INTERNSHIP FAIR

Social Innovation

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Conventional teaching does not adequately prepare students for demands of a 21st century world.
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?
“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)

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

• 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
Components of Assessment

Supervisors of Community Partners & Academic Tutors of HKU

Assessments on ‘Integral learning experience’:
- Work performance 50%
- Integrated essay 40%
- Presentation 10%
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
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<td>Non-local placement</td>
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<td>Service Leadership Internship (Project with 3-5 students)</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>476</strong></td>
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Internship Learning Activities

Social Innovation Internship FOSS2018 (12 credits)
- Local Internship (Term-time OR Summer)
- Non-local Internship (Summer)
- Service Leadership Internship (Summer)

Global Citizenship Internship FOSS2019 (12 credits)
- Non-local Internship (Summer)
- GloCal Projects @ Sri Lanka OR Vietnam (Summer)
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 %

Overall, fruitful experience 80%
Integration of AK & EL 60%
MD knowledge 80%
Critical thinking 80%
Practical/research skills 80%
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?

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<td>Try out my academic knowledge in real world</td>
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<td>Relatively easy to secure the placement offer</td>
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How do you choose internship site or CP?

- Your objective(s)
- Your talents
  (OR what you are NOT very good at)
- Your aspiration(s)
Go to www.sli.do
Enter event code=7392
“Type your question”
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 & may arrange telephone/ face-to-face interview via your e-mail
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 [HKU e-mail](mailto:HKU%20e-mail)
• Accept and confirm offer through online system.
• Or decline the offer with justification
• If no action taken, automatically assume your declining the offer

Successful 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.

Unsuccessful Applications
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:
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!)
CONCLUSION
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