



Finding the Ideal Remote Internship

HERE ARE SOME TIPS TO HELP YOU TO ZOOM IN ON THE RIGHT INTERNSHIP

Doing an online internship is a great way to gain practical work experience in a flexible way. It'll allow you to become part of a team working on a different continent, and sharpen and practice a range of skills, while working from your couch. You'll enhance your CV with international work experience in a cost-savvy, convenient way. But there's a lot of choice, and it can be tricky to find a remote internship that aligns perfectly with your skills and interests, and that meets your academic requirements at the same time. It can also be hard to decide what type of organization you'd like to join. The choice might be a bit overwhelming at first. Not to worry! We're here to help you narrow it down.

- Identify your passion
- Consider where your strengths lie
- Consider how much time you have available
- Determine what you want from the internship
- Consider the pros and cons of doing your internship remotely
- Make a shortlist
- Next step; Let's talk!



IDENTIFY YOUR PASSION

Is there a particular issue that drives you - that makes you want to work hard and be part of a solution? It could be human rights, youth development, marine conservation, gender equality, education, animal welfare - or anything in between. If you find a career that overlaps with something you feel truly passionate about, it makes your daily work enjoyable and rewarding, and you're more likely to excel at what you do. The same goes for an internship. So it's good to identify your passion as a starting point.

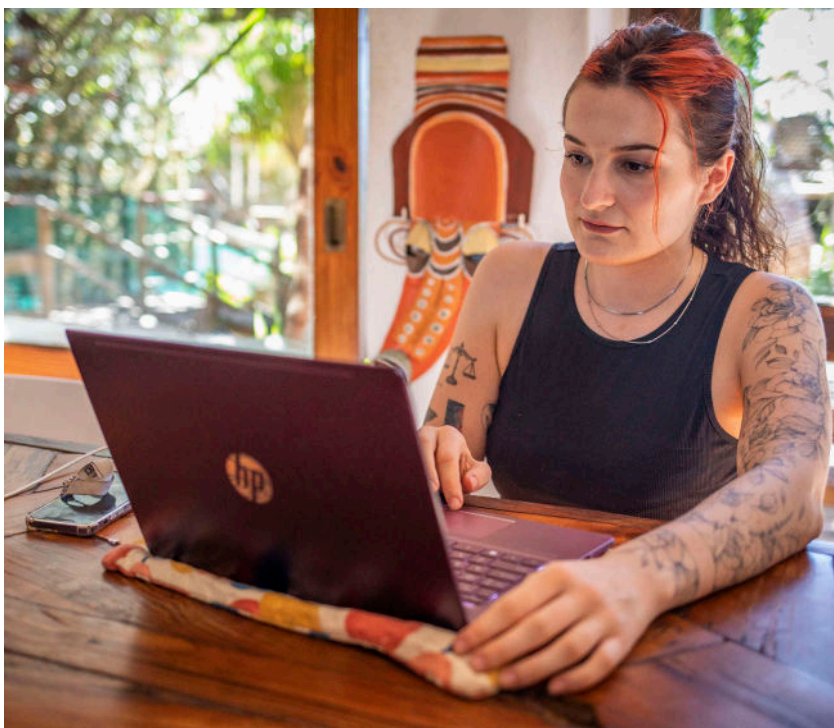
For some, this won't take much thought. Maybe you've always had an interest in a specific cause. Or maybe you already have a background working for or studying a certain development area. For others, it will take more thought. Take your time, do your research, and find the difference you want to make in the world. It will make the internship selection process smoother and the experience itself more fulfilling.

It might also be that you're passionate about a range of issues, and you want to simply use and develop your skills in the best possible way. So let's continue to the next point to help you find the right internship;

CONSIDER YOUR STRENGTHS

You could approach your search for a nonprofit internship from a different starting point; you can focus on your skills and academic background. You might have a very specific academic focus, like law, business development, biology, marketing, or journalism, and the need to do an internship that allows you to work in this field. Or you might just have talents in areas that you want to put into practice or develop further, such as content writing, project management, or research. In this case, it makes sense to research all internships that allow you to take the role that's right for your background. The academic focus areas might cover a wide range of causes, so take your time to consider each option.

