INTERNATIONAL INTERNS
TOP TALENT FOR ALBERTA
RESEARCH
INNOVATION
PRODUCTIVITY
CREATIVITY

They don’t have boundaries.

Today’s greatest challenges and complex questions are global in scope, and the search for solutions and answers requires talent and resources that no one corporation, university or nation can provide.

That’s why the University of Alberta is constantly connecting with the world, engaging internationally in a common quest for knowledge, for new discovery and for understanding.

We create and foster valued partnerships with researchers, business, alumni and peer institutions in our efforts to enhance livability, sustainability, and hope for all citizens of our local and global community.

Internships are a critical component of our global engagement, allowing students to gain hands-on experience that complements their studies.

We bring top talent from around the world to Alberta to share fresh perspectives and contribute to our bourgeoning economy and communities.

Interns come from a variety of disciplines – from engineering to computer science, chemistry, forestry, education and health sciences.

Whether you’re a large, multinational company or a small not-for-profit organization, UAlberta can find an intern that best matches your business needs.

"Change today happens on a global scale—and it happens quickly, sometimes in what genuinely seems like the blink of an eye. Each day brings a new sequence of challenges and opportunities: new ways to teach and learn, to discover, and to have an impact on the world."

—Indira Samarasekera, President, University of Alberta
WHY HOST AN INTERN?

Fresh Perspective
An international intern can provide a cross-cultural benefit to your workplace, including proficiency in additional languages and alternative perspectives or insights.

Cost Effective
Internships can be paid or unpaid and UAlberta arranges for all international interns to have health insurance as well as a valid visa and Canadian work permit.

Professional Resource
International interns can help complete projects you can’t quite fit into the busy schedules of your full-time staff and may provide a leadership opportunity for a junior staff member.

Flexible Timing
Whether you’re looking for summer help or need support during other peak periods, placements can be customized to suit your organization’s needs. Internships can be as short as two months and last up to one year.

Find Prospects
Hosting a student intern is a great way to scout out high-caliber candidates you could add to your organization in the future.

Reconnect
Hosting an international intern gives UAlberta alumni a unique way to reconnect with their alma mater. By mentoring international interns, alumni can make a tangible and lasting impact on the intern’s academic and professional career while developing closer ties to UAlberta.
WHAT DOES IT INVOLVE?

Duration
Internships are available year-round and may be as short as two months or up to one year in length. Placements normally follow student academic terms:
• Summer (May – August)
• Fall (September – December)
• Winter (January – April)

Remuneration
Remuneration packages vary, as internships can be paid or unpaid.

Supervision
As with any employee, interns require a certain amount of mentoring and supervision. The degree of direct supervision varies depending on the nature of the assignment and your personal supervisory style. Students selected for internships are senior undergraduate and graduate students and they are capable of working independently.

Communication
UAlberta will be in contact with you and the intern throughout the internship to ensure the experience is mutually beneficial.

Evaluation
At the end of the internship, you will be asked to complete an evaluation assessing the overall experience. The evaluation helps us improve our programs for future employers and participants.
WHO ARE THE STUDENTS?

International interns are recent graduates or students studying at the undergraduate or graduate levels with excellent academic standing and a high level of English language proficiency.

Our application and interview process ensures international interns are highly-motivated and well-prepared.

UAlberta is currently focused on creating internship opportunities for German and Brazilian students coming from a variety of disciplines—from engineering to computer science, business, chemistry, forestry, education and health sciences.

HOW DO I FIND AN INTERN?

Contact the University of Alberta International Internship team for assistance in finding and developing an internship placement for your organization.

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ABOUT UALBERTA

The University of Alberta is one of Canada’s premier teaching and research universities and ranks among the world’s top 100 universities.

UAAlberta offers nearly 400 undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs across 18 faculties. 39,500 students are currently enrolled, including more than 6,000 international students from 147 countries.

The main campus is located in Edmonton, the capital city of the Province of Alberta—one of Canada’s strongest and most diverse economies.

UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA INTERNATIONAL (UAI)

UAI is the central administrative unit responsible for all internationalization programming and projects at UAlberta.

UAI develops and maintains international relationships, partnerships, and projects that enhance teaching, research and community service; provides international learning opportunities on-campus and abroad; and works to recruit and retain international undergraduate and graduate students to UAlberta.

MORE INFORMATION

www.international.ualberta.ca/interns