

IMAGINE SUMMER JOB IN



EASTERN EUROPE
SOUTH-AMERICA
DIVERSE ASIA
AFRICA

INFORMATION BOOKLET

AIESEC WORK ABROAD PROGRAM –EXTRA RECRUITMENT

AIESEC, world's largest student run organisation, has run work abroad programme for all its 62 years of existence. The reason to start this program was to increase cultural encounters and understanding as well as to provide life-changing experiences to the young people taking up this opportunity. And today, the purpose is still the same.

This means that if you are looking for an experience that will open your eyes both culturally and professionally, AIESEC internship is for you. Just like it was for the 13.000 young people AIESEC send abroad in year 2010.

AIESEC network is spread over 110 countries and every autumn and spring we run a general recruitment, where you can apply for any country. Now, this spring, we have decided to offer you an extra opportunity to live a life changing experience abroad, by opening the applications for our volunteering (development) program again. The starting time of the development internships are in summer 2011. So, if you are still looking for a summer job, and want to do something meaningful abroad, this opportunity is for You!

IMAGINE A SUMMER JOB ABROAD!

IN THIS BOOKLET WE WILL TELL ABOUT...

THE BASICS OF THE PROGRAM

and

DIFFERENT COUNTRIES AND INTERNSHIPS WHERE
THERE IS NOW SHORT TIME OPPORTUNITIES
AVAILABLE

and

WHO TO CONTACT AND HOW TO APPLY



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THE BASICS OF THE PROGRAM

"AIESEC exchange" as its called it internally in AIESEC, is a big part of what AIESEC does and what it is all about. However it's not the only thing. In addition to exchange program AIESEC strives to give its members meaningful leadership and team experiences, and doing this all in international learning environment. Hence we encourage everyone to explore everything that AIESEC can offer. Here still the basics on the actual process of the exchange phase.

Notice that the process goes a bit differently this time, as in the bigger autumn and spring recruitment, because we have now just development internships that we are offering to you. This is just if you have become familiar with the process before. Overallly the process this time is faster and simpler.

BASIC INFORMATION...

- ✓ All the internships we provide now are so called Development internships. This means that the applicant student has the opportunity to work in a company, NGO, government, university or organization and will spend the majority of his/her time working in areas related to community development issues. These areas may include children's rights, environmental issues, education, rural development and entrepreneurship.
- ✓ Duration: short, normally from 6-12 weeks, but there are also longer.
- ✓ Fee 100 euro (to be paid after acceptance to the program, and we will not select you unless you have criteria's that we can fulfill. You can still agree a meeting with your local committee for them to browse the available opportunities before hand, if you feel that you are not sure if you want to apply or not.).
- ✓ No salary, but accommodation should be covered and often also some travelling and food (still to be confirmed case by case). Note, that the development internships are normally in countries where the living costs are low.
- ✓ Fee covers the administrative costs as well as the help from the local AIESEC committee. However you need to pay the flights, visas etc. yourself. Note that the support from AIESEC does not stay only to Finland, but also the AIESEC in the country you are going to will take care of your apartment issues and help you with banking, phones, integrations etc.
- ✓ Applicant profile: under 30 years old and studying a degree in a Finnish University or University of Applied Sciences. Study points worth of one semester (30 credits) or more.

GOOD TO KNOW...

- ✓ AIESEC has so called "International Exchange Policies and Quality Standards, that explain how different AIESEC countries manage the work abroad between the countries. Here it is stated what are the responsibilities of each entity; the intern, the sending country and receiving country. This is so that everyone does the work abroad similar way (though there are cultural difference naturally), and this makes our program safe.



THE BASICS OF THE PROGRAM



APPLICATION PROCESS...

