International Career Series

Meet the Interns

Tues, Sept 23

11 am-12:15 pm 2048 Malott Hall

GIST students will share their experiences interning locally, domestically & abroad. Learn about a variety of internships including KU's Study Abroad global internship programs.

This will take place during GIST 220 but ALL are welcome.

Marina Bontrager

VACorps Cape Town, South Africa

Kayleigh Pokphanh

Teaching English in South Korea Internship Program Gwangju, Gyeonggi, South Korea

Juliana Boyer

Israel Conflict Team, United States Central Command Virtual

Jason Foster

 Program Coordinator of International Internships KU Study Abroad & Global Engagement (SAGE) fall 2025

Explore career options

Work on Resume Cover Letter LinkedIn

Attend Talks Workshops Panels

Apply to
Internships
Scholarships
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Network Make connections Investigate the possibilities!



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This series is a collaborative project of 14 internationally-focused units at KU. Visit: **global.ku.edu/career** for details and last minute events.

2025-2026

International Career Series

Center for East Asian Studies
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Center for Latin American & Caribbean Studies
Center for Russian, East European & Eurasian Studies
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African & African-American Studies

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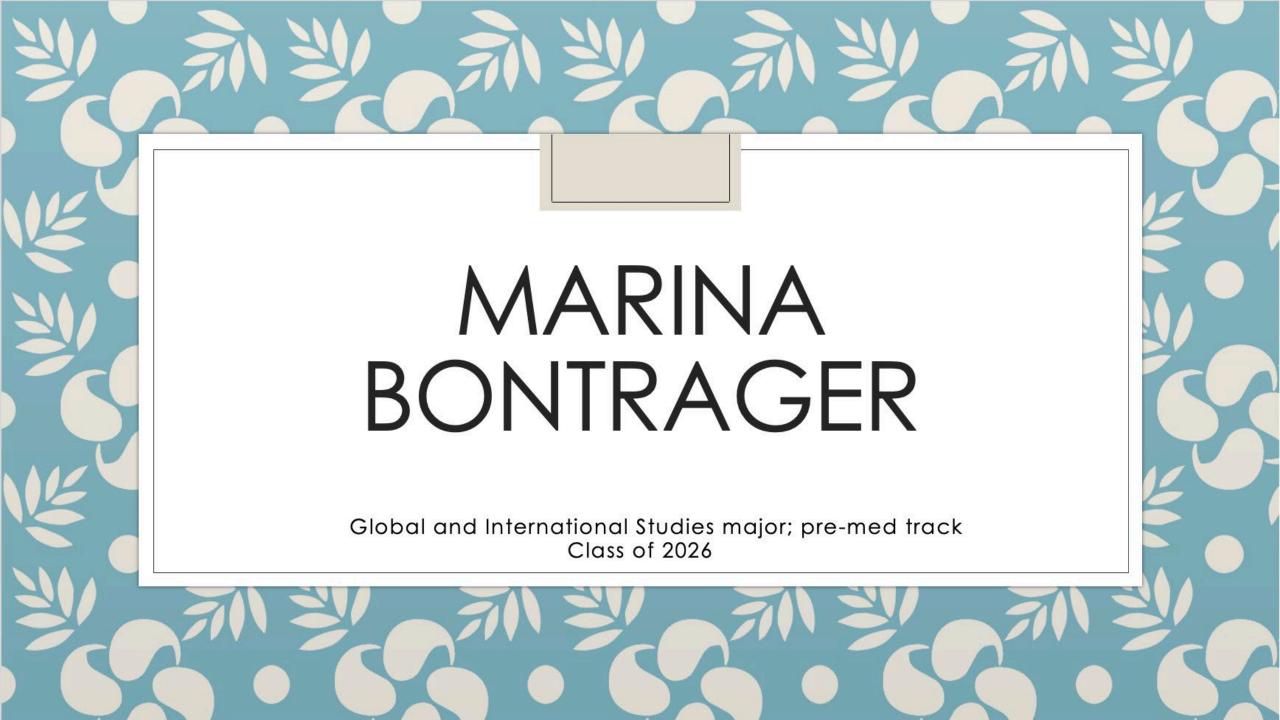
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VACorps

