

AIESEC Exchange Programmes

Information Pack 2011-12

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What is AIESEC?

AIESEC is the world's largest **youth-led** organisation. It was founded in 1948 in the aftermath of World War II, and today it operates as a not-for-profit in **110 countries** worldwide and has over **50,000 members**. Its members are responsible for organising two **Exchange Programmes**, the **Global Community Development Programme** and **Global Internship Programme**. Through these Programmes it strives to help students and recent graduates to **discover their personal potential** while developing **new skills** and **cultural awareness**.

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GLOBAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

What is it?

The **Global Community Development Programme** provides short-term volunteering experiences for students and recent graduates in areas of the world where help is most needed. AIESEC members at 2,000 universities worldwide work with **NGOs, schools** and **local institutions** to run volunteer projects that recruit participants all over the world through AIESEC. New projects are initiated all the time, and the majority of these projects are run during the summer period, making AIESEC a perfect choice if you're looking to make an impact on the lives of others while having a great cultural experience in the process.

Where can I go?

The **Global Community Development Programme** operates across all of AIESEC's **110** member countries and territories. However, the vast majority of volunteer placements are available in **developing countries**, as that's where volunteers are most valuable to the community. The most commonly available regions are:

Far East Asia (e.g. China, Cambodia)

Asian Sub-Continent (e.g. India, Sri Lanka)

Eastern Europe (e.g. Russia, Poland)

Africa (e.g. Egypt, Ghana)

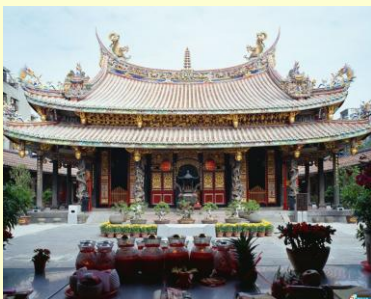
South America (e.g. Brazil, Colombia)



What kind of work can I do?

Opportunities vary greatly from one region to another, and the Programme is highly diversified. In Far East Asia, Eastern Europe and South America, there are many English language teaching opportunities for native speakers (for which a TEFL qualification is **not** needed), and many projects involving other forms of education – these may include summer camps where children are taught social awareness and life skills, cultural initiatives aimed at bringing together communities, or working in education centres for the mentally ill or disabled.

There are also many projects in Africa and the Asian Sub-Continent based around environmental issues and tourism, and a huge number of regions run HIV/AIDS awareness and other healthcare-based projects. Our database of over 7,000 opportunities is **growing every day!**



My AIESEC Story

Ashling Hartevelde, UCD – exchange in Wuhan, China, summer 2011

“My AIESEC Exchange in China was such an enriching experience. I spent two incredible months in Wuhan and travelled around to other places in China. The people I met on my travels are the most memorable people you’ll ever find...China was like a home away from home for me. I worked at a summer camp with children aged from around 7 to 13 years old. It was challenging to say the least but it was worth every minute! The confidence you get from stepping outside your comfort zone makes me think you should always try to do the things you find difficult because it does pay off in the end and you will be a better person for it. It’s so hard to describe the absolutely fantastic time I had and it all has the slightly surreal quality of a dream that’s just too good to be true...I had such a heartfelt welcome and felt right at home everywhere. The friends I made on this trip are friends for a lifetime. An AIESEC Exchange is a life-changing experience that everybody should go through. I am so happy that I went on one this summer and I definitely hope to go on another next summer!”



The Specifics

- Open to current students and graduates from the last two years (2011 and 2010), from any degree background.
- Placements last between **6-12 weeks** – exact duration and start dates are very flexible.
- The cost of the Programme is **only €299**. This covers:
 - Access to AIESEC’s database of over 7,000 placements
 - Full support from AIESEC Ireland in finding the right placement for you
 - Attendance at our Cultural Preparation and Reintegration Seminars before and after your exchange
 - Assistance with flight bookings and visa preparations – unfortunately AIESEC cannot cover flight costs
- Placements include:
 - Accommodation with local host families, in hostels or in large houses reserved specifically for AIESECers
 - Food or basic stipend usually provided, dependent upon location and type of placement
 - Airport pick-up and local support from AIESEC members in your host city
- **No second language or qualifications required** – native English is all you need!
- Finding the right placement usually takes 3-6 months, so **sign up early!**

How do I sign up?

