International Internships
AT BÉREA COLLEGE
One option is to participate in a Study Abroad Internship Program through a third party provider.

You will get academic credit which can be transferred back to Berea.

These programs often have expensive fees, however, they usually arrange or provide housing, place students at internship sites, and have staff in the country that can provide assistance, if needed.

Partial funding is available from the CIE for this type of internship program. It is usually in the student’s best interest financially to spend a full-semester studying abroad, for which the CIE can provide significantly more funding than for a summer-only program.

Students who want to do this type of internship need to submit a full application to the CIE for approval and funding (at berea.abroadoffice.net) by the February 15th deadline.
Option 2: Faculty-known or Recommended Internships

- The other option is to participate in a summer internship at an international site that is known and recommended by a Berea faculty/staff member who can verify its integrity.

- Such internships must offer an excellent learning opportunity, be well-supervised, and provide for student safety.

- Requirements are the same as domestic internships: 30-40 hours per week, for 8-10 weeks.

- Examples include...
  - KEEP (Japan): room and board provided, ask for airfare form the Gilman or Freeman Asia
  - Starfish (The Gambia): ask for funding from the CCC and the Gilman
  - Amigos de de Las Americas (Ecuador, Costa Rica): paid
Broad Overview of Steps

On the CIE Side

- Complete CIE application at Berea.abroadoffice.net by February 15
- Use the CIE budget form in your application to estimate expenses and indicate funding sources
- Attend all CIE orientation sessions

On the Internship Side

- Apply to sites/programs that provide internships that
  - Are full-time 35-40 hours/week
  - At least 8 weeks in duration
  - Support your career plans
  - Are supervised, in a work setting
- Obtain a written offer confirmation and bring it to ICD
- Complete the Internship Planning Form with Faculty Sponsor and submit the “experience” in Handshake
There are no BC grants earmarked for international internships, so it is important to:

- Apply for a Sloane Shelton (due 12/1/19) to fully fund it—*if your internship is arts/humanities related*
- Apply for outside scholarships like the Gilman (due 3/3/2020) to partially fund it *if you are Pell eligible*
- Ask about using any available departmental funding (i.e., Bonner, EPG, CCC, ANR)
- Plan on using Federal loans, which means
  - taking the internship as 1.5 Berea credits and
  - insuring that you need those credits in order to graduate
What are the International Internship Options?

1. Study Abroad
   - Study abroad on a program that includes a class labeled internship
     - Most expensive
     - $1800 grant through CIE
     - Credit will transfer back to BC from another institution
     - Apply to CIE and program

2. BC Internship
   - Create an international internship proposal that will get you direct BC academic credit
     - Least expensive
     - No grants
     - BC credit
     - Apply to CIE and ICD