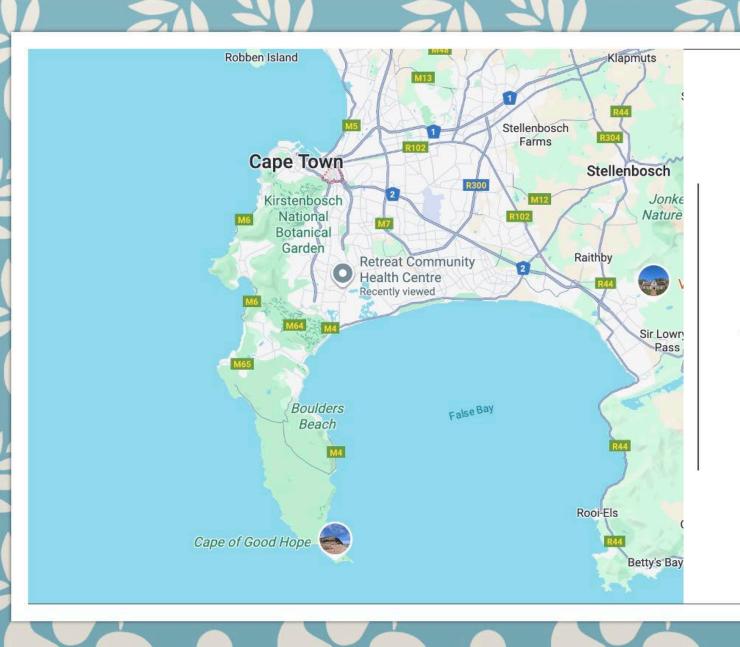
- Stationed in Cape Town, South Africa
- Interns choose their own length of stay (4-12 weeks)
- Internships for every major Education, Psychology, Medicine, Biotechnology, etc.
- Housing assistance Living with other interns in Observatory, South Africa
- Culture nights every Monday
 - Spiritual healing
 - Traditional dance
 - Afrikaans and Xhosa lessons
- Cultural excursions every Friday
 - Seal cruise
 - Cape Point
 - Hiking
 - Markets
 - Wineries
 - Surfing
 - Cape Town tours



My Internship

- Retreat Community Health Center
 - Retreat Township, Western Cape
- In Cape Town for 8 weeks interned for 7 weeks
 - May 18th July 12th
- Each week/every two weeks, I would rotate to a new ward in the clinic
 - Maternity
 - Trauma ward
 - Baby Clinic
 - Triage
- Shadowing
- Main interactions were with patients, nurses, and students
- Safety/security





Map of Cape Town

What did I do?

Maternity ward

- Natural birth
- Contractions
- Examining placenta
- Baby care

Trauma ward

- Patient assessments
- Basic stitches
- Psychosis patients

Baby Clinic

- Vaccination schedule
- Tests for baby reflexes and health
- Drawing up vaccines vials & syringes

Triage

- How to safely interact with sick patients (HIV and TB)
- How to take vitals
 - BP/ HR
 - Blood glucose & iron levels

What did I learn?