Fill out an online application at <http://www.aiesec.ie/global-community-development-programme>. AIESEC will get back to you as soon as possible to discuss your application – there is no formal interview process, but we do like to discuss things with all applicants to ensure we can provide what you’re looking for. Then, once we know that AIESEC is the right fit for you, we can get you onto our database and your search for an amazing summer experience begins!

What are you waiting for?

**ACTIVATE YOUR SUMMER!
VOLUNTEER ABROAD!**

GLOBAL INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME

What is it?

The **Global Internship Programme** provides valuable professional experience for graduates across a variety of fields, while at the same time offering a unique cultural experience and the opportunity to truly integrate into a new environment. Our network of more than 4,000 partner companies and organisations allows AIESEC to provide salaried internships found nowhere else, and to provide talented and motivated graduates with a way to stand out from the crowd and develop a variety of new skills.



What kinds of internships are available?

The Programme is very diverse, with a focus on emerging markets, and offers internships in the following fields:

- Business administration, management and consultancy
- Economics, accounting and finance
- Human resources and marketing including new fields such as social media marketing
- Education and educational project management
- Information technology including web design and web development
- Engineering including construction and mobile technologies

However, the Programme works on a basis of supply and demand, which means that while all these areas are covered, the pipeline of opportunities currently available is constantly changing, and can be radically different even from one week to the next. Additionally, each of the internships requires an interview process, as with any other job. It is for these reasons that ***the process of matching a candidate to an internship usually takes between 4-6 months.***

Who can apply?

If you are:

- A final year student or a graduate from the past two years (2011 or 2010)
- Doing or have done a degree **relevant** to the field in which you wish to work (except for Education placements)
- **Proactive, flexible** and willing to take responsibility for your future and your search for an internship
- **Open** to new ideas, new environments and new cultures
- Looking for a **practical experience** to supplement your academic knowledge
- A native or excellent English speaker – a second language is beneficial but not essential

Then the **Global Internship Programme** is for you!



The Specifics

- Entry requirements and matching period as above
- Placements are between **4-18 months** in length – duration and start dates often flexible
- The cost of the Programme is **only €499**. This covers:
 - Access to AIESEC's global intranet and training on how to find a placement
 - Full support from AIESEC Ireland including CV and interview advice
 - Attendance at our Cultural Preparation and Reintegration Seminars before and after your exchange
 - Assistance with flight bookings and visa preparations – some internships may also offer free flights
- Placements include:
 - Comfortable living salary – many very competitive, all dependent upon location and job description
 - Independent accommodation – usually an apartment reserved for all AIESEC interns in the host city
 - Airport pick-up and local integration support from AIESEC members in your host city

How do I sign up?

Fill out an online application at <http://www.aiesec.ie/global-internship-programme>, and AIESEC will get in touch with you to arrange either an individual interview or attendance at one of our Assessment Centres across Ireland. These are informal events designed for us to get to know you better and to find out about your preferences. After you're accepted, we set you up on our system and your search begins!

What are you waiting for?

GET AHEAD...
ACTIVATE YOUR CAREER!

INFO SUMMARY

Global Community Development Programme

€299 gives you:

- ✓ A **6-12 week** volunteer placement in one of **110** countries worldwide
- ✓ The chance to work with **NGOs, schools** and **local institutions**
- ✓ Participate in projects based on **healthcare, education, equality** and many other issues
- ✓ **Full** cultural and logistical preparation prior to departure
- ✓ A global support network of over 50,000 members
- ✓ **Accommodation** and food or a basic stipend provided
- ✓ Access to a database of over **7,000** opportunities
- ✓ Personal development and the chance to **make a difference**

Global Internship Programme

€499 gives you:

- ✓ A **4-18 month** internship in one of 110 countries worldwide
- ✓ **Professional development** and real long-term cultural immersion
- ✓ **Salary** and **accommodation** provided
- ✓ Opportunities in **business, marketing, education, finance, IT, engineering** and more
- ✓ A **global support network** for easy community integration
- ✓ **Full** cultural and logistical preparation prior to departure
- ✓ Access to a database of over **7,000** opportunities
- ✓ A **practical experience** in one of many **emerging markets**

Applications open at

www.aiesec.ie