

Internship Experience Program in

# Surinam



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## SURINAM

The Republic of Surinam lies in the north-east of South America with Brazil, Guyana and French Guyana as neighbours. The total surface covered by Surinam is 164.000 km<sup>2</sup>, which is four times as big as The Netherlands.

Surinam is divided in 10 different districts of which 6 of the following districts are situated at the coast, Nickerie, Coronie, Saramacca, Paramaribo, Commewijne en Marowijne. The two districts in the mid area's of Surinam are called Wanica en Para and the two in the extensive inland country are Brokopondo and Sipaliwini. Surinam has about 460.000 inhabitants of which half of them live in Paramaribo.

Surinam is a multicultural society and the only country in the world where the ethnic groups exist of Hindustani, Creoles, Javanese's, Marrons, Domestic Chinese's, Jews, Boeroe's, Lebanese's and a large number of Moksi's living peacefully together.



Surinam has a tropical climate, that is why the weather is almost always warm. The seasons exist of the large rain season, large dry season, a small rain season and a small dry season. Yet do not be surprised if there is some strong downpour in the dry season and in the rain season the drought stays a little longer.

## PARAMARIBO

Paramaribo is the capital city of Surinam and is divided in two different governing boards. Paramaribo North-East and Paramaribo South-West. There are numerous swimming resorts in town like Hotel Krasnapolsky and Hotel Torarica. Swimming is also possible outside of the city in places like Cola Creek where the water is dark (just like cola) which is very refreshing. You could also go to Overbridge situated next to the Surinam River in the district Para.



There are several gyms which have aerobic classes and fitness material. Further on the night life in Paramaribo is surely worth your while. There are many clubs like Touche, de Waag, Millennium, club One, and Starzz.

## INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

The internship program in Surinam has a minimum length of three months and a maximum of 12 months. You must be 18 years old and be able to speak and write English. To apply you must be following a bachelor or master degree. Dutch speaking students are preferred as Surinam is a Dutch speaking country. There are no compensations for these internships.

In Surinam there are different sorts of sectors in which you can do an internship. In your C.V. and your Application letter you should indicate in which sector you are searching for an internship and to what requirements the internship must fulfil. Here are some examples of sectors in which you could do an internship:

- Multimedia
- Communication
- Consultancy
- Social work
- Graphic designer

## ACCOMMODATION

Next to placing you for an internship we also help you get accommodation. The rent varies between €150 and €250 per month. You will also have to pay a guarantor which is the same as one month rent. You will receive the guarantor back when you leave and haven't caused any damage to your room. When you accept the accommodation it will be fixed on contract.

## HOW DOES IT WORKS?

- 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 Singapore, the way of arranging internships is quite different when compared to Holland. You might get invited to do an interview by phone*

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.

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## OTHER HANDY INFORMATION:

### Visa:

Contact the closest embassy of Surinam and apply for a visa. You will need a valid passport and a passport photo. It depends on what country you live in how much you will have to pay for the visa.

### Insurance:

We advise all students who are going to do an internship in Surinam to get a travel insurance before you leave your own country, with a health insurance. You can get information about this at your insurance company.

### Malaria pills:

Contact your local hospital or doctor for more information about vaccinations and malaria pills. Paramaribo and the whole coast area is free from malaria. You will only need the pills when you go to the inland. If you need pills you can go to the BOG to get the malaria pills on de Rode Kruislaan in Parimaribo.

## PRICES AND COSTS

<b>Internship in Surinam</b>	<b>Prices in €</b>
Administration	100
Mediation internship and accommodation	500
Mediation internship ( <b>without accommodation</b> )	350
<b>Costs in Surinam</b>	
Accommodation rent per month	150-250
Ticket to Surinam	800-1000
Maintenance per month	250-300

The rent of the first month and the guarantor are to be paid on arrival in Surinam.

### Salary:

In general these are unpaid internships. Employers may give a financial reward if they are satisfied.

### Annulment:

If you cancel Stageplaza will return the mediation internship fee. However for this cancellation must be a good reason. Stageplaza can decide if this reason is good enough for a refund. The administration costs are non-refundable.