Adaptability



Confidence in my knowledge



How to respond to difficult situations

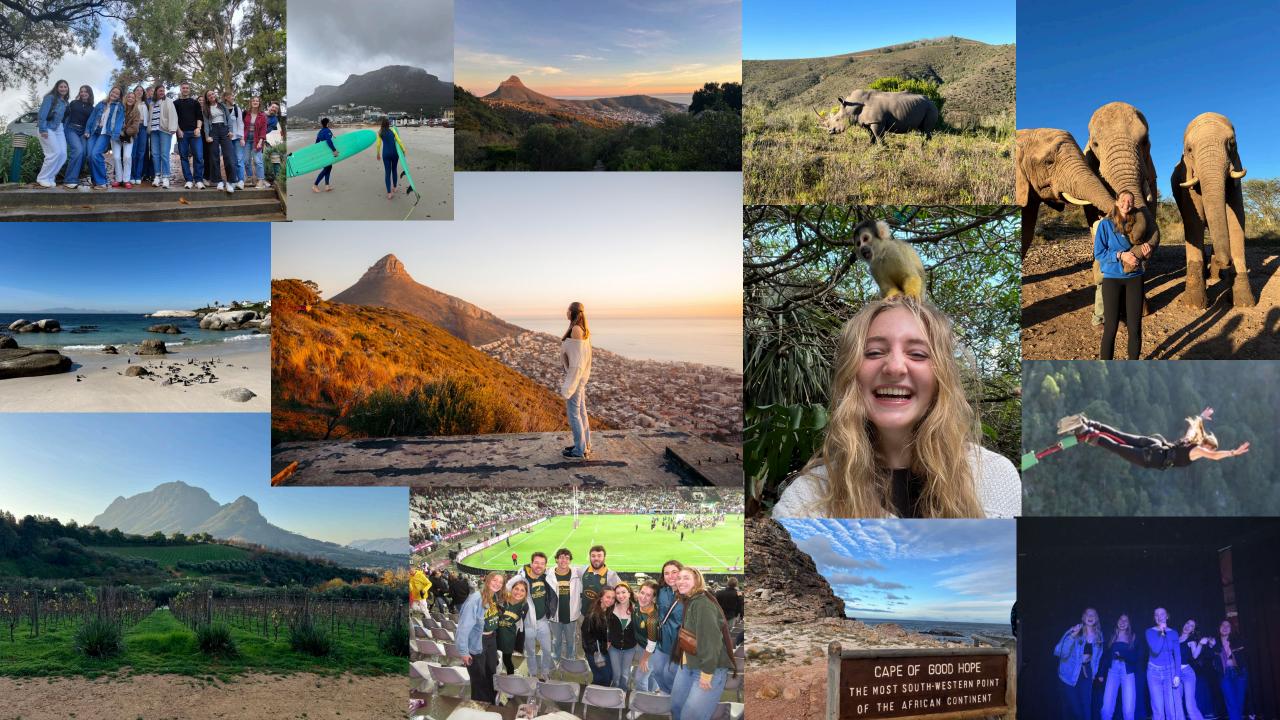


Capstone Spotlight

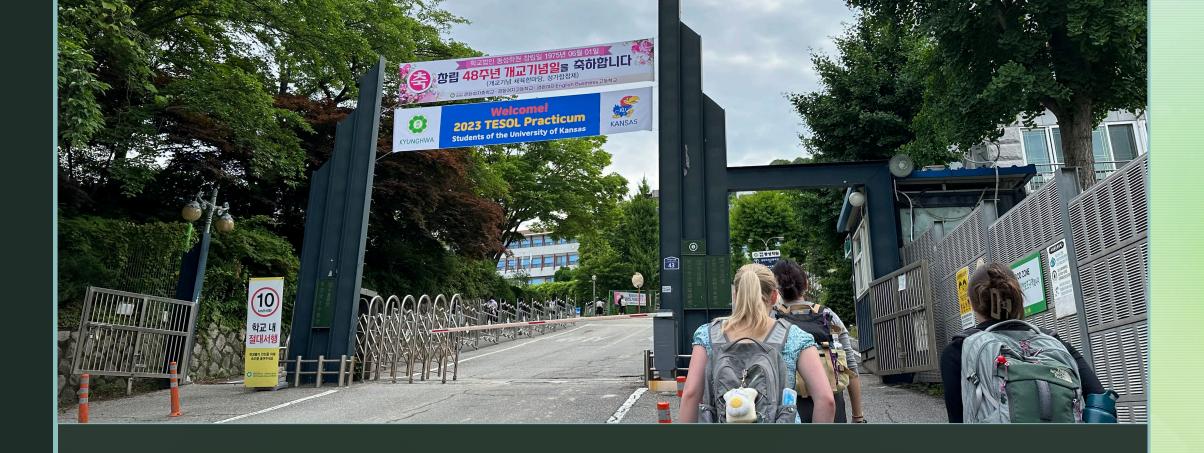
- Using my experiences:
 - Capstone topic: Burnout in the South African healthcare system
 - Focus on medical students/junior doctors
 - Cape Town contacts
 - Medical/ nursing school friends
 - Doctors
 - South African friends

- Difficult to stand out if you don't apply yourselfShow that you want to learn
- Get comfortable with being uncomfortable
- Try new foods, do new things, rest later
- Make friends they're super important both during and after the internship

