

## **SDSU London Study and Internship Program – Summer 2010**

The SDSU summer program is an interdisciplinary program combining classroom instruction and fieldwork. Students have the option of combining course work with an internship in the eight -week program or taking the six-week study program.

### **SDSU London Summer Study Program**

In the intensive six-week study program students take a required course British Life and Cultures, and one SDSU course:

#### **1. British Life and Cultures (*required core course*)**

This course offers students an introduction to contemporary Britain by examining the history of its major social and political institutions, the cultural values of its peoples, and significant contemporary socio-political issues and debates. It explores the new Britain through a unique balance between classroom instruction by British faculty, guest speakers from all walks of public life, and guided visits to places of both historical and contemporary significance. Extensive field study is required.

During the first two-weeks, internship students participate in an orientation program designed to assist with acclimation to their new environment. They immerse themselves rapidly in the British Life and Cultures course which will serve to contextualize the internship. Extensive site visits and co-curricular activities take place during this time. The course continues to meet during the eight-week internship in a seminar fashion.

#### **2. One SDSU course from list offered**

### **SDSU London Summer Internship Program**

The intensive eight-week program, combining the British Life and Cultures course with a six-week internship, allows undergraduate students the opportunity to immerse themselves in the daily working life of London while reflecting on contemporary Britain through a balance of classroom instruction and related field trips.

#### **1. British Life and Cultures (*required core course*)**

See description above

#### **2. International Internship Course (IIC)**

The IIC is made up of two components – a. the internship placement; and, b. internship seminars.

**The Placement:** London offers a vast resource for experience-based learning. The work environments available to FIE interns cater to almost every conceivable major and range from large multinational corporations to small- and medium-sized enterprises, including voluntary, political, public sector and creative organizations. Through FIE's internship placements, students have the opportunity to gain unique skills and experiences, and a hands-on understanding of international issues.

**Please note that all undergraduate student internships are unpaid and are for academic credit only.**

At FIE, we strongly believe that careful monitoring and individual support are crucial in arranging suitable and rewarding internships. FIE's Internship Team works with students individually upon admission to the program to match his/her skills and background with an appropriate organization. Following an email dialogue with each student prior to departure, the FIE Internship Team provides continuous on-site support during the placement process.

FIE's Internship Team works with each student and organization to ensure an appropriate match is made between the student's academic background and interest and the organization's practice and needs. There is ongoing support and supervision during the internships and regular group discussions are held to monitor student progress and development. While every effort will be made to place students in their first choice of internship area, FIE will use students' second and third internship choices if or when necessary.

The list given below is a sample of the type of placements offered by FIE. It is designed and intended to be a guide, not an absolute. Internship placements demand the undertaking of a variety of responsibilities, which require students to be flexible, creative, and a team player. The experience belongs to the student and their contribution to the work site will determine the outcome.

FIE Internship Placement Areas:

- Arts & Humanities
- Charitable and NFP groups
- Communication
- Design
- Economics
- Education
- Fashion
- Film
- Finance
- Human Resources
- Information Technology
- International Business
- Journalism
- Law
- Media
- Politics
- Psychology
- Theatre

**The Internship Seminars:** The key aim of the seminars is to provide students with support in order to allow them to develop their understanding of the UK workplace and enable them to make the most of their experience in their internship placement. The International Internship Course (IIC) will enable students to work with a faculty member and their peers to reflect upon the experience and exchange ideas. Students will be assessed on their abilities to engage analytically with their internship experience. Students will be required to do a class presentation, compile a portfolio and write a final report which will provide structured expression of student development before and during the internship process.

By the end of the IIC, students should be in a position to understand general aspects of the UK workplace and to have a high degree of understanding of the organization in which they have been interning as well as the sector in which that organization operates. They should be able to look back and describe and reflect on their internship experience and the ways in which they have developed during the program. They should also be able to reflect on their own performance in the workplace and to be able to engage with intercultural issues which have emerged during that experience.

## **Program Details:**

### ***Included in the program:***

- Student housing in shared self-catering student accommodations
- Airport “meet and greet” for a minimum of 8 students arriving on the same flight
- Orientation to include a walking tour of South Kensington, ½ day London tour, theatre visit, orientation lecture and reception
- BLC course taught by SDSU-approved faculty
- Internship placement and supervision if applicable
- Co-curricular activities
- A subsidized extra-curricular program of events and activities
- Zone one and two tube pass for duration of the program
- Temporary membership to the Imperial College Student Union
- 24-hour emergency support service
- Health/accident insurance
- Access to FIE’s facilities, classrooms, student life office and support services
- 24-hour access to FIE’s computer lab and wireless connections
- An optional weekend in Paris (additional \$500 per student)
- A day trip to Stonehenge/Bath

### **Study Program Dates:**

Arrive London: June 10, 2010

Depart London: July 21, 2010

### **Internship Program Dates:**

Arrive London: May 20, 2010

Depart London: July 18, 2010

### ***Not included in the program fee of \$5725 (6-week Study Program) \$7500 (8-week Internship Program):***

SDSU fees, international airfare, passport and visa fees, meals, personal expenses, anything not listed in the program details section.

### **Payment Information:**

A copy of a \$500 Check or Money Order made out to Foundation for International Education along with the completed application form and four passport size photos, a copy of your unofficial transcript (obtainable via Webportal), and a copy of your valid passport must be turned in by March 11, 2010 to Maren Castaneda, Admin. Coordinator, CAL International Programs Office, Arts and Letters Bldg., Room 473. The Check or Money Order must be sent to:

Foundation for International Education  
Foundation House  
114 Cromwell Road  
London SW7 4ES  
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The deposit will be applied toward the overall program fee. Student will be billed for the remainder of the fees. Full payment of program fees will be due no later than 60 days prior to the program start date.

### ***Withdrawal and Refund Policy***

If you withdraw by notifying FIE in writing, the following amounts will be refunded:

If you withdraw 31 days or more prior to the first day of the program, you will receive 100% of the total program fee minus the deposit of \$500.

If you withdraw 30 days or less prior to the first day of the program, you will receive 10% of the total program cost minus the deposit of \$500.

If you withdraw on the first day and thereafter of the program start date, no refund will be issued.

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