



PHI BETA
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Australian Internship Program



Introduction to Internships

An internship is an unpaid, training position that allows students to gain hands-on experience in a workplace environment relevant to their area of future career interest and current course of academic studies. Phi Beta Dingo places students in organizations, companies, government agencies, non-profits, and other workplaces that will provide students a first hand look at what a career in a particular area might be like and how their chosen industry works.

These internships are based in Sydney, Australia, and our 8 week program gives students an international experience that is invaluable for building their professional development and resumes, whilst supplementing their current course of academic study in their home country and institution. Phi Beta Dingo's extensive network of partner organizations that accept unpaid interns includes some of the most prestigious multinational corporations and influential government and non-government organizations, providing our students with some of the best opportunities for workplace experience, networking, and resume building.

An internship in Sydney, New South Wales is also a major bonus of our program. Now is the best time ever for an international internship in Australia. The Australian economy is the 15th largest economy in the world and has experienced 17 consecutive years of economic growth. New South Wales is the largest economy in Australia. An internship in Sydney places a student in the middle of this dynamic business hub in Asia/Pacific, providing outstanding experience and preparation for an international career in many industries.

This outstanding business and work environment is complemented by "the highest quality of life in Asia" according to the IMD World Competitiveness Yearbook 2007 report on Australia. With many of the world's most beautiful beaches just 10 minutes from the heart of one of the most vibrant, clean and beautiful cities in the world, Sydney is the preferred destination for an international internship.

In addition to the 8 weeks of internship work experience in Sydney, the Phi Beta Dingo internship program includes a 5 day, 4 night orientation program in Cairns, Australia in the state of Queensland. The orientation program includes an introduction to Australian culture, a visit to a crocodile farm, and a day trip on the Great Barrier Reef. During this orientation period, students have a chance to recover from the long flight to Australia, get to know the other students participating in the internship program with them, and participate in these great adventure and cultural activities before hitting the 9-5 schedule in Sydney.



Schedule

Friday, June 10th

Depart the US

Saturday, June 11th

On Route (flight crosses the international dateline)

Sunday, June 12th

Arrive Sydney.

Phi Beta Dingo staff will meet all arriving students at the airport and transport them and their luggage to accommodation in Sydney and manage the check-in process. If any University faculty are coming from the U.S. with the students, faculty will be transported to hotel facilities in Sydney with luggage.

Welcome lunch and Sydney orientation presentation

During the welcome lunch, all students and faculty will be given Sydney travel passes that provide unlimited trips on all buses, trains and ferries in Sydney during the orientation week period.

Afternoon: Walking tour of the city of Sydney with information about "how to get around" for those students interning in the city.

Group welcome dinner

Evening free

Monday, June 13th

Monday is the "Get ready for work" day as all the students have the entire day free to prepare for their first day on the job. No activities are scheduled so that students will have time to map their travel plan to work on public transport, prepare their work clothes for the first day on the job and prepare all the Phi Beta Dingo documents that are required by the various organizations hosting the interns. Monday is also a public holiday due to the Queen's birthday.

Tuesday, June 14th

Internships begin for all students

Phi Beta Dingo staff will be available all day to assist with any needs the students have on the first day of their internships and will be available in the afternoon and evening for the entire first week to assist with the smooth transition into the work place for all of the students.

Wednesday, June 14th - Friday, August 5th

All Students participate in their custom-designed internship experience for 8 weeks, working 4 days a week Monday –Thursday with Friday's free to complete any coursework that is required by their University.

Since students are free on Fridays, optional travel activities outside Sydney and in the Sydney area will be offered on most weekends. A 4th of July "mid-internship" bar-b-que is also on the schedule and included for all students. Monday 13th June is a public holiday (Queen's Birthday) and students are not expected to intern on this day. These Sydney weekend activities are completely optional and the students sign up for them on their own and at their own cost. Phi Beta Dingo will organize a "sign-up" session for these optional activities and visits to the following:

- Cairns long weekend to the Great Barrier Reef and the Daintree Rainforest.
- Blue Mountains day trip

- Hunter Valley wine tasting day trip
- Sailing in the Whitsunday Islands
- a surf trip
- Skiing in Thredbo
- a performance at the Sydney Opera House
- a tour of the famous bars and pubs of Sydney
- Port Stephens Weekend
- Jervis Bay Weekend
- Sydney Harbour Cruise

Farewell Dinner in Sydney

Saturday, August 6th

Depart Australia & fly home to the US

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Eligibility

The Phi Beta Dingo 8 week internship program in Sydney, Australia is available to undergraduate and graduate students enrolled at a U.S. University or College.

The following requirements must be met:

- GPA of 2.0 or greater
- Letter of recommendation from a member of the faculty or administration from the student's University or College (as listed on the application form)
- Letter of recommendation from someone who has managed the student in a previous work or volunteer experience (as listed on the application form)
- All previous disciplinary actions from the student's University or College must be declared in detail
- A completed application must be received by Phi Beta Dingo prior to the application deadline with payment of the AU\$75.00 application fee (payable online)
- In the application, the student will need to show how their coursework and experience support the internship for which they are applying
- Upon acceptance of the student by Phi Beta Dingo into the internship program, the student must obtain their own visa before they can come to Australia and participate in the program*.