Advice



Kayleigh Pokphanh



Teaching in South Korea Study Abroad Internship



A little about me and my internship:

Major:

 Double Major in East Asian Languages and Cultures and Global International Studies

Internship:

- Teaching English in South Korea
 - C&T 491 TESOL Practicum
 - C&T 598 ESOL Pedagogy

Location:

Kyung Hwa Girls' Private SchoolGwangju, Gyeonggi, South Korea









Practice lesson at Kyung Hwa

Responsibilities as interns:

As KU interns we were:

- Representatives
- Students
- Teachers



Kangnam University Presentation

The importance of crosscultural contexts and coexisting

- Culture in your study abroad program
 - Faculty Led Excursions
 - Exploring in your downtime
 - Language
- Challenges:
 - Understanding that you will be put in uncomfortable situations and learning how to solve them



Takeaways from this program:

Classes:

 Basic learning of Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages and English as a Foreign Language

- Internship:
 - Leadership and Co-Teaching
- Professional takeaways and Life Lessons:
 - Working under a boss at a professional level
 - Building your resume
 - Building a web-based portfolio
- Cultural contexts:
 - Critical incidents
 - Cultural Sensitivity

https://kayleighpokphanh.wixsite.com/my-site-oao



Seoraksan Mountain excursion

Juliana Boyer



Interning for USCENTCOM

Juliana Boyer

About me

- Year: Senior
- Major: Global and International Studies
- Minors: Middle Eastern Studies, Intelligence & National Security
- Career Ambitions: Intelligence Analyst working in Counterterrorism!



About USCENTCOM

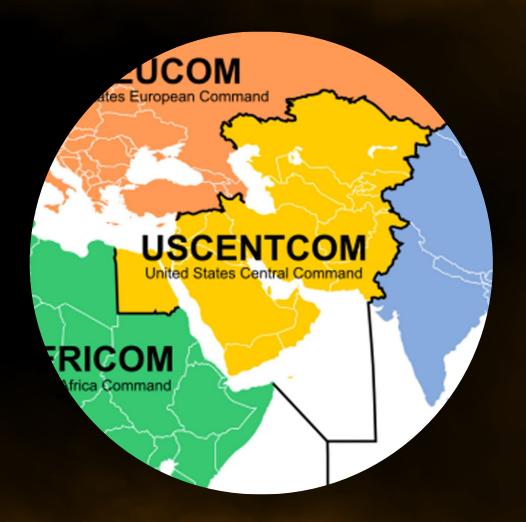
 Mission: USCENTCOM directs and enables military operations and activities with allies and partners to increase regional security and stability in support of enduring U.S. interests.

Command priorities:

- Defend the homeland
- Deter conflict
- Compete with China

Notable operations

- Operation Desert Storm
- Operation Iraqi Freedom
- Operation Enduring Freedom



Internship Details

Unpaid position

Compensated with experience, connections, and preparation to go into an intelligence career.

Remote

Virtual internship

5-10 hours weekly

Flexible work schedule. Very accommodating for students.

Duration: 1 year

8/22/25-8/31/26

My Position

Intelligence Analyst

Israel-Conflict (1987-1988)

- Data Collection monitor verified sources for real-time info on incidents and other significant activities in Israel.
- Analysis and Reporting Analyze the collected data to determine the significance and potential impact of each incident.
- Strategic Insight Synthesize findings into actionable intelligence, highlighting trends and advising on potential security challenges and opportunities.

OSINT (Open Source Intelligence)

