

UNIVERSITY OF
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UN - IOM Internship Programme 2026

**LAUNCH YOUR CAREER WITH
THE UNITED NATIONS**

An exclusive funded international internship programme placing University of Westminster students in United Nations Migration (IOM) offices worldwide.



A UNIQUE PARTNERSHIP

Since 2022, the University of Westminster has partnered with UN Migration (International Organization for Migration – IOM) to offer **funded international internships exclusively to Westminster students.**

Since then, four cohorts of Westminster students and graduates have successfully completed over 260 months of professional internships within the United Nations system.

This programme has been described by former interns as **'life-changing'** and **'career-defining'**.

AT A GLANCE

- Duration: **4-9 months**
- Start: **June-September 2026**
(to be agreed between the intern and the hiring manager)
- **Full-time** internships
- **Exclusive** to University of Westminster students
- Available across **multiple global regions.**



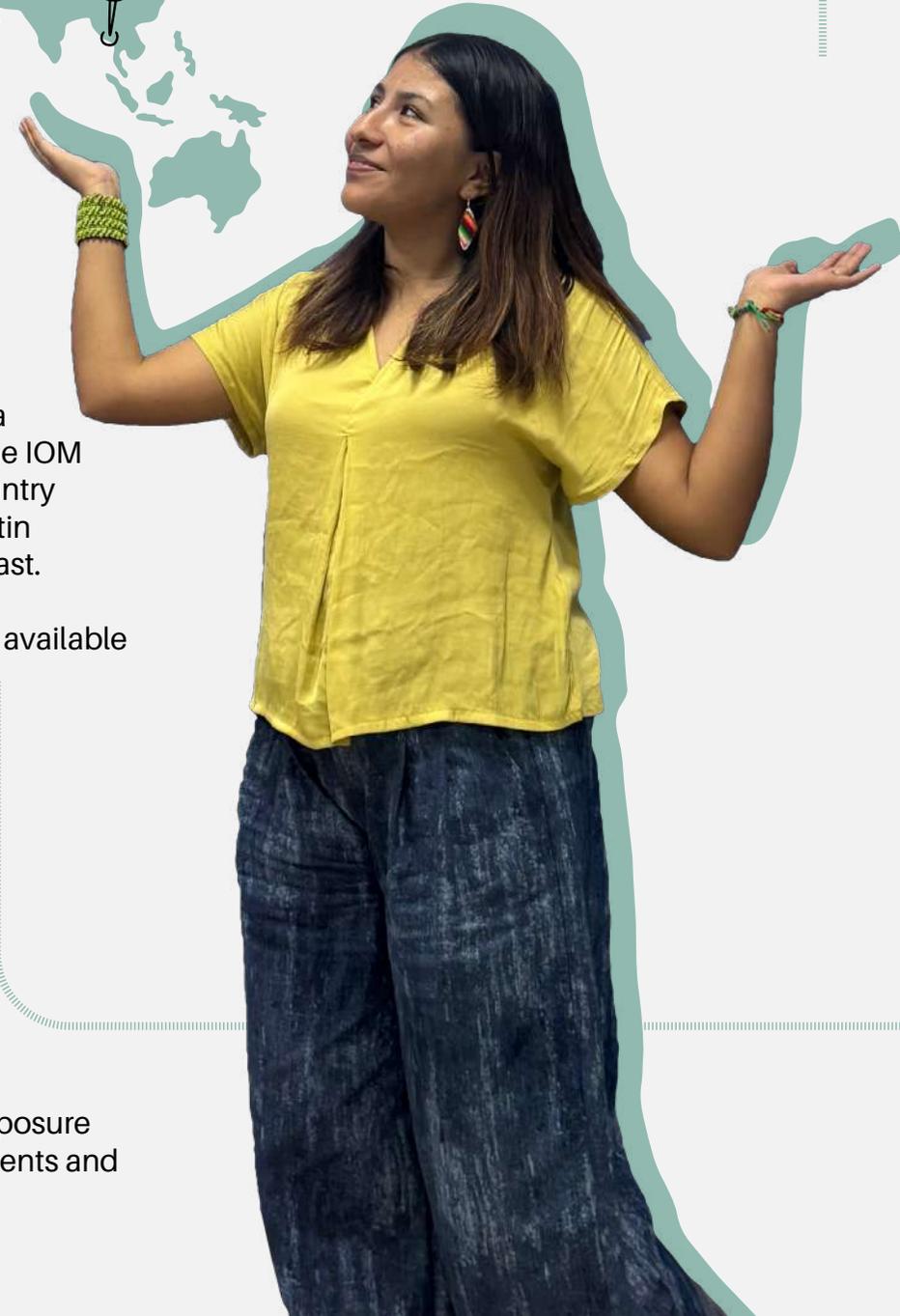
A TRULY GLOBAL EXPERIENCE

Each year interns are placed in a variety of locations including, the IOM headquarters, regional, and country offices across Europe, Africa, Latin America, Asia, and the Middle East.

