



WILLIAM DAVIDSON INSTITUTE
AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Internships

WDI provides high-quality, action learning opportunities for University of Michigan graduate students to work with international organizations, while at the same time providing meaningful business assistance and support to those organizations.

WDI summer internships are located in low and middle-income countries and involve full-time work on projects that are most needed by the host organization. Projects are well-defined substantive business-related projects with large, medium, or small organizations – both for-profits and nonprofits.

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Who is eligible to apply?

Our internships are available to University of Michigan graduate students enrolled full-time in a Master's level degree program, who will be returning the following academic year to complete their program.

What qualifications are you looking for?

Most projects are at a strategic level and require students to have completed their core courses. As most of our internships are consulting-type projects, several years of work experience prior to returning to graduate school is preferred and often expected.

We look for students with a commitment to the WDI mission, excellent academic and professional record, ability and willingness to be flexible and open to new experiences, cultural sensitivity, strong initiative, and ability to work with managers and employees in a different cultural and business environment. Students must also have the ability to build relationships and thrive in an unstructured environment.

Previous international development or business experience and knowledge of a foreign language are desirable, but generally not required. If any of our partner organizations require language proficiency for their projects, it will be noted in its project description. In addition to the above general requirements, each project will have its own specific requirements.

How do I apply?

If you are interested in applying for a summer internship for 2024, please email Amy Hunter at amforce@umich.edu

Where are the internship projects located?

Projects are located in [low and middle-income countries](#). The actual locations vary from year to year.

Are there any restrictions on project location or country?

Student safety is of primary importance to us. WDI does NOT support internship projects in countries that are listed under a [U.S State Department Level 4 Travel Advisory](#).

Conditions can change rapidly in a country at any time. Therefore, consider the long-term stability of your country of interest.

How long is the internship?

The internships are for a minimum of 12 consecutive weeks. Internships usually start mid-May and end mid-August. If the partner organization requests more than 12-weeks, that would be negotiated between the student and the organization.

How much funding will I receive?

Students selected for WDI internships will receive a fellowship of up to \$15,000 for the 12-week internship and airfare reimbursement up to \$1500.

When will I receive my fellowship?

Students will receive 60% of the fellowship funding in May before leaving for the internship and the remaining 40% in August after completing the internship.

How do I find local (in-country) housing?

We highly recommend that students reach out to their host organization for information regarding local housing as they may be able to assist you in making arrangements. You can also reach out to former WDI Fellows or U-M alums working in the area by contacting your school's Alumni Office or Alumni Directory.

Is there a travel allowance?

WDI will reimburse direct round trip coach (economy) air travel expenses to the location of the internship, up to \$1500 (airfare only). Any additions or upgrades above basic economy class will be the responsibility of the traveler.

WDI will NOT reimburse meal expenses, hotels, car rentals, mileage, health and travel insurance, immunizations, visa fees, etc.

Will WDI arrange for my visa?

You will be responsible for arranging your own visa. When required, WDI will provide you with a Reference Letter to the Embassy to facilitate your visa application.

How about travel insurance and health insurance?

Students are responsible for purchasing their own proper travel and medical insurance. The U-M University Health Services (UHS) offers a comprehensive plan at the rate of \$1.57/day.

For more information, please visit: <http://www.uhs.umich.edu/tai/>. We require evidence of travel health insurance prior to travel.

Does WDI cover my immunizations?

WDI does NOT cover the cost of immunizations beyond your fellowship award.

Please plan ahead and take care of your immunizations as soon as you accept the internship offer. Some immunizations may take weeks to reach optimum effectiveness and some are given in series. Please contact [UHS Travel Health Services](#) for more information.

As a WDI Intern, what is my relationship to WDI?

WDI is offering internships to provide University of Michigan graduate students with learning opportunities and practical experiences in international business. Student interns will not be employees of WDI or partner institutions.