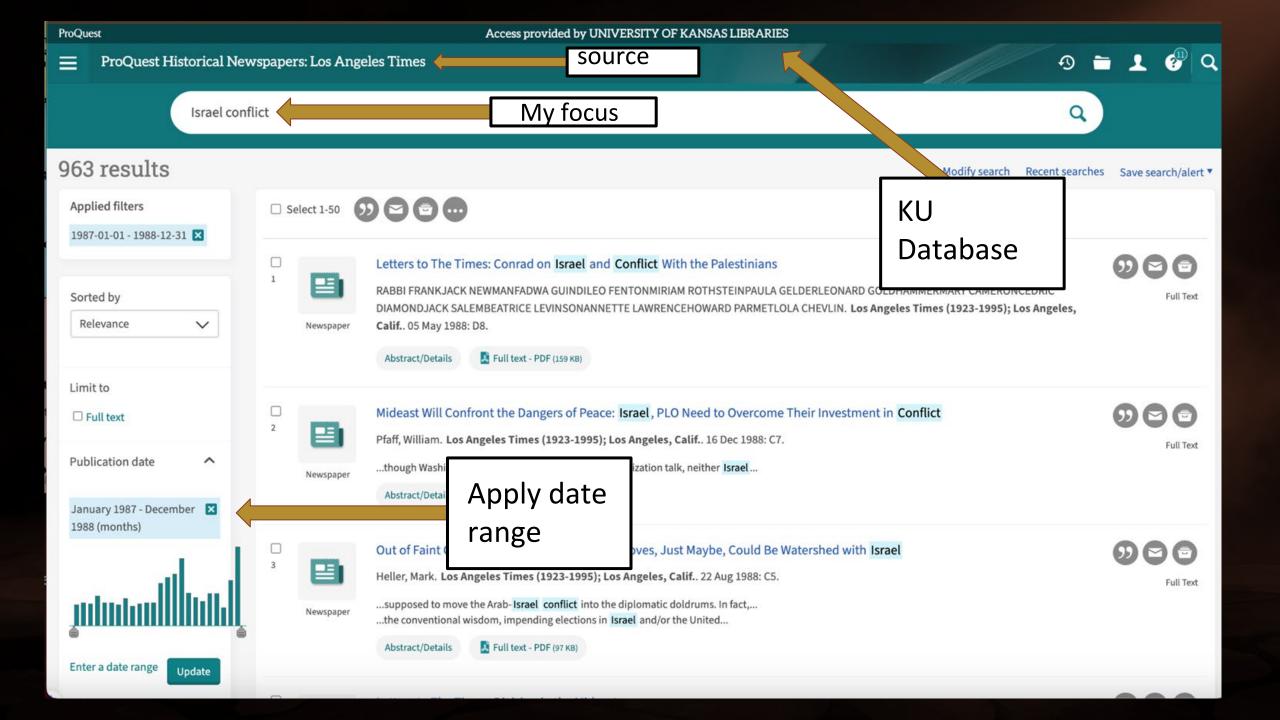
- Social Media
- News Sites and Press
- Blogs and Forums
- Grey Literature
- Deep Web



Steps to completing a data entry

Step 1

Choose a database with reliable sources



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Step 2

Identify base source

Find something that interests you



ProQuest Historical Newspapers: Los Angeles Times

Enter search terms...

Full Text | Newspaper

Israel Expels 8Palestinians to S. Lebanon: 6 Are From Village Where Settler Girl Was Shot in Melee

Los Angeles Times (1923-1995); Los Angeles, Calif.. 19 Apr 1988: 1. Browse this issue

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Abstract/Details



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- israeli teen hiker stoned 1988 Google Search google.com
- israeli teen hiker murdered Google Search google.com
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What we know from the article:

- Published April19th, 1988
- Involved Israeli hikers
- Israeli teen shot
- InvolvedPalestinians

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Find sources that corroborate your first source

Google

april 19 1988 15 year old israeli girl died



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The New York Times

https://www.nytimes.com > 1988/04/07 > world > israel...

ISRAELI GIRL KILLED BY ROCKS IN MELEE

Apr 7, 1988 — The stoning death of **15-year-old Tirza Porat**, the first Israeli civilian to die in the fourmonth Palestinian uprising, seemed certain to ...



The New York Times

https://www.nytimes.com > 1988/04/09 > world > army...

Army Believes Israeli Girl Was Killed by a Guard

Apr 9, 1988 — An **Israeli girl** whose **death** brought fierce cries for vengeance against Arabs was not stoned to **death**, but **killed** by a bullet from the rifle ...

