

Community Partners attending Internship Fair

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Preparing 21st century students for a global society - "Four Cs": Critical thinking (problem solving)

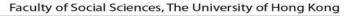
- Communication
- Collaboration
- Creativity and innovation



Outline

- Why internship?
- Internships offered by FOSS & choosing the community partners
- Past interns' experience
- How do internship supervisors choose students?
- How to apply ?





Internship through experiential learning



"Regardless of the paths students eventually take, *internships through experiential learning* can help students to explore their interests, clarify their values, and test their knowledge and skills in new settings, in real-life situations."

(Modified from O'Neill, 2010, p.5)

O'Neill, N. (2010). Internships as a high-impact practice: Some reflections on quality. *Peer Review, 12*(4), 4-8.



Learning Outcomes

- Enhance social awareness
- Promote social innovation
- Apply academic knowledge (including theories and concepts)
- Make contributions to partner organisations & the community





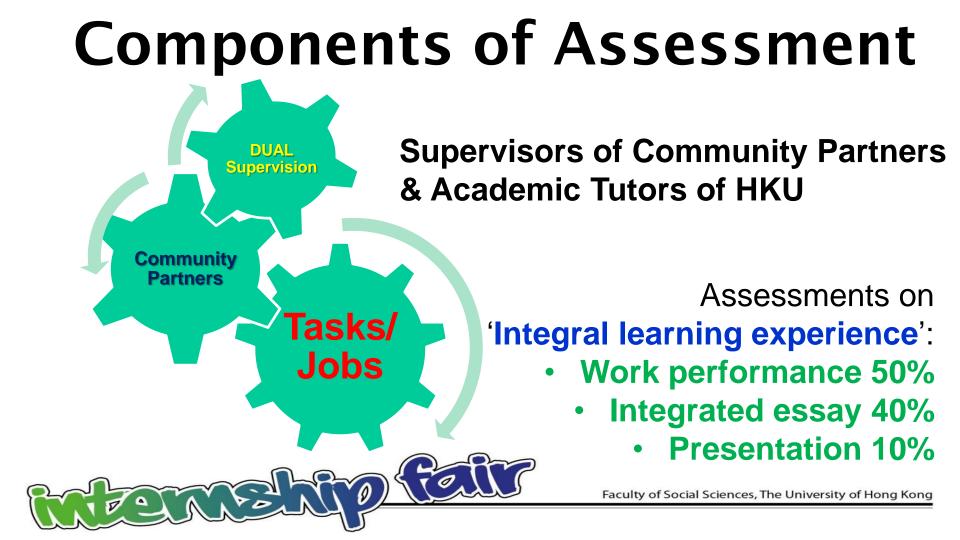
Key Features

- 12-credit, non-paid internship placement ullet
- Working individually or in small groups •
- At a local or non-local Community Partner
- Ongoing monitoring
 - Internship Orientation (e.g. work ethics & academic writing)
 Short feedback loop for solving problems









Choosing between Internship Periods

Term Time 👢



- 1 full day/ 2 half-days per week
- Oct to April
- Local placements only
- Longer time to prepare academic assignments

Summer



- 5 days per week for 8 weeks
- Local & non-local placements
- More vacancies
- More intensive, full immersion

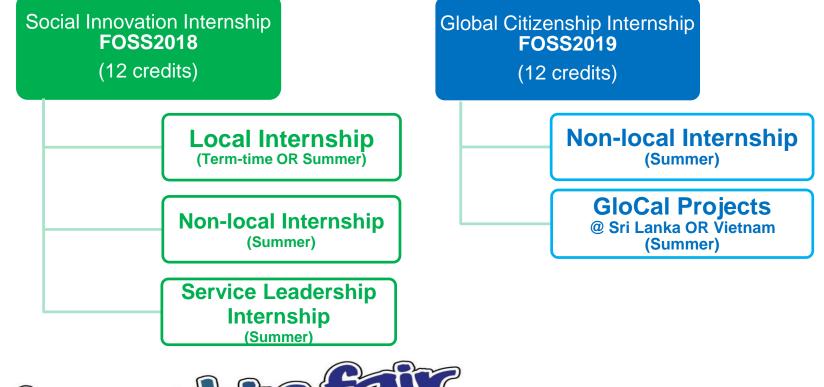


Internship Vacancies (Summer 2017)

Туре	No. of CPs	No. of Placements
Local placement	95	305
Non-local placement	29	106
Service Leadership Internship (Project with 3-5 students)	17	65
	Total	476







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5 Internship Categories

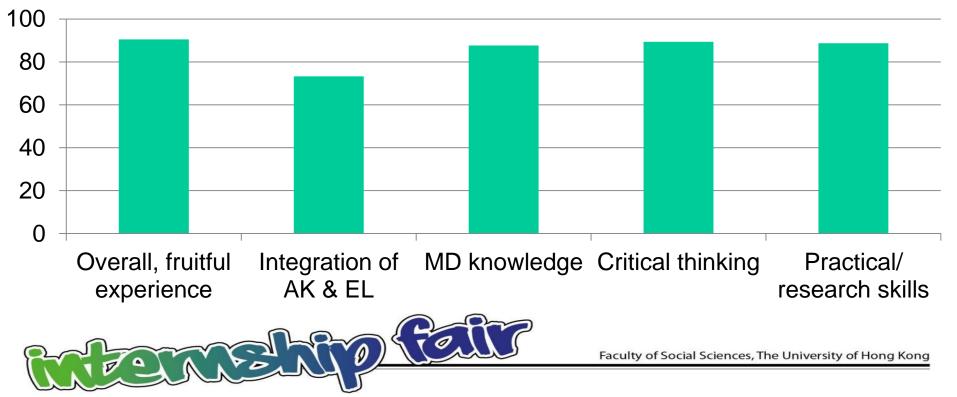
- Clinical & Educational Services (CES)
- Communication, Media & Culture (CMC)
- Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)
- Community or Social Services (CSS)
- Research and Policy Analysis (RPA)





Students' Evaluation

(SIGC Summer 2016, N=285) Strongly Agree + Agree in %



Improvements made

(Based on interns & CPs' feedbacks & reviews)

Structure

- More user-friendly online application platform
- Workshop on CV writing & interview skill
- Orientation for non-local interns working in HK
- Recruitment & training for Academic Tutors

Learning opportunities

- Student-initiated internship (local & non-local)
- Cross-disciplinary collaborations

Assessment & reflections

- Sample essays on Moodle
- Interactive platform for SLI reflection
- Transparent feedback from CP's assessment





How did interns choose placements?