This year, there are 12 positions available in the following locations:

- **Zimbabwe (1)**
- **Austria (2)**
- **Tunisia (1)**
- **Thailand (1)**
- **Switzerland (2)**
- **Senegal (2)**
- **Costa Rica (1)**
- **Botswana (1)**
- **South Africa (1)**

Each placement offers direct exposure to international policy environments and operational fieldwork contexts.



REAL WORLD CHALLENGES

The internships allow you to work on real-world global challenges. Each internship position has a specific duration, learning objectives and responsibilities – ranging from project development and knowledge management to migration health and data analytics.

Through the internships, you'll gain hands-on professional experience in UN offices across the globe, contribute to meaningful international projects, and build the skills, confidence and global network that will set you apart in a competitive job market.

OPEN TO ALL DISCIPLINES

This programme welcomes students from across the University. Previous interns have studied:

- Politics and International Relations
- Law
- Sociology
- Economics
- Data Science and Analytics
- Psychology
- Biological Sciences
- Languages
- Communications and Media

ELIGIBILITY

- Undergraduate and postgraduate students – **except those in their first year of undergraduate degrees** (Level 4 students)
- Must have **completed two years of higher education** by the time you start your internship
- Open to **home and international** students
- Can be undertaken as a year-long placement year
- International students should **check UK visa implications** with the University's compliance team at: compliance@westminster.ac.uk

FUNDED INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

The majority of internship costs are covered through university donor funding and the UK Government's Turing Scheme. Funding covers:

- **Living expenses** (based on location guidelines)
- **Return flight to/from duty station** (for students from low income backgrounds)
- **Insurance** (university funding includes Personal Accident and Travel insurance coverage)

VISA LOGISTICS

As a UN agency, IOM will facilitate a diplomatic visa and work permit at your duty station for the duration of your internship.

They may be able to provide advice on certain logistical aspects of the internship (e.g. accommodation), but you remain responsible for researching the country you are applying to and for arranging your own travel and accommodation.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Students can apply for **multiple positions** (please tailor your cover letter for each post)

- Access and apply for the 2026 internship positions via our dedicated Impactpool platform using [this link](#) or the **QR code below**.
- Apply using the **QR code below**.
- Applications are reviewed by IOM and shortlisted candidates are invited for interview (**April**)
- Successful candidates are announced (**May**)
- Contract, funding, and visa arrangements will be finalised for successful interns.

KEY DATES

- **Applications open:** 9 March 2026
- **Deadline:** 30 March 2026; 23:55
- **Internships commence:** June-September 2026 (to be agreed between the intern and the hiring manager)
- **Online information session:** 18 March, 17:00-18:00 (the session will provide information about the UN-IOM Internship applications and address your questions). Register via [this link](#) or the **QR code below**.

IMPORTANT APPLICATION DETAILS

When uploading your CV and Cover Letter as part of your application please follow these instructions:

- **CV:** [Use this CV template](#). Maximum **2 pages**. Indicate your **availability period** at the top of the template.
- **Application form:** In addition to attaching your CV, you may use Impactpool's '**Import CV**' function to automatically populate the required fields.
- **Cover Letter:** Maximum **1 page**, tailored to the internship position, highlighting your **compatibility, commitment, and knowledge of IOM's work**.
- **Interviews:** If invited, you may refer to this [IOM video](#), which can also help when preparing your CV or cover letter.

SCAN, CLICK OR TAP QR CODES TO:

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- Register for the information session



IOM internship positions



Information Session

VOICES FROM THE PROGRAMME



Receiving a consultancy offer at the end of my internship has been both affirming and motivating, and it marks an important step towards building a career at the intersection of migration, diplomacy, and development."

Kamilah Abou-Elmajd,
MA International Relations Student,
IOM Regional Office in Tunisia.



Throughout the internship, I've grown a lot more confident as a young professional, thanks to the constant support and openness of everyone in the office."

Carol Tellez Contreras,
LLB Law,
IOM Country Office in Costa Rica.

This is more than work experience. It is an opportunity to contribute to global migration governance while building a foundation for an international career.

**Work with the United Nations.
Make a Global Impact.**

GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT

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