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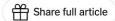
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The New York Times

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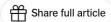
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Step 6

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Collect relevant data

Title: Army Believes Israeli Girl Was Killed by a Guard

Author: The New York Times

Date: 04/9/1988

Link:

https://www.nytimes.com/1988/04/09/world/army-believes-israeli-girl-was-killed-by-a-guard.html

An Israeli girl whose death brought fierce cries for vengeance against Arabs was not stoned to death, but killed by a bullet from the rifle of a Jewish settler guarding her, the army said today. Senior army commanders said they believed that the guard fired the fatal shot in panic.

The army Chief of Staff, Gen. Dan Shomron, told Israeli radio tonight that the incident Wednesday in the West Bank village of Beita, in which two Palestinians were also killed, had been a result of a "misunderstanding."

Earlier in the day, the army said the autopsy showed that the Israeli girl, Tirza Porat, had died of a gunshot wound to the head and said the bullet came from an M-16 rifle, the weapon carried by the guard. Army Destroys More Houses

Nevertheless, the army blew up eight more houses in Beita today, making a total of 14 destroyed over accusations that family members took part in the clash. On Thursday Israeli troops combing the hills shot and killed a Palestinian youth. The army said he was running away.

Miss Porat, 15 years old, was on a Passover holiday outing with 16 other teen-age Jewish settlers and two older armed guards when the clash occurred. Initially her death was luridly reported here as a stoning by Palestinian villagers, heightening the bitter tensions of four months of Palestinian protest against Israeli occupation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip. The state television and newspapers displayed gruesome pictures of her bloodied body on a street in the Palestinian village of Beita. 'God Will Avenge Her Blood'

"The heart of the entire nation is boiling," Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir told thousands of angry Jewish settlers who gathered at her funeral, many of them with automatic rifles or submachine guns slung over their shoulders, or pistols at their hips. "God will avenge her blood."

Immediately after the first reports of the incident, the Justice Minister called for the demolition of dozens of Arab homes and the expulsion of hundreds of Palestinians, and the Religion Minister called for smashing "the skull of the viper of death."

Right-wing politicians, including Trade Minister Ariel Sharon and Rabbi Meir Kahane, founder of the Jewish Defense League, flocked to the funeral, and Rabbi Chaim

Title: Israel Expels 8 Palestinians to S. Lebanon: 6 are From Village Where Settler Girl

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Author: Los Angeles Times

Date: 04/19/1988

Link:

https://www.proquest.com/hnplatimes/docview/902013528/B4E3A42304424B4BPQ/3?accounti

d=14556&sourcetype=Newspapers

Relevant information:

Israel today expelled eight Arabs accused of leading the Palestinian uprising, including six men suspected of involvement in an attack on a group of Israeli hikers that left a Jewish teen-ager and two Palestinians dead.

The expulsions brought to 20 the number of Palestinians deported to southern Lebanon since anti-Israel rioting erupted in the West Bank and Gaza nearly five months ago. Security sources have told United Press International that dozens more will be expelled if the unrest does not end by summer.

Six of the men were residents of the West Bank village of Beita, where an Israeli teen-age girl and two Palestinians were killed April 6 during a clash between rock-throwing villagers and a group of Israeli youths and two adult guards on a Passover holiday hike.

The army determined that the girl, Tirza Porat, 15, was killed by a stray bullet fired from the M-16 automatic rifle carried by one of her escorts. But the military has arrested more than 30 people, demolished 14 houses and destroyed acres of olive trees to punish residents for taking part in the stoning of the hikers.

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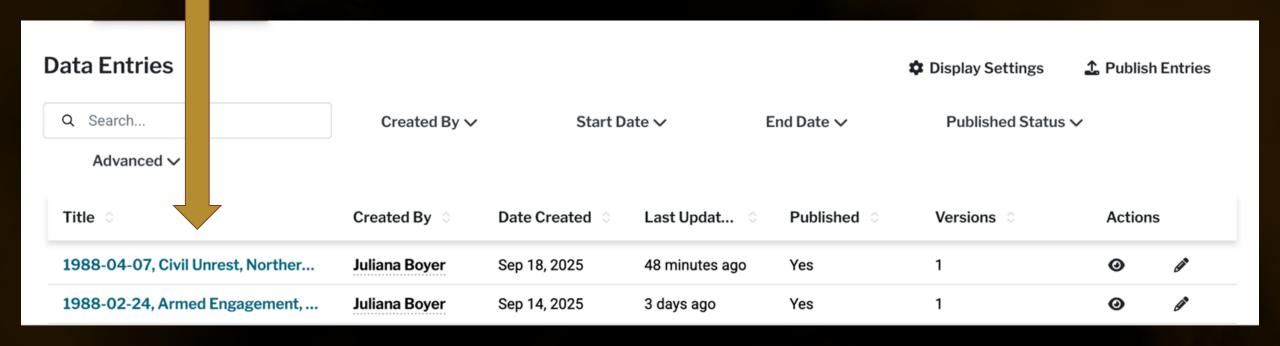
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YIPPEE!!!!



