

STUDY MELBOURNE LANGUAGE AND INTERNSHIP PROGRAM IN CHINA 2019 APPLICATION ROUND

We are excited to announce an excellent study opportunity for VU students over the 2019/2020 university summer break in Beijing or Chengdu!

The “Study Melbourne Language & Internship Program in China” is a partnership between the Victorian Government and the China Education Association for International Exchange (CEAIE). The program offers you an exceptional opportunity to develop **cross-cultural communication skills** and **substantive work experience in the capital of China** to jump-start your career in today’s competitive job market!

Program Period	24 November 2019 – 18 January 2020 (8 weeks)
Locations	Beijing or Chengdu in China (only students with some knowledge of Mandarin are encouraged to go to Chengdu)
Number of Scholarships	25 (selected from the nominations from tertiary institutions in Victoria)
Application Deadline for VU Nominations	14 August 2019, with nominations to the Victorian Government to follow
Eligibility	Undergraduate and postgraduate students

Program

Activities	Descriptions	Duration
Immersive Language Study	Chinese language, cultural and business classes in a reputable university/language school	3 weeks (60 credit hours)
Internship Placement	Internship at a globally reputable company (e.g. WWF China, East & Concord Partners, Art Creativity Global) matched to student’s discipline of study; support will be given to ensure an enhanced experience	5 weeks

Invaluable experience

- learn Chinese language and gain valuable work experience at a reputable institution in China
- develop professional skills and ability to communicate across cultures
- gain relevant work experience to prepare well for your future career

Possible academic benefits

- Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) students may be able to count this internship towards the compulsory 12 weeks of work experience required for their degrees, subject to the approval from their College.
- College of Business students may be able to gain credit from this internship if they are:
 - B. Business: eligible and successfully enrol in the Work Integrated Learning unit “BBB3100: Business Integrated Learning” in Semester 1, 2020.
 - Postgraduate: eligible and successfully enrol in the “BBB7000: Internship” unit in the subsequent Trimester. Please check with the Course and Unit Administrator (cua.cob@vu.edu.au) to confirm credit arrangements, and consult the Centre for Work Integrated Learning, College of Business to confirm your WIL unit enrolment eligibility (wil.business@vu.edu.au).
- Students of other disciplines may be able to gain credit or placement hours from this internship; please check with the Course and Unit Administrator of your College.

The Victorian State Government will provide to the successful applicants

- 8-week on-campus accommodation
- Certificate upon completion
- Pre-departure program, arrival orientation and cultural activities
- Peer support/mentor
- Emergency contact and ground support (e.g. arrival and departure pick-up/drop-off)

Exclusions

- Meals and personal expenses
- Flights and in-country transportation
- Visa fees

Victoria University will provide to the successful applicants

- VU Study Overseas Grant of \$1,000 provided that students can gain credit or placement hours towards their degrees and have not received the grant before
- VU Overseas Health and Travel Insurance cover (free of charge)

Eligibility

To be considered for the internship you must:

- be a full-time undergraduate or postgraduate student at Victoria University
- achieved a minimum credit average of 60%
- be aged 18 or above
- be able to travel to China for the program

Selection criteria

1. academic achievement
2. community engagement experience
3. demonstration of:
 - how the program would significantly benefit the future career path
 - understanding of the challenges of navigating an inter-cultural professional experience/environment
 - your experience in community engagement
 - the ability to act as an ambassador for the University and the State of Victoria in China
 - confidence, resilience and independence.

Expressions of interest

To submit a formal application for the internship program, you must be nominated by Victoria University. To express your interest in applying:

1. make a short video (under four minutes) to describe:
 - how the program would significantly benefit your future career path
 - your understanding of the challenges of navigating an inter-cultural professional experience/environment
 - your community engagement experience
 - your commitment in experience sharing and promotion after the program
 - your sense of confidence, resilience and independence
2. upload your video to your favourite video sharing site
3. email your CV and the video link, by **Wednesday, 14 August 2019** to educationabroad@vu.edu.au.

How can I find out more?

Information on the Study Melbourne website is accessible at:

<https://www.studymelbourne.vic.gov.au/news-updates/updates/study-melbourne-language-and-internship-program-in-china>

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