



Internship Programs

The IH Vancouver Internship Program offers professional placements with companies suited to the student's objectives, skill areas and local market provisions. For students without an advanced level of English, and/or a high level of experience or training, non-professional placements can also be arranged.

Internships are for a minimum of 4 weeks but preferably for 12 weeks or more to a maximum of 40 weeks. Internships are considered volunteer positions and no remuneration may be offered to the student.

All IH Vancouver internship placements are arranged with the help of Internex, Canada's premier internship placement company.

All students enrolled in the Internship Program are required to take the IH Vancouver Work Place Preparation class prior to beginning their placement.

Farmstays and paid internships for working holiday visa holders are also available to qualified applicants.

- Professional Language Training
- Business Concept Training
- Cultural & Regional Study



Professional Internship



Total Business Development Experience



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For students wishing to register for internship, the following must be submitted to the IH Vancouver office:

- o IH Vancouver Registration Form
- o The Internship Registration Form
- o Cover letter detailing your goals
- o Curriculum Vitae
- o IH Vancouver Course Fees
- o Internship Placement Fee (\$1200)

Registrations must be received at least 4 weeks in advance. All students must be at an advanced level of English for professional placements and a pre-intermediate level for non-professional placements. Students must complete an interview with the Internship Program Coordinator prior to being placed.

Students will receive a certificate from IH Vancouver and letter of recommendation from their employer upon successful completion of the program.

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Once enrolled in the Internship Program, the following steps are taken prior to placement:

Step -> Student chooses their classes for the classroom portion of the program.

(The Workplace Preparation class is a mandatory prerequisite for internships. However, since this class is only 4 weeks in duration, students requesting longer study periods may choose from a number of other classes.)

Step -> Student meets with the Internship Coordinator to discuss goals and expectations for their placement.

Step -> Student meets again with the Coordinator to discuss interview possibilities.

Step -> Interviews are arranged.

Step -> Student chooses the appropriate placement which begins upon the completion of their studies.

Frequently Asked Questions

Internship FAQ

What kind of visa do I need?

If your combined study period and internship will be less than 6 months, a visitor's permit will suffice. If your combined study period and internship will be more than 6 months, but your internship will be less than 6 months, you will need a study permit. For internships longer than 6 months, both a study permit and a work permit are required.

How long must I study at IH Vancouver before beginning my internship?

The minimum study period required for internship students is 4 weeks.

What if I need more study time than I had originally planned on?

The internship can be postponed to allow for additional study time.

What if no position can be found for me?

To date, every student who has applied for an internship with IH Vancouver has been placed successfully. In the event we are unable to find a suitable placement for you, your internship placement fees will be refunded in full.

What if I am not happy with my placement?

If you are unhappy with your placement, a new one will be arranged.

Can I get paid?

Paid placements are available for Working Holiday Visa holders only. For information on the Working Holiday Program, contact your nearest Canadian Embassy or Consulate.

Why should I do an internship with IH Vancouver??

IH Vancouver is the only school in Vancouver that guarantees professional placements. For all internship placements, IH Vancouver uses the services of INTERNex. INTERNex has 4 full-time employees, all with several years of experience in the job placement field and all with numerous contacts throughout the city.

Although the program was originally designed for highly skilled professionals with an advanced level of English, the program can now place students from low-intermediate to advanced levels of English and of any skill/experience level. Paid placements can also be arranged for Working Holiday Visa holders.