

# VOA Intern Program



## Where can an internship at VOA take you?

For starters, it gives you exposure to journalists at one of the largest U.S. international broadcasters. You might want to investigate different aspects of a professional career in journalism or international relations as you try to decide what to do with your life. If you join the internship program at VOA, you will mostly have fun meeting new people and learning new skills.

VOA reaches a weekly audience of more than 326 million people on multiple platforms and broadcasts in more than 40 different languages around the world. Language services use their websites and social media platforms to share content and interact with the audience. VOA's Media Lab creates pilot programs, specials and one-minute short-form videos for mobile, web and television. VOA's documentary unit produces special programs on a variety of topics relevant to U.S. culture. VOA's world-renowned music and English-language learning

programs enjoyed by millions of people around the world. Journalists in VOA's Newscenter work around the clock with a global network of correspondents to provide comprehensive news and analysis. Those students who are curious about the technical side of journalism might investigate working with Operations, as these professionals manage VOA's live studio programs. Students curious about other aspects of the industry might consider working with senior management to sharpen their research and writing skills.

We are looking for diverse, well-rounded students who are self-starters and excellent communicators. This internship is your chance to explore an exciting career path and acquire life-long skills.

For more information on the program, go to [tinyurl.com/insidevoa](http://tinyurl.com/insidevoa)



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### Internship Opportunities at Voice of America, Washington, DC

The Voice of America (VOA) is the largest U.S. international Broadcaster, and reaches a weekly audience of more than 326 million people on radio, television and digital in more than 40 different languages and news bureaus around the world. We engage with our audience on social media including Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube to share content and interact with them. At VOA, we work with colleges and universities to provide students the opportunity to apply coursework learned in the classroom with practice in the workplace. Students work on teams that relate to their major and career goals.

### Good Match for Journalism, Communications, International Relations Students

We are looking for undergraduate or graduate students enrolled in a college or university program – especially students majoring in Journalism, Broadcasting, Communications, International Relations or Government. We welcome students with interests and capabilities in audio, video, web, mobile and social media. We're also interested in people who have excellent writing, research, and communications skills. Do you speak other languages besides English? We speak more than 40, and our services will welcome your help, too!

### What are typical intern duties at VOA?

VOA interns who work with our Language Services, Special Series Unit or Media Lab have the opportunity to research and produce daily audio and video programming, series and special reports. Depending on the intern's assigned team, duties may include: research for stories or profiles, news events, features and special topics; camera work; interviews; logging; transcription; organizing footage; a collection of b-roll; writing; editing audio/video, mobile and social media. We also have opportunities working with senior management teams, as well as other support offices. Duties in those offices vary, but involve research, writing and special projects for senior managers.

### How Long are Internships?

VOA accepts interns year-round. We are also happy to take on co-op students. A typical internship runs

10-12 weeks with students working 30 hours per week. Co-op students work for a full semester on a pre-arranged schedule with their college or university and VOA. Hours vary, depending on the assigned team, but most students work weekdays, 8:30am-4:30pm. Can't leave the campus but still interested in working for VOA? Ask us about our unique "Virtual Internships."

### What We Require

The Internship program offers college students the opportunity to take the first step into the broadcasting industry. VOA Interns are unpaid and therefore must be:

- Enrolled at an accredited college or university;
- Able to provide proof of credit from your college or university before starting your assignment.

Interns help advance our organizational goals to provide quality and informative programming to audiences around the world. Interns also gain valuable and relevant web, social media, television and radio experience in an interesting and exciting environment. Our internships are unpaid, but VOA interns gain valuable, hands-on experience other internships rarely provide, and that helps students stand out when they are applying for their first jobs after graduation.

### APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- **Resume and cover letter** with particular attention to your multi-media abilities and interests
- **Two** letters of recommendation (optional)
- **Samples** of writing, audio and video reports (if applicable).

#### Questions:

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#### To apply, send material to:

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