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Exercise self-care



Main Takeaways

- It's ok to have a remote internship as a GIST major
- Don't compare yourself to others
- Be open-minded
- Always keep an eye out for internships through sites like USAjobs, Indeed, Handshake, and LinkedIn
- Utilize networking events
- Relationship with Career Center
- Sign up for KU newsletters
 - CGIS newsletter,



The ideal internship setup. We got the MacBook iPad dual monitor, pictures of the people I do this for on the wall, Gatorade, and an Animal Crossing notebook to write interesting findings because the feds will never expect to find my thoughts on global conflicts in an Animal Crossing notebook.



CGIS Newsletter





USCENTCOM application





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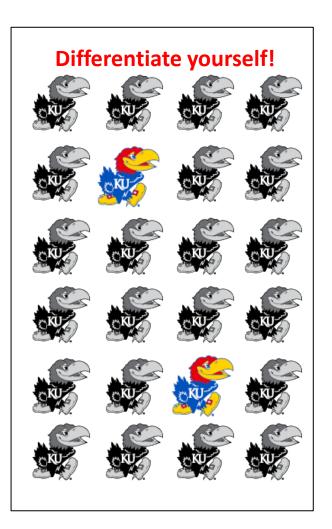


Internships Overview

- 8-week full-time internships in 40+ locations
- Offered in partnership with CIEE & WorldStrides
- Customized internship placements (format may be in-person or hybrid)
- No language requirement
- Open to all majors
- Full-time internships (32-40 hours per week)
- Earn 6 credits for internship and accompanying internship course
- Housing included (options vary by location)
- Airport pick-up, in-country orientation, & local excursions

Internship Benefits

- Gain hands-on professional experience
- Make your resume stand out
- Discover a new country and culture
- Develop your language skills
- Receive academic credit
- Expand your global network
- Grow your soft skills
- Gain confidence and learn about yourself
- Develop a global understanding and perspective



Credit Options

- BUS 310 (1 credit) + BUS 400 (5 credits) Business Internship
 - Open to Business majors who have completed BUS 210 or equivalent.
 - Fulfills the School of Business' International Dimension Requirement and the KU Core/Core 34 Global Culture requirement.
- LA&S 490 (5 credits) Internship Exploration
 - Open to students of any major and level.
 - Fulfills KU Core Goal 6.1 Integration and Creativity.
- GIST 495 (6 credits) Global Internship
 - Open to students of any major and level.
- BIOL 490 (6 credits) Internship & Practical Application
 - Open to students of any major and level completing an internship related to Biology.
- JMC 507 (3 credits) + JMC 409 (3 credits) Practicum in Journalism
 - Open to journalism majors who have completed JMC 345, 415, 430, or 460 with a grade of 2.0+ and good academic standing in Journalism and Mass Communications.
- PSYC 483 (3 credits) + PSYC 402 (3 credits) Undergraduate Internship Psychology
 - Open to psychology majors and minors.

In the past, students have also gotten internship credit through ACCT, ADS, EVRN, FMS, HNRS, HSES, SPLH, and more

Internship Placement Process





CIEE / WorldStrides staff employ a personalized approach to finding you the right internship position.

