



Phi Beta Asia Programs

Hong Kong Internships



Introduction to Internships

An internship is an unpaid, training position that allows students to gain hands-on experience in a workplace environment relevant to their area of future career interest and current course of academic studies. Phi Beta Asia Programs places students in organizations, companies, government agencies, non-profits, and other workplaces that will provide students a first hand look at what a career in a particular area might be like and how their chosen industry works.

Our 8 week Hong Kong based program gives students an international experience that is very valuable for building their professional development and resumes while supplementing their current course of academic study in their home country and institution. Phi Beta Asia Programs' extensive network of partner organizations that accept unpaid interns includes some of the most prestigious multinational corporations and influential government and non-government organizations, providing our students with some of the best opportunities for workplace experience, networking, and resume building.

In addition to the 8 weeks of internship work experience in Hong Kong, the Phi Beta Asia Programs internship program includes a 1 day orientation program of Hong Kong, including Lantau Island, Stanley Markets, Victoria Peak and the Aberdeen Fishing Village, and an introduction to the Hong Kong public transport system.

During this orientation period, students have a chance to recover from the long flight to Hong Kong, get to know the other students participating in the internship program with them, and participate in these great adventures and cultural activities before hitting the 9-5 schedule in the city.

Why intern in Hong Kong?

An internship in Hong Kong is a great step towards your chosen career path. As a globally renowned and thriving business gateway into Asia from the West, Hong Kong is home to a wealth of international organisations from every business sector.

Hong Kong has one of the top five largest container shipping ports in the world, and Victoria Harbor is known as one of the busiest waterways in the world. Renowned for its expansive skyline and natural setting, Hong Kong is one of the world's leading financial capitals, a major business and cultural hub, and maintains a highly developed capitalist economy. Its identity as a cosmopolitan centre where east meets west is reflected in its cuisine, cinema, music and traditions, and although the population is predominantly Chinese, residents and expatriates of other ethnicities form a small but significant segment of society. It has a population of 6.9 million people, and is one of the most densely populated areas in the world.

The Hong Kong Apparel Industry is one of the major manufacturing sectors in Hong Kong and has gained a worldwide reputation for delivering high quality apparel in a short lead time. As of March 2004, there were 1,810 apparel manufacturers employing 31,032 people in Hong Kong, most with production plants in mainland China to reduce costs. Total apparel exports in the first half of 2004 reached HK\$82.8 billion and increased year on year by 6%. The US was the largest market for export, with a 37% share of the market in 2003, followed by the European Union (27.7%) and China (11.3%).

Under the Mainland and Hong Kong Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement, a total of 37 Hong Kong made clothing items now enjoy duty free access to mainland china. Mainland China is positively promoting it's ties with the apparel industry in Hong Kong by lessening many restrictions regarding quotas, duties and transport costs, which is keeping the industry flourishing, despite the downturn in global economics.



Schedule

Thursday, June 3rd or Friday, June 4th

Depart USA on Thursday 3rd June in the evening or Friday 4th June in the morning to fly to Hong Kong. Please note the time difference when booking the airfare to make sure you arrive on Saturday June 5th.

Friday, June 4th

In flight

Saturday, June 5th

Arrive Hong Kong (Please note that interns will be arriving at different times during Saturday, 5th June)

Phi Beta Asia Programs local contact will meet interns at the airport and take them to the accommodation.

Arrive at accommodation and unload bags/check-in

Free time to shower and unpack before the group welcome dinner at accommodation

Free time in the evening (most students will go to bed)

Overnight:

Shared accommodation in Hong Kong for interns (2.5 – 3.5 star accommodation)

Sunday, June 6th

Breakfast included at accommodation

Hong Kong orientation day – full day tour with visits to Stanley Markets, Victoria Peak, Hong Kong Escalator, Lantau Island, etc. Group lunch included during the tour.

Evening Free

Overnight:

Shared accommodation in Hong Kong for interns (2.5 – 3.5 star accommodation)

Monday, June 7th

Breakfast at accommodation

“Get Ready for Work day” - each student makes sure that their first day of work clothes are ready to go and makes sure they know how to reach their workplace via public transportation on Tuesday morning.

Overnight:

Shared accommodation in Hong Kong for interns (2.5 – 3.5 star accommodation)

Tuesday, June 8th

Breakfast at accommodation

All students begin work on their internship at various locations

Overnight:

Shared accommodation in Hong Kong for interns (2.5 – 3.5 star accommodation)

Thursday, June 10th – July 23rd

Breakfast at accommodation

All students go to their internships at various locations

Phi Beta Asia Programs local support will be available in Hong Kong during this period to help with student services. A 4th of July "mid-internship" BBQ will be planned by Phi Beta Asia Programs at a location in Hong Kong.