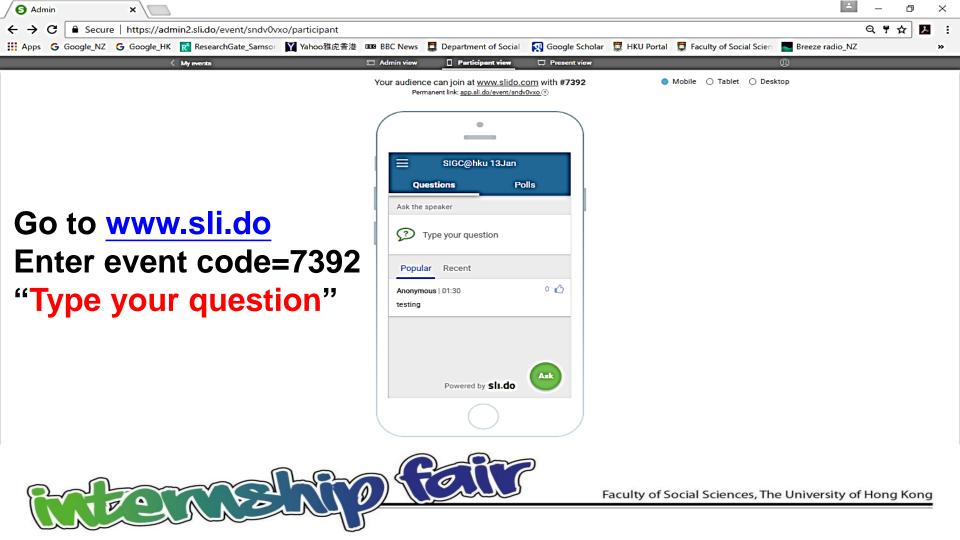
Rank	Key factors	
1 st	Specific tasks (e.g., conducting survey, public relationships)	
2 nd	Extending horizons	
3 rd	Specific company/ organization	
4 th	Specific social issues	
5 th	Try out my academic knowledge in real world	
6 th	Relatively easy to secure the placement offer	



How do you choose internship site or CP?

- Your objective(s)
- Your talents (OR what you are NOT very good at)
- Your aspiration(s)





Sharing by past interns Ms. Jenny Tong, Mr. Teddy Lam & Mr. Sebastian Lee



Sharing by CP on selection Ms. Angie Tse



Senior Fundraising Officer, Amnesty International Hong Kong





On-line Application & View your Status @

http://www.socsc.hku.hk/sigc/apply

Application Period: begins at 6 pm today until 12 noon January 24



Application Procedures

- Choose up to 3 placements in each round in sequence and write respective personal statement
- Proceed only **ONE** chosen placement in each round.
- NOT allowed to amend once submitted
- CP will screen all applications & <u>may</u> arrange telephone/ face-to-face interview via your <u>e-mail</u>





Result Announcement & Confirming Offer

Round 1

• Feb 24 – 27, 2017

Round 2

• March 17- 20, 2017

Round 3

• April 7 – 9, 2017

Individual Coaching after Round 3



Result of application will be sent to applicant's <u>HKU e-mail</u>

Successful Applications

- Accept and <u>confirm offer</u> through online system.
- Or decline the offer with justification
- If no action taken, automatically assume your declining the offer

Unsuccessful Applications

- Scenario 1
 - Other chosen placements not exhausted, no action required.
- Scenario 2
 - All chosen placements exhausted, applicants can select additional placements on the system.
 - If no additional choice selected, automatically assume your withdrawal from entire application.



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Success ->

Application Strategy

- GPA is **NOT** everything here.
- Show your capacity, interest & strength in personal statement for each specific placement.
- Work/ voluntary work experiences & practical skills
- Check no. of quota and no. of applicants (competitors)





1. Attend Workshop on CV Writing & Interview Skills

Date: January 16, 2017 (Mon)

Time: 5 – 7pm

Venue: Social Sciences Chamber, 11/F The Jockey Club Tower Registration:



https://hkuems1.hku.hk/hkuems/ec_regform.aspx?UEID=47506



2. Apply for the appropriate Visa

- Check with Consulate General re: application procedure and restriction for your nationality
- Work Visa vs Tourist Visa (e.g. US, Singapore)
- May involve additional cost for visa application
- DO NOT wait till last minute! Some countries require 3 months to process!



3. Pay Attention to the Important Dates

Application Deadline:

12:00 noon, January 24, 2017 Internship Orientation (compulsory attendance): Local & Non-local Internship: May 31, 2017 SLI: June 1-2, 2017 Internship Period: June 5 – July 28, 2017 (5 days per week) Presentation @ HKU (compulsory attendance): SLI: August 4, 2017

Local & Non-local Internship: August 14-18, 2017



4. Select CP carefully

- Identify your strength & interest.
- Read descriptions of posts carefully in Internship Booklet to check CP's expectations.
- Consult CPs face-to-face (TODAY only!)





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