1. Online application: Filling in the application at aiesec.fi and send CV and study records to **[aiesecworkabroad\(a\)gmail.com](mailto:aiesecworkabroad(a)gmail.com)**. If you have any challenges with the application, just inform [kira.anttila\(a\)aiesec.net](mailto:kira.anttila(a)aiesec.net).
2. Pre-selection and Interviews: AIESEC will hold national pre-selection, and then invite candidates for interviews, that will be held at the same week as the application deadline is. The interviews will be held virtually, so interviewers from different cities can all attend. (In some cities this can be physically, but we will inform you on this for sure before.)
3. Announcing the selected ones and arranging a meeting with local AIESEC work abroad coordinator to go through practicalities and sign the Student Contract (a contract of the internship between the applicant and AIESEC). In this meeting you will also be getting the bill of the internship program.
4. Getting access to the database where you can start searching for your dream job for summer.
5. After you have access to the database and we have created together your "profile" there, your local AIESEC committee will assist you in practicalities related to the internship; finding the one that will be for you and with the communication with the country you are going to. Still the main responsibility in terms of communicating with the receiving country is with you.

Here are once more the important dates of the entire process:

25.4. Application deadline

27/28.4 Interviews virtually (or physically)

29.4 (suggested) meeting with the local AIESEC office to handle practicalities and get access to database

30.4 → searching for your dream job (AIESEC will support) and going abroad!



DIFFERENT COUNTRIES AND INTERNSHIPS

Here you can see more information on what kind of internship places there actually are. Remember that all of these are for short term meaning 6-12 weeks (sometimes can be a bit more too).

You can also ask more information from your local AIESEC work abroad responsible, whose contacts can be found from the back of this booklet.

WHERE AIESEC HAS THE MOST DEVELOPMENT INTERNSHIPS?

Though AIESEC spreads to 100 countries and territories, each country has their own amount of internships and also the kind of internships each country has, can vary. In general developing economies, where the living costs are also lower, has more development internships, because they can afford better have them and also the law of the country favours it.

These kind of countries are for instance:

In Europe: mostly Eastern European countries, such as Romania and Poland. Still also countries such as Czech Republic, and in some cases also Italy has quite few Development Internships.

Note that, in Europe, you can manage with English in your internship.

In Africa: Kenya and Cameroon. Also Uganda has quite many Development internships, but there the intern often needs to pay some additional costs. This for sure depends on the internship place still.

Note that, in Africa you can mostly manage with English, but there are some countries that prefer you speaking French (not many).

In Asia: Many Asian countries have development Internships, but quite many of them can be found from India and China. Also Malaysia is growing in these kinds of internships.

Note: In Asia, English skills are often enough, or if not its stated clearly.

South-America: Brazil is a big player in the development internships "markets" in South America, and they have hundreds of them available. These days also about 40% of them don't require Portuguese language knowledge. It's still a nice asset if you go to this country. In general, its good in South-America if you speak a bit the language of the country (Spanish/Portuguese), since they don't always speak English.



Here are all the countries AIESEC is present in (in blue):



APPLYING AND MORE INFORMATION

You believe that you are ready for the experience and You want to spend your summer doing something useful in a project or in a organization? You are flexible, yet enthusiastic and ready for the both cultural and professional experience?

*Good. Now you just need to get in touch with our nearest AIESEC local office as well as to fill in the **application by 25.4.2011 at aiesec.fi***

Good luck

APPLYING...

Just go to aiesec.fi and find the link for the application. Send it to with your CV and study records to [aiesecworkabroad\(a\)gmail.com](mailto:aiesecworkabroad(a)gmail.com)

With any concerns or challenges with the application, just contact Kira Anttila to [kira.anttila\(a\)aiesec.net](mailto:kira.anttila(a)aiesec.net)

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If you don't know who to contact you can contact the national level coordinator, Kira:
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EAGERLY WAITING FOR YOUR APPLICATIONS!

DO READ MORE STORIES OF AIESEC INTERNS FROM aiesec.org → AIESEC Stories.



“During my internship I learned to adapt to new situations and a new culture and to communicate effectively. It was a great experience.

- Lasse, 28, internship in China

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