

Internship Experience Program in

South-Africa



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SOUTH AFRICA

Do you want to do an internship in a foreign country? Take a look at a different culture? Or do you just want to get away from the dreary weather? Then you're in the right place! Stageplaza can place students following an education on a level of bachelor or master on internships in South Africa. The promised land with its untouched nature, endless summers and great diversity of cultures! You will be able to see the most beautiful reservation parks in the world (Kruger National Park), breath taking beautiful beaches of Cape Town and the most diverse landscapes you could imagine. Next to this the country has been in strong economic growth the last few years. Big multinationals are settling around cities like Johannesburg, Kaapstad and Durban. Because of all of these new company's there is a great need for international students.



CAPE TOWN

Cape Town also known as the 'Mother City' was first discovered in 1652 by Dutch colonists. Enchanted by its beauty and extremely suitable position, the VOC members (Dutch trading company in the golden years of The Netherlands) decided to establish Cape Town.



Many centuries later we can still see the Dutch and European influences in the Cape Towns streets. You regularly encounter Dutch street names like Herengracht, Kerkstraat and Strandstraat. The old city centre has a special charm to it, the cosy café's, nice restaurants, and everybody is friendly. Even outside of the old city centre the same charm holds you in its grasp. Here you have the business centre, where skyscrapers of Shell, ABBSA and KPMG give the city another dimension. 5 minutes away from the city centre you are in the middle of nature on Signal Hill, which gives a beautiful view of Cape Town. Also the Tafelberg and the beautiful beaches of Clifton and Camps Bay are just 5 minutes away. If you want to escape from the city life, you are at Kaap de Goede Hoop or the vineyards of Stellenbosch before you know it.

Cape Town is known for her many bars and clubs. There are three different party areas in the city, which makes the nightlife different every time. Every area has a different feeling to it. Camps Bay is famous for its clubs at the beach, where you can order a cocktail for less than €2, - enjoying the sunset. Longstreet is the most famous street in Cape Town in which you will find many restaurants, café's and famous clubs. If you want to go to real big clubs, you must visit Greenpoint. You can really say that Cape Town has it all!



INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

The internship program offers you the opportunity to do an internship at an international or national company for at least eight weeks long. All internships are English spoken internships. For this reason speaking English is a requirement for internships in South Africa.

Stageplaza cooperates with her South African partner, thus the offer of internships is very extensive. So during your internship you will always have a place where you can ask questions or get help with problems.

Examples of available sectors you can work in:

- Multimedia
- Communication
- Tourism
- Marketing
- Consultancy
- Film and entertainment
- Social work
- Event management
- Graphic designer
- Translation
- Journalism
- PR

HOW DOES IT WORK?

- You decided to do your internship through Stageplaza. Great idea!
- First send me an email in which you explain your interest.
- I will contact you and if you decide to do the internships I will send you 3 documents that you have to return to me:
 - **Application Form**
 - **Signed copy of Terms and Conditions**
 - **Copy of your passport.**
- Send alongside these documents your CV (check <http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/>) and your Motivation Letter. A Motivation Letter must contain a description of your level of education and your working experience related to the internship. As well you should motivate your choice for doing this internship.
- At the time you send all these documents, you will need to cover the **Registration Fee**, and this way, everything will be ready to enrol you in the program.

Please note that in the Application Form, you will need to describe what kind of tasks would you like to develop. The more we know, the best we can help you, so the best company we will find. Don't feel afraid of writing a lot, to write too little can cause misunderstandings, and consequently, disappointments (And we don't want a sad face!)

- Your information will be studied by a qualified consultant of Stageplaza and our partner organization, they will accept or decline your booking. (Depending on the possibilities of placing you in a suitable company for your internship, and on your skills and level of the language)
- The total amount of the program must be covered

Please note that in South-Africa, the way of arranging internships is quite different when compared to Holland. In South-Africa, no employer will accept a trainee without a prior personal interview, to make sure the level of the language and the skills of the participant are as they want them to be.

Once your interview has been successful, your adventure is ready to start.

- You have the right to cancel one Work Placement offer, but only for reasonable causes, which will be criticised by a consultant of Stageplaza and our partner organization.
- Once in South-Africa, your progress will be followed up and you will always have the help and advise of our partners and Stageplaza.

WHAT STAGEPLAZA OFFERS YOU!

Before departure

- Help and information on an internship in South Africa, and the answers to all your questions
- A place where your family can ask questions, we can take away any doubt your family might have about doing or not doing an internship in South Africa

After registering

- Conciliation between student and internship company or organisation
- Help with a contact between college/university, student and company
- Support and information on how to get a visa, insurance and also practical issues like getting cheap tickets

On arrival

- Accommodation
- We pick you up from the airport and bring you to your accommodation
- You will receive a package with all kinds of handy information, like a roadmap, and important phone numbers and a SIM card for your mobile phone
- We will be present on your first day on the job where you will meet your internship trainer

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During your internship

- We will be your local helpdesk and you can contact us for any of your questions or problems you may have
- We organize trips and events throughout the country
- If needed we can offer you English classes

PRICES

Administration costs	€100,-
Mediation Internship	€350,-

This program is on a NO-CURE-NO-PAY basis, this means that you don't pay until you have approved on a found internship. If you register you will have to pay the administration fee. So the administration fee has always to be paid.

MORE INFORMATION

Payment by companies

Almost all internships are unpaid. There are some companies who give a small compensation or help by insuring you of free accommodation. This coincides with what kind of company you want to do an internship at or what kind of education you are following. It is important to get a work permit if your internship is a paid one. This is very hard to obtain and can take a long period of time because of all of the rules around a work permit. Please bear in mind that your internship might not be paid. Many students take out a loan when they have financial short comings.

Safety South-Africa

Just like in the rest of the world some neighbourhoods in South Africa are places you better not go to. Johannesburg is known as a least safe city to live in. It is especially dangerous in the city centre at night. That is why most companies are moving to the edge of the city. Cape Town is a lot safer, the party centres are very peaceful and when you walk over the streets you will notice little criminality. In general if you just act normal and keep yourself to the rules of the city the chance something will happen is the same as any western European city.

Visa

You will need an internship visa, which you can get at your local South African embassy. You will need a few documents to attain this.

- Proof of registry at your college or university
- Proof of a reservation or booking of a return ticket
- A passport which is minimally 6 months valid after the end of your stay

- A declaration of good behaviour
- A declaration of insurance with specifically addressed the period and the country you will be staying in
- A invitation letter of your internship company in which they address the period you'll be working there and the position you are given

You can get into South Africa without an internship visa if you will not stay longer than 90 days. A tourist is officially not allowed to do an internship or work, it's advised to always get an internship visa.

To have enough time for all the preparation needed, it is advised to register about three to five months before departure. In the most extreme case it is possible to register six weeks before departure. The biggest concern in this case would be getting a visa in time. Sometimes you can receive it within 15 days, but usually it takes a month.