

NEW HORIZONS FOR CLASS OF 2014:

BUNAC EXPANDS OVERSEAS INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

London, 7 July 2014: This summer, well over 300,000 young adults are leaving universities across the UK, clutching a valuable qualification and contemplating their first step on the career ladder. The UK job market remains tough, with relevant work experience top of most graduate recruiters' selection criteria. However, help is at hand from [BUNAC](#), the work abroad organisation, which has launched a vastly expanded portfolio of overseas internships with new graduates in mind. Opportunities include customised professional placements in Australia, the Far East and Chile, plus an internship support service in the USA; TEFL internships; marine, wildlife and conservation placements, all guaranteed to provide highly valuable work experience and make a CV stand out from the crowd. Some programmes are suitable for school leavers as well as graduates.

Says Hollie Brooks, Marketing and Sales Manager at BUNAC: "Thankfully, the number of graduate vacancies in the UK is finally on the rise, but competition is still stiff. Nowadays, work experience is absolutely essential to secure that dream job. We have been working hard with our overseas partners to develop a range of exciting new programmes for all budgets and interests, which will help the Class of 2014 kick-start their careers, gain professional skills for life and experience the work culture of a different country."

Professional Internships

Available in Australia, China (Shanghai), Hong Kong and Chile, these NEW programmes include high quality, customised work placements of six to ten weeks' duration, flight and insurance booking services, visa support, arrival orientation, accommodation and personal development advice, from CVs and cover letters to social media. Placements, often with prestigious international organisations, are carefully matched to the applicant's skills and goals and range from media, journalism and advertising to law, international trade, fashion, web design, hotel management and hospitality. Prices from £2,870.

A support service is available for internships of one to 12 months in the USA, costing from £699. The applicant is responsible for securing his or her own placement, while BUNAC provides J-1 visa sponsorship, assistance with all aspects of the application process and requirements of the US State Department, such as accident and sickness insurance, and monthly monitoring of the internship.

Teach Internships

Available in China, Thailand, Cambodia, South Africa and Colombia, these are a popular and affordable way to gain an accredited TEFL (Teach English as a Foreign Language) qualification plus CV-boosting overseas teaching experience, while gaining an insider view of a fascinating new culture. Perfect for new graduates, trainee teachers, school leavers and more mature career-breakers, programme durations range from one to six months and prices start from £895, including 120-hour online TEFL course and qualification, airport pickup and transfers, orientation, practical teaching experience, accommodation and ongoing in-country support. Teach Internships in China also include an allowance of £200 per month, and a bonus of £250 on completion of the programme.

Marine, Wildlife and Conservation Internships

Participants with a passion for marine life on BUNAC's six-month [Marine Conservation and PADI Divemaster internships](#), set in the Indian Ocean, Seychelles, Mexico and Fiji, can gain valuable conservation and work experience, from whale shark migration to sea turtle nesting, while earning advanced diving skills and qualifications and helping to preserve some of the world's most precious and fragile underwater ecosystems. Prices start from £5,095 including orientation, flight booking service, airport pick-up, orientation, 12 weeks' dive training and 12 weeks' work experience in a local dive school, marine research placement, accommodation, meals, 24/7 in-country support, personal mentor, all technical materials and dive equipment.

Dedicated animal lovers can hone their skills on a six-month, hands-on [Safari Field Guide Course](#), based at the spectacular Makalali Game Reserve in Limpopo, South Africa and designed to train them for a successful career in the African safari lodge industry. Prices start from £8,950 including accommodation and all meals.

Also on offer, with nature-lovers in mind, is a six-month [Conservation Internship](#), based in the heart of the Costa Rican National Park. Researching jaguar feeding patterns and tracking sea turtles are just two of the fascinating projects on offer. The programme costs £4,910, which covers accommodation, all meals, in-country support with a dedicated mentor, work placement, plus two weeks spent in Nicaragua staying with a local family and absorbing the Spanish language.

For further information on internship opportunities with BUNAC, visit www.bunac.org/uk or call 020 7870 9570.

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Case studies are available for interview, including Leoni Jay, who completed three internships in the USA with BUNAC and has since written a guide for students and graduates, available as an eBook from Amazon: [#interns – we do more than make coffee](#)

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