- help define & understand your career goals
- identify the right industry & location for you
- source the right host employer



2025 Internship Examples

- Barcelona Metropolitan Magazine (Barcelona)
 - Digital Marketing and Content Creation Intern
 - Assists in developing and managing content across digital platforms to boost brand visibility and engagement. Create and optimize blog posts, social media updates, and other marketing materials. The role involves monitoring digital marketing performance and supporting social media campaigns.
- Marriott International (Milan)
 - Finance Intern
 - Hands-on experience in financial analysis, budgeting, and reporting. Interns assist with preparing financial statements, conducting market research, and analyzing data to support decision-making processes. They gain exposure to various financial tools and software, learning to manage accounts and track expenses. This role often involves collaborating with different teams to ensure accurate financial planning and compliance with regulations.

2025 Internship Examples

- Intralink Tokyo (Tokyo)
 - Business Development Intern
 - Work closely with clients, participate in strategy sessions, and contribute to projects that drive company growth. Expect to analyze data, prepare reports, and present insights to help shape business decisions. The environment is fast-paced, intellectually stimulating, and provides endless opportunities for learning and professional development. This internship is perfect for anyone looking to gain hands-on experience, develop critical thinking skills, and make a tangible impact in the consulting world.
- Air Blue Lets (London)
 - Property Administrator Intern
 - Ensure operational elements of the business work seamlessly, support business development/sales by on-boarding new properties/client, work on ad hoc administrative tasks, liaising with guests/clients, and marketing and brand building

Scholarship Opportunities

- Freeman Foundation Scholarship for East Asia Internships
 - \$4,000-\$5,000 and open to U.S. citizens and permanent residents participating in credit-bearing internships
 - Participants in the WorldStrides Vietnam and CIEE Kyoto, Seoul, Shanghai, Singapore, Taipei, and Tokyo internship programs are eligible
 - Feb. 1 Application Deadline
- Study Abroad & Global Engagement (SAGE) Need-Based Scholarship
 - \$500 and open to students who have completed the FAFSA for the current academic year
 - March 1 Application Deadline
- CIEE Need-Based Grants of up to \$1,500
 - Open to high-need students interning abroad through a CIEE program
 - · Gilman Go Global open to Pell Grant recipients who apply for the Gilman Scholarship
 - GAIN Airfare Grant open to students with an SAI of 10,000 or less
 - April 1 Application Deadline
- CIEE Trailblazer Grant of up to \$500
 - Automatically applied when students participate in a CIEE location that is new in 2025
 - Includes Athens, Abu Dhabi, Madrid, Melbourne, Palma de Mallorca, São Paulo, and San Juan
- Gilman Scholarship
 - · Open to Pell Grant recipients who are studying abroad on credit bearing program and in good academic standing
 - Must be a citizen or national of the United States
 - Two application cycles with application deadlines of Oct. 03, 2025, and March 5, 2026

Locations in Latin America often have a lower program fee, as low as \$4,995

Douglass-O'Connell Summer Global Internship - Dublin

- Fully funded CIEE program, including airfare and stipend for 8-week internship in Dublin, Ireland
- Intern in an Irish organization or company related to your field of interest
- Open to freshmen, sophomore, and juniors
- Must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 and demonstrate financial need
- Automatic \$1,500 grants for other CIEE programs for ALL qualified applicants not selected
- Letter of recommendation and 3-4 minute personal video are required to apply
- Application deadline = January 09, 2026



Application process & eligibility

Eligibility requirements:

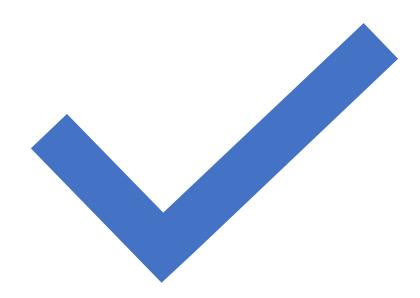
- 2.5 cumulative GPA
- 1 semester completed at KU
- Sophomore standing at time of program
- No language requirement

To Apply:

Search for summer internship programs through Study Abroad program search:

https://studyabroad.ku.edu/study-abroad-programs

- 1. CIEE Summer Global Internships*
- 2. WorldStrides Summer Internships in Vietnam



^{*}Students must also apply through CIEE website

Questions ?

Contact Jason Foster in Study Abroad & Global Engagement or schedule an appointment:



www.studyabroad.ku.edu

Email: jasonfoster@ku.edu



Thank you for attending!

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