If you can find an intersection between a cause that aligns with your passions, and a role within the organization that matches your skills, you might have found the perfect match.





CONSIDER HOW MUCH TIME YOU HAVE AVAILABLE

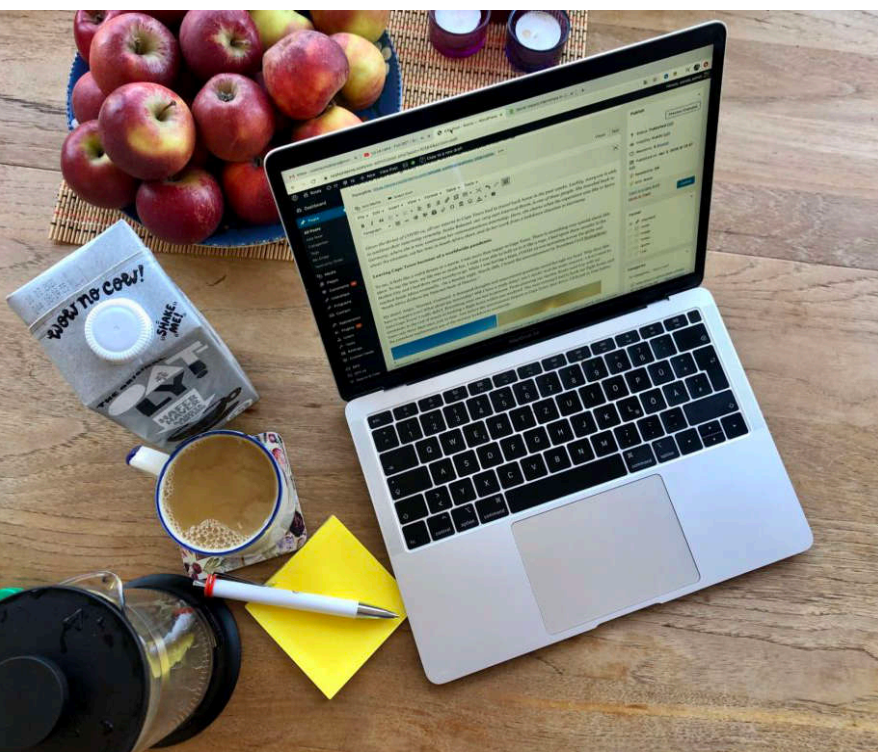
One of the benefits of doing your internship remotely is that you can fit it into your schedule. You might be taking classes at the same time or doing part-time work at home, and want to embark on your internship during evenings. Or you might be able to commit to your internship full-time, but for a short duration. Many of our online internships offer a level of flexibility, though it differs per organization, so it's good to be clear on your time availability. (And be aware that, generally, organizations will want a commitment of at least two or three days a week.)

Also, consider the time difference with the team you'll be working with. We offer remote internships with organizations in Africa, Latin America, Asia, and Europe, and it's worthwhile to work out if the time difference is manageable. - You'll be adding international work experience to your resume without leaving your home, so it's very much worth putting up with small inconveniences! But, be sure you can realistically make it work, schedule-wise.



DETERMINE WHAT YOU WANT FROM THE INTERNSHIP

Our internships allow you to contribute to nonprofit initiatives, but needless to say, you should gain a lot from the experience as well. This internship could be your first step on a new career path, it could be a chance to substantiate skills with experience, it could be just a switch up from the norm. Consider how you want to develop over the course of the internship and this will help you whittle down your choices. You might also have specific requirements from your university, so make sure to consider these and get approval from your academic advisor.