* Please note that Phi Beta Dingo is not a registered migration agent and students do need to obtain their own visa. Phi Beta Dingo does provide details about where to locate the various visa options online for direct application. For more information on this, please visit the website (www.phibetadingo.com).

Academic Credit

Phi Beta Dingo will work with each applicant to structure a program that will meet the requirements for academic credit of the student's College or University when possible.

If an applicant does want an internship that will earn academic credit, they will need to clearly explain this on the application form and provide Phi Beta Dingo with the name, title, department and full contact information for the academic representative with authority to approval credit for an internship program. Phi Beta Dingo will work with the academic representative listed by the applicant to obtain approval for academic credit to be given for the internship program.

If Phi Beta Dingo is not able to design a program that is acceptable for academic credit to be granted for a student, the student will be informed by Phi Beta Dingo and their College or University before they move forward with the internship program.



Visa Information

Many students that come to Australia for internships and temporary work enter Australia on either on a Working Holiday Visa, Subclass 462 or on an Occupational Training Visa, Subclass 442:

- Working Holiday Visa, Subclass 462
The Work and Holiday visa is for tertiary educated people aged 18 to 30 who are interested in a working holiday of up to 12 months in Australia. This visa allows you to supplement the cost of your holiday through periods of temporary or casual employment. Most countries under this visa program have an annual limit of 100 Work and Holiday visas per year.

Note: You must not make arrangements to travel to Australia until you are advised that your visa has been granted. The Work and Holiday visa arrangement is in place for people from Chile, Thailand, Turkey and the United States of America. If you are granted a Work and Holiday visa you can: enter Australia at any time within 3 months of the visa grant date,* stay for up to 12 months in Australia, leave and re-enter Australia any number of times in the 12 months from the date of first entry, undertake temporary employment in Australia, study for up to 4 months.

- Occupational Training Visa, Subclass 442
The Occupational Trainee visa allows foreign nationals to complete structured and supervised workplace-based training programs or academic research in Australia on a temporary basis. The training must provide people with additional or enhanced skills in their present occupations, tertiary studies or fields of expertise. This visa may be valid for up to two years to undertake a training program (subject to the length of the approved training program). An additional two months may be added beyond the training end date to allow you and your family members to make arrangements to leave Australia or to apply for another visa.

Note: If the training cannot be completed in the approved visa period, you can apply for a second occupational trainee visa. You and your nominating organization must meet eligibility requirements again.

Please note that Phi Beta Dingo is not a registered migration agent and will not supply you with visa advice or information. Please refer to the website (www.phibetadingo.com) for links to further information.

After your application is accepted for the Phi Beta Dingo internship program, students are responsible for obtaining their own visa for Australia. The terms and conditions of the visa should be reviewed by each student.

If an accepted student does obtain a 462 visa or a 442 visa, then they are able to enter Australia and participate in the Phi Beta Dingo internship program.

* please note that the Phi Beta Dingo program participants arriving into Australia on June 1, 2010. Given that the student must arrive within 3 months of obtaining the 462 visa, students should submit their visa application on After March 2, 2010.



Included Costs

Total Cost for the Phi Beta Dingo Internship Program, June 12 – August 6, 2011: US\$4,925.00

This includes the following:

- Shared accommodation in Sydney, Australia
- Airport pick-up and drop-off in Sydney
- Welcome lunches in Sydney
- Farewell dinner in Sydney
- Group Welcome dinner in Sydney
- Group “mid-internship” bar-b-que on July 4th in Sydney
- Orientation Walking Tour in Sydney
- Weekly Travel Pass for unlimited trips on bus, train, and ferry – orientation/first week in Sydney
- Staff support from a full time Phi Beta Dingo staff person during orientation in Sydney
- On-going staff support during the entire internship program – June 12 – August 6, 2011
- All management fees for arrangement and coordination of student internship

Not-Included Costs

This US\$4,925.00 total cost does not include the following:

- International airfare. Phi Beta Dingo works with travel agent partner, Student Universe (www.studentuniverse.com) in Waltham, MA for all international round-trip tickets from the U.S. to Australia. Phi Beta Dingo has prepared a block of discounted seats for all flights (U.S. – Sydney, Sydney – U.S.) that students can purchase directly from Student Universe. Purchasing tickets on this group booking will allow students to fly with the group the entire way. Estimated cost: US\$2,400.00
- Transportation to the airport departure in the U.S. and transportation from the airport arrival in the U.S. varies from student to student.
- Fees for Australian Visa application and processing fees. Estimated cost: US\$280.00
- Tuition: varies from institution to institution. If a student's home University charges tuition, these fees are paid directly to the home institution
- Weekly: meal expenses: US\$60.00-US\$80.00 (varies from student to student)
- Weekly: entertainment costs: US\$60.00-US\$100.00 (varies substantially from student to student)
- All optional travel excursions: US\$0.00 – US\$2,000.00+ (varies substantially from student to student)
- One time application fee that is paid to Phi Beta Dingo Pty. Ltd. with submission of the application: AU\$75.00