Overnight:

Shared accommodation in Hong Kong for interns (2.5 – 3.5 star accommodation)

Saturday, July 24th

Breakfast at accommodation

Free day – weekend

6:00pm – 10:00pm: Farewell dinner in Hong Kong with all interns.

Overnight:

Shared accommodation in Hong Kong for interns (2.5 – 3.5 star accommodation)

Sunday, July 25th

Breakfast at accommodation

Final day in Hong Kong for wrap-up, packing and shopping, etc.

Overnight:

Shared accommodation in Hong Kong for interns (2.5 – 3.5 star accommodation)

Monday, July 26th

All interns depart Hong Kong for the US. Morning flights will arrive on the same day, please note the time difference when booking airfares.

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Eligibility

The Phi Beta Asia Program 8 week internship program in Hong Kong is available to undergraduate and graduate students enrolled at a U.S. University or College.

The following requirements must be met:

- GPA of 2.0 or greater
- Letter of recommendation from a member of the faculty or administration from the student's University or College (as listed on the application form)
- Letter of recommendation from someone who has managed the student in a previous work or volunteer experience (as listed on the application form)
- All previous disciplinary actions from the student's University or College must be declared in detail
- A completed application must be received by Phi Beta Asia Programs prior to the application deadline with payment of the US\$75.00 application fee
- In the application, the student will need to show how their coursework and experience support the internship for which they are applying
- Upon acceptance of the student into the internship program by Phi Beta Asia Programs, the appropriate visa will be organised by the company and/or organisation in Hong Kong.*

* Please note that Phi Beta Asia Programs is NOT a registered migration agent and the visas are left up to the hosting company in Hong Kong. Phi Beta Asia Programs works with the hosting company for each intern to facilitate the visa processing.

Academic Credit

Phi Beta Asia Programs will work with each applicant to structure a program that will meet the requirements for academic credit of the student's College or University when possible.

If an applicant does want an internship that will earn academic credit, they will need to clearly explain this on the application form and provide Phi Beta Asia Programs with the name, title, department and full contact information for the academic representative with authority to approve credit for an internship program. Phi Beta Asia Programs will work with the academic representative listed by the applicant to determine if approval for academic credit can be given for the internship program.

If Phi Beta Asia Programs is not able to design a program that is acceptable for academic credit to be granted for a student, the student will be informed by Phi Beta Asia Programs and their College or University before they move forward with the internship program.



Visa Information

Please note that Phi Beta Asia Programs is NOT a registered migration agent and will not supply you with visa advice or information.

Once accepted by a Hong Kong company or organisation, the company, or organisation, will obtain the appropriate visa for the internship and Phi Beta Asia Programs will facilitate the collection of the visa and delivery to the student.

Included Costs

Total Cost for the Phi Beta Asia Programs Internship, June 5 – July 26, 2010: US\$4,950.00

This includes the following:

- Shared accommodation in Hong Kong
- Airport pick-up and drop-off in Hong Kong
- Welcome lunch in Hong Kong
- Farewell dinner in Hong Kong
- Group "mid-internship" bar-b-que in Hong Kong
- Full Day orientation trip
- Transportation during orientation period in Hong Kong
- Staff support from a Phi Beta Asia Programs local contact during orientation Hong Kong
- On-going local contact support during the entire internship program
- All management fees for arrangement and coordination of student internship

Not-Included Costs

This US\$4,950.00 total cost does not include the following:

- International airfare. Phi Beta Asia Programs work with travel agent partners in the US for all international round-trip tickets from the U.S. to Hong Kong.
- Transportation to the airport departure in the U.S. and transportation from the airport arrival in the U.S. varies from student to student.
- Fees for Hong Kong Training Visa application and processing fees (on a case by case basis).
- Tuition: varies from institution to institution. If a student's home University charges tuition, these fees are paid directly to the home institution
- Weekly: meal expenses: US\$50.00-US\$70.00 (varies from student to student)
- Weekly: entertainment costs: US\$50.00-US\$100.00 (varies substantially from student to student)
- All optional travel excursions: US\$0.00 – US\$2,000.00+ (varies substantially from student to student)
- One time application fee that is paid to Phi Beta Dingo Pty. Ltd. with submission of the application: US\$75.00

