Internships

South Africa, Port Elizabeth

Organizing Tournament / Project Coordination / Fundraising / Life Skills / Social Media / Coach Coordinator / Summer Camp / Sports Event Management / Film & Photography

Program Description

This programme is for interns or students looking for vocational experience with the charity sector or sport industry and students writing their thesis on the industry. They will assist our work to combat social issues such as unemployment, gang culture and childhood obesity in some of the regions poorest communities, assisting the expansion of our organisation and generating revenue and publicity for her projects.

Interns must have professional or higher educational experience in a field relative to their placement. Internship roles are interchangeable and combinations of multi placements are possible.

Organizing Tournament

Running a sports tournament may include: contacting schools to participate, designing methods to encourage participation e.g. posters, social media, planning event programme, allocation of staff duties, managing staff and volunteers, communication with school principals and sports coordinators, communication with facility managers, managing budget requirements, report writing and monitoring and evaluation

Sport Coaching

Assisting in the sports coaching programme may include: coaching sport to a variety of children from 10 to 14 years old, planning sports coaching sessions for self and others, developing a 12 week coaching programme, learning and being involved in a variety of different sports, developing coaching time tables and assisting in management of coaching teams for different sports

Project Coordination

Review and implement improvement on current projects and their aims. Creating new projects where there is a recognised need. This internship aims to review and enhance the impact of current UTS sports projects.

Roles may include: Observing and analysing current projects and their aims. Exploring and trialling methods of similar organisations. Establishing new projects for new communities and specific populations. Impact reports, liaising with parents, teachers, communities, government and partner organisations.

Fundraising

Devise an in-country fundraising strategy in order to generate revenue through various avenues to support UTS South Africa work and projects.

Roles may include: Assisting our in-country fundraising team: Creating links with South African businesses. Launching fundraising events. Writing articles and newsletters for publication and various stakeholders. Innovation for charity fundraising methods. writing fundraising proposals, writing feedback reports, researching possible funders, creating presentations, conducting presentations to potential funders. exploring new volunteer recruitment strategies. Management of 'Sponsor a Child' scheme.

Life Skills

Assisting in the life skills programme may include: Learning about the UTS curriculums used, learning local methods of facilitation, learning about how to incorporate life skills into sports activities, assisting in the delivery of life skills through sport sessions, developing monitoring and evaluation tools to measure the effectiveness of the programme, evaluating the life skills curriculums and suggesting adjustments and improvements

Social Media

Manage UTS South African multiple social media platforms to engage our work with the public and raise the profile organisation locally and globally.

Roles may include: updating social media platforms, including Facebook, twitter and Instagram, writing news articles and newsletters, managing important contacts database, communicating with past volunteers to get testimonials, collecting high quality images, collecting interesting stories and articles to be used.

Coach Coordinator

Manage teams of volunteer coaches to ensure most effective use of UTS South African coaching teams.

Role may include: Session planning, preparing weekly coaching timetables and assisting in management of coaching teams for different sports, delivering in & afterschool sessions for children aged 4-16, learning and being involved in a variety of different sports, liaise with parent, carers, teachers and communities.

Summer Camp

United Through Sport host an annual free summer camp during the school summer holiday periods for children in disadvantaged communities providing pastoral care and sport coaching.

Role may include: Identifying transport and food subsidies for individuals. Planning weekly timetable. Communicating with schools and parents, increasing participating numbers through schools and advertising. Planning and executing trips, identifying and inviting guest speakers/performers, arranging tournaments and fixtures Links with other summer camps and organisations.

Sports Event Management

Aim is to create competitions and events for UTS South African participant that inspire, motivate, challenge and excite while creating a buzz around the organisation on a global and national scale.

Role may include: Sports competitions, fundraising events, marketing events, volunteer social events and excursions. Create inter school/inter district competitions. Design events for specific populations. Summer Camp trips and competitions.

Continuous placement (minimum 4 weeks)

Film & Photography

As an organisation we require a vast amount of footage to document work done and volunteering experience for fundraising and recruitment purposes. There is also opportunities to work within our project i.e Photography or film lessons within schools and higher educational facilities and assist UTS and local coaches by creating footage for performance analysis.

Role may include: Capturing images Filming footage from sessions within projects, creating media for commercial use ie. Accommodation, voluntary experience, fundraising. Creating impact documentary. Match/tournament coverage Creating video for coaching analysis. Video/ photography lessons in schools.

Continuous placement (minimum 2 weeks)

Program participant criteria

Participants must be a minimum of 18 years old, there is no maximum age however any prospective intern should be informed that the majority of other participants will be between 18 and 25 years old. Interns must have professional or higher educational experience in a field relative to their placement or bring a specific skill required by the organisation.

Own equipment is required for film and photography placement.

Activities & Events

All interns staying with us are welcome to join a number of activities some are free and some at an extra cost. Below is the typical schedule of activities over a full 12 week stay.

Every Wednesday - 5-a-side football Week 1 – Arrival weekend Week 2 – Jeffreys Bay – home of surfing South Africa - transport Free, optional overnight stay Free, optional dune boarding +- R180, optional surf lessons +- R400) Week 3 – Great White Shark Cage Diving – Cost R2,700 Week 4 – Bloukrans Bungee Jump – transport free – Bungee R990 Week 5 – Departure / Arrival Weekend Week 6 – Adrenaline Addo – Zip wires, Bungee Swing, Canoeing – R700 Week 7 – Game Reserve – Big Five Reserve – R3,000 Week 8 - Kragga Kamma - Game reserve close to Port Elizabeth - Free Week 9 – Skydiving – R2,600 (R450 extra for video) Week 10– Sundays River – boat trip and BBQ (braai) on the river - Free Week 11– Bushcamp – Outdoor meal, under the stars, plus traditional African dance group - Free Week 12 – Departure weekend

Note dates of activities are not guaranteed and will change depending on factors, such as weather, number of interns wishing to take part and other potential events taking place. Participants will only be able to partake in all activities if they come for a full 12 week duration.