, intercultural development, and real-work experience. Programs are offered in more than 10 countries around the world. Internships largely offered in the summer. Student can also opt to take a for credit internship while studying abroad. I

### **Connect 1-2-3**

<http://www.connect-123.com/programs/internships/>

Connect-123 has a variety of international internship opportunities in Barcelona, Spain, Buenos Aires, Argentina, Cape Town, South Africa, Dublin, Ireland, and Shanghai, China. Connect-123 will work to match you to an internship that fits your needs and objectives, and also has an on-the-ground team in each location for support throughout your time abroad.

### **International Education Programs (IEP) Jacksonville University**

<http://www.iepabroad.org/index.php/main/byptype/id/2>

It is the goal of IEP to promote study abroad experiences to students in order to expose them to other countries, languages and cultures. A student would receive credit through Jacksonville University which could then be transferred to back to the student's home institution. IEP offers internships in a variety of locations around the world. They will customize a program to the specific student and include housing, travel insurance, airport pickup, onsite orientation, and support services.

### **Institute for Study Abroad (IFSA) Butler University**

<http://www.ifsa-butler.org/internships-program-overview.html>

Butler University offers study abroad programs in which students can obtain an internship while taking classes. Internship opportunities can be applied to a number of different majors and count as academic credit once completed. All internships are unpaid. IFSA has opportunities in 12 countries.

### **Spanish Studies Abroad**

<http://www.spanishstudies.org/internship-course.html>

This program is for students who wish to travel to Seville or Alicante, Spain or Cordoba, Argentina. Students must be able to understand normal, rapid Spanish. Internship for 3-4 credits as part of their regular Spanish Studies Abroad. Internships are not guaranteed, therefore you are advised to select an alternative course or Independent Research Project. Spanish Studies also offers a special internship for students interested in education called [Practicum in Education](#).

### **Temple University, Tokyo and Rome Campuses**

<http://www.temple.edu/studyabroad/>

A student combines classes and an internship to participate in this program. The most common internship option is a three credit program where students work a total of 140 hours (equivalent to 10-20 hours per week). These internships can be paid or unpaid and can last for one or two semesters. For both of these programs it is desirable to be bilingual in either Japanese or Italian and English, however there are placements where the communication in the native language is not required. Once students are accepted into the study abroad program they will receive information detailing internship opportunities available near where they are going to be studying.

### **University Studies Abroad Consortium (USAC)**

<http://usac.unr.edu/>

Most internships available for fall and spring. Internship credit of 1-3 credits, dependent on hours worked on site. Participants must have a 3.0 GPA and an academic standing of a junior.

### **Study/Intern Abroad Search Databases**

*These databases are not placement providers. Most databases charge a fee for programs to advertise within their system. There is no way for WCU to control how programs listed with these services are vetted.*

### **GoAbroad.com**

<http://www.internabroad.com/search.cfm>

This site provides a database of internships available in a number of countries. You can narrow your search by location or industry in which you want to gain experience. Each search result includes a thorough description of the internship, requirements and contact information.

### **Studyabroad.com**

<http://intern.studyabroad.com/>

This website is a database system that allows you to search for internships by country then by subject and term. Included in this database are programs offered through participating universities or agencies. Each internship listed includes a brief summary of what the internship is about and where it will take place. There is also an option to contact someone for more information regarding a specific program.

### **Other Resources**

#### **MyWorldAbroad**

<http://myworldabroad.com/>

This website offers a vast amount of information to prepare you for going abroad. 4,000 searchable resources 300 expert articles, 4-part comprehensive guide to for those who are serious about experiencing the world. Institutional subscription is required to access information. WCU has a subscription. WCU students can register for free using their WCU username and password.

#### **Generation Study Abroad**

<http://www.iie.org/programs/generation-study-abroad>

International experience is one of the most important components of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Generation Study Abroad is a challenge to double the number of US students studying abroad by the end of the decade. This website encourages educators to join the campaign as well as provides opportunities for scholarship programs for study abroad opportunities. In addition to other resources for teachers and students.