CONSIDER THE PROS AND CONS OF DOING YOUR INTERNSHIP REMOTELY

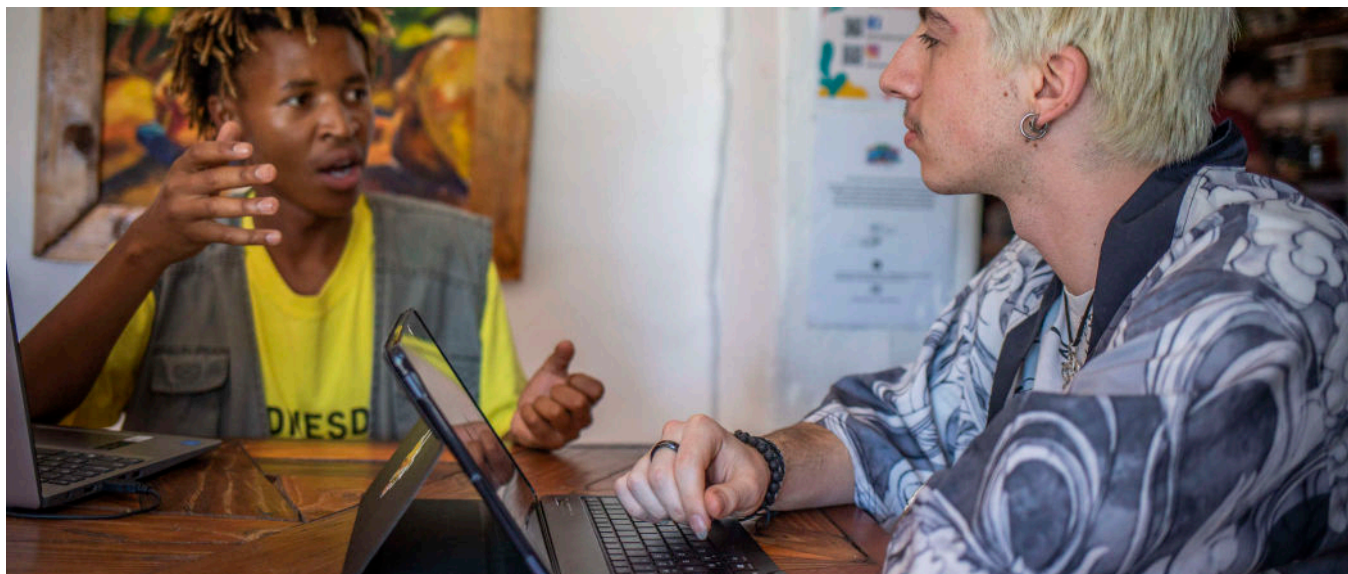
There's many benefits to doing an internship remotely; it's flexible, low-cost, and you'll get to experience collaborating with co-workers online, which is a useful skill in a world where many companies work with distributed teams. But there are a few shortcomings too; you won't get to meet your co-workers in person, you have to be willing to work fairly independently, and you'll need to design an effective working environment for yourself. Nothing that can't be overcome with strong motivation, regular Zoom calls, and a comfortable couch - but it's stuff you need to be aware of.



MAKE A SHORTLIST

Once you have an idea of what you're looking for, try to make a shortlist (or a longlist to begin with!) of options. When going through your shortlist, make sure to pay attention to the requirements that are listed for each, just to ensure you're eligible to apply. Also make sure to research the organization you'd be part of as an intern; look them up on social media to check out their recent projects and the impact being made to see if it's the kind of team you'd like to be part of.

Another thing to pay attention to is reviews from previous interns. Knowing the organization you'll intern with is one thing, but getting a good feel for the experience of the internship is another thing altogether. The best way to learn more about the internship you're applying for is to learn from those who have gone before you.



Next step; **Let's talk!**



WE'RE HERE TO HELP!

OUR MISSION IS TO HELP YOU FIND AN EXCITING AND REWARDING INTERNSHIP THAT WORKS PERFECTLY FOR YOU ON ALL LEVELS. SO ONCE YOU'RE READY, YOU CAN REACH OUT TO US IN THE FOLLOWING WAYS;

CHAT WITH US

We're ready to talk you through the options and listen to your story. You can [reach out to our team](#) to ask any questions and find out more about specific opportunities.

FILL OUT A [MATCH ME FORM](#)

You can indicate your priorities and preferences, and we'll send you internship recommendations tailored to your skills and interests and help you decide which opportunity